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Madrid, Febr. 14.

The eighth instant the Ambassador of *Genoa*, made his publick Entry here in the usual manner, and hath since had audience of their Majesties. From *Genoa* they write, that the Men of War, designed for Sea this year, are fitting out with all imaginable diligence, the Prince of *Montescarchio*, General of the Armada continuing there, with his presence the more to hasten them. Here is a report of three French Men of War, having had a design to surprize *Carasso*, a Port belonging to the Dutch in *America*, but that by foul weather, and other accidents, the said Men of War had been all lost; but of this we must expect a confirmation. From *Libonne* we hear, that execution hath been done on the persons that were prisoners, for conspiring against the present Government, in favor of King *Alphonus*.

Milan, Febr. 17. The Placet published here for the prohibiting all Trade and Commerce with the French, and the importing of any French Manufactures from all parts whatsoever, hath been hitherto very strictly executed, though much to the prejudice of this Countrey, the people beginning already to be greatly sensible of the want of Trade, thereby occasioned; but besides these domestick complaints, the Princes our Neighbors seem highly concerned at this prohibition, and especially the Duke of *Savoy*, whose customs, which are paid for all Goods that come from or go to *France*, are by this means considerably lessened. The said Duke has therefore caused the same to be represented by his Minister here to our Governor, who upon his earnest instances has promised to write to her Catholick Majesty on this Subject, and to endeavor what in him lies, to procure the revocation of the said Prohibition; and to this effect, the Marchants here have likewise presented a Petition to his Excellency. We are here in some pain for the County of *Burgundy*, for that we have certain advice, That the French, under the command of the Duke de *Navailles*, continue to insult it, and we fear that the *Spaniards* there, are not strong enough to make any great defence; but if the Succors that are designed thither from *Switzerland*, and other parts, arrive in time, we need not fear the worst the French can do.

Genoa, Febr. 24. All the Dutch Men of War and Gallies there, are sailed, leaving only one Man of War, commanded by Captain *de Wit*, with a Frigate, to guard the Coast, the rest are gone home. The Prince of *Montescarchio*, General of the Royal Armada continues still here, to hasten the fitting out. We are told, that the States General of the *United Provinces* will send a good Squadron of Men of War to join theirs, to assist the French, who likewise have sent out, That they shall this Summer have a very considerable Fleet abroad in the *Mediterranean*, sufficient to make head against their Enemies, though joyned together. It is said, That our Fleet will be ready the latter end of the next Moneth. From *Milan* we

have advice, That a French prize was brought thither, by a Caper of *Middleburgh*, the French Ship being laden from the *Canaries*, Levies are making in all parts of this Kingdom to raise fifteen Regiments of Foot, and six thousand Horse, who are to be sent into *Castellonia* to form an Army there, to divert the French.

Belagcon, Febr. 25. Upon the first advice we had That the French were gathering together on our Frontiers, in order to the invading of this Countrey, all possible endeavors were used for its defence, and the Nobility were all commanded to appear in Arms, to joyn themselves with the Kings Troops that are here; and besides, we are assured of a considerable assistance, as well from the Catholick Cantons, as from the Emperor; but they move so slowly, that we have great reason to fear their succor will come too late.

Warsaw, Febr. 13. All the beginning of the present Diet, we had conceived great hopes, that Matters would have been debated and concluded with greater dispatch and evenness, then hath been heretofore usual, and that because the safety and good of the Kingdom absolutely did require it, but contrary to the general expectation much time has been spent about Matters of small moment, and great difference hath appeared amongst the Nobility, to the retardment of the conclusion of any material thing. Several Propositions have been indeed made, but they have been only Propositions, without producing one final resolution. The time of the Election is not as yet prefixed; in the Diet it had been proposed, That the fourteenth of *April* should be appointed, to begin the Convocation for the choosing a King, but the Deputies of the Army have protested against it, and desire it may not be deferred so long; and by this we discover, that the Army intends to have a hand in the Election. It has likewise been proposed, that an Order should be made by the Diet to exclude a *Pisli*, that is, a Native of this Kingdom, to succeed to the Crown, by that means to frustrate the pretences of the Grand *Mareschal Sobieski*, but nothing was done in it. In the Senate some high words passed the other day, between the Vice-Chancellor of the Crown, and the Palatine of *Culm*, who being both Men of great Interest and Authority, by their private animosities, may, it is feared, hinder the publick proceedings. From the Frontiers we have advice, That 500 Men of the Garrison of *Cominac*, being gone out to fetch in Wood, were intercepted and defeated by our Troops which saved the place. That the Crown English was returned with the Forces under his command from *Belagcon*, where the treachery of the Inhabitants of that Company, who betrayed many of his Men, and it is feared that Province will again return to the subjection of the *Turks*.

Vienna, Febr. 11. Our Letters from *Hungary* seem to indicate, that some new disturbances are to be apprehended from the Rebels in that Kingdom, who hitherto with much obstinacy, have refused to accept of the General Pardon, which was offered them by the Emperor, and at present are using great endeavors with the *Turkish* *Essees* and the *Janiziers*, to obtain succors