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Rome, Febr. 20.

THe Pope for some days past, hath been very much indisposed, but is at present very well recovered, to the trouble of those who wish for a change, which, considering the great age of his Holiness, they every day expect will happen. The Cardinal *Piccolomini*, Archbishop of *Syracuse*, in *Tuscany*, having by some things he hath done there, relating to Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, rendered himself very disagreeable to his Diocess, the Great Duke to take away all cause of farther difference, hath prayed the Pope to remove him from that See, which his Holiness has promised he will do. We are told, that the Cardinal Patron hath lately received Letters from some eminent persons at *Warsaw*, giving his Eminence an account, That in case Don *Gasparo d'Albieri*, the Popes Nephew, did amongst others, think fit to pretend to that Crown, they were apt to believe, that he might succeed, for this consideration among others, That the Pope would then be more engaged to assist them against the *Turks*; but that the Cardinal Patron did thereupon write to the Nuncio at *Warsaw*, wholly to discountenance all Propositions of that kind, and to declare, That the Pope only desired, that they would chuse a *Roman Catholic* Prince, one able well to govern them, and to carry on the War against the *Turks*; in the mean time, the Pope continues resolved, powerfully to assist the *Poles* this Summer, and, so that end, it is said, That a tenth will be raised of all Ecclesiastical Revenues in *Italy*; but seeing several Princes will not consent therunto, we know not how it will be effected. The Republick of *Venice*, by its Ambassador here, has already declared, That the Clergy in that State, are unable to pay this Tax, by reason of the great burthen they did bear in their late Wars against the *Turks*.

Genova, Febr. 20. The Senate is in frequent Council to find an expedient, for the disingaging the State out of its present perplexity, occasioned by the reiterated instances of the French and Spaniards, the former demanding, That the Gunner which this last Summer fired upon the French Gally, be put into their hands to be exemplarily punished, and the latter pressing the Senate to conclude with them an Offensive and Defensive League, which may protect them against the *Turks*. But the Senate seems equally unwilling to disoblige either of the Crowns by their refusal, and as loth to consent to the demand of either: As for the former, they think they cannot with Honor put an Officer of theirs, into the hands of a Foreign Justice, for doing what he was commanded, and if they do not, they greatly apprehend the effects of the most Christian Kings displeasure, at a time especially when they are not secure of the friendship of the Duke of *Savoy*, their so near Neighbor, and for the same reason, they think it dangerous to enter into so strict an Alliance with *Spain*, as is proposed, so that after all, it is generally thought they will incline to give the most Christian

King satisfaction, rather than to expose the Republick to new dangers.

Cadix, Febr. 21. By a Vessel arrived here from *Tangier*, we have advice, That *Muly Ismael*, has now brought the whole Empire of *Morocco* under his obedience, having defeated all those that opposed him; so that there is at present none remaining to disturb his new acquired Sovereignty. That several Messages of Compliments and Kindness having passed betwixt the King, and his Excellency the Earl of *Middleton*, Governor of *Tangier*, they had at last produced a Peace between them, which had been concluded greatly to the honor and advantage of the said City of *Tangier*; *Sally*, being included in the Peace, and all prisoners remaining there, to be restored.

Vienna, Febr. 23. Some days since arrived here, the Confessor of the Queen Dowager of *Poland*; he hath had audience of the Emperor, and the Empress Dowager, whom, it is said, he acquainted, That great factions are framing against the Election of *Prince Charles of Lorraine*; on this pretence, That the said Prince will too much depend upon the House of *Austria*, and wholly act according to the Councils of the Emperor, perhaps to the great damage of the Republick; and to advance their purpose the better, the said faction endeavor to insuse among the people an apprehension, That the Emperors design is to make the Crown Hereditary in the Princes of *Germany*: At the same time they endeavor to advance the *Grand Marshal Sabiniski*, of whose great merit they speak highly; but he was much suspected by the contrary party, to be inclined to the French interest: And a general we believe, than those who favor the Prince of *Lorraine*, will prove the most powerful; Besides the Troops that are raising by the Emperors order, we are assured of 7 or 8000 Auxiliaries, who will joyn with the Imperial Army, as it marches towards the *Rhine*: The young Prince of *Saxony* is according to the general discourse, to have the title of *Generalissimo* of the Imperial Forces, which shall be under him, commanded by one of the Emperors Generals: The Popes Nuncio, the Ministers of *Sweden*, of *Munster*, of *Brandenburgh*, and of other Princes, continue their endeavors, to procure a general Peace, and the said Princes are already in motion: The season begins now to come on, in which all parties are preparing to be in action: Besides the Army of the Emperor, the several Circles of the Empire will have a considerable Body of Men together, to act only for the security of the Empire: The Generals that are to command the said Forces, are at present at *Strasbourg*, to take the Oath of Fidelity before the Diet, and to receive their Instructions; after which they will secure to their several Quarters, to bring the Forces together: It is said, That the *Electors* are, with by virtue of the late Treaty, concluded betwixt the Emperor and his Electoral Highness, send several thousand *Munster* Auxiliaries, to joyn the Imperial Forces, at *Strasbourg*: But whether we are told, will do the like, but how certain this is, we know not. The young Prince of *Saxony* is returned

returned to *Dussel*, according to the directions he received from the Elector his Father; and from thence, he will suddenly, as is said, go for *Praga*, the Emperor having promised him the command of *Generalissimo* over his Forces, that are designed towards the *Rhine*. Our Letters tell us of new Wars that are likely to arise in *Hungary*.

Hamburg, March 4. The *Sieur de Windisgratz*, the Imperial Minister, having concluded an Alliance of Defence between the Emperor and the King of *Denmark*, from thence, as we have told you, went to the Court of the Dukes of *Lunenburgh*, and, as is said, found in those Princes a favorable disposition towards the Interest of the Emperor: They promising the said *Sieur de Windisgratz*, That they will have a good Body of Men on foot this Summer, to secure the peace of their own Countrey; and that of the Empire, as far as in them lies. Lewis are making in all the parts hereabouts, for the service of several Princes; as likewise for the States General of the *United Provinces*. Much hath been said concerning the Bishop of *Wassers*, having made his peace with the Emperor; but nothing with certainty.

Loynes, March 8. Our Deputies being returned from *Brassay*, gave us an account of their having not been able to obtain any abatement of the Count of *Montenerey*, Governor of the *Spanish Netherlands*, of the sum of Money which his Excellency requires from the Inhabitants of this Countrey, by way of Contribution: Whereupon it hath been by some proposed, That we should rather Employ our Monies in raising several Troops, to endeavor, by that means, to secure our selves from these grievous Exactions; but others cannot think we shall be able to maintain such a force on foot, which may oppose our powerful Neighbors. The publick Opinions here, seem greatly divided, the one favoring the French; and the other the Spaniards; but hitherto, the former has been the stronger; being assisted by the Authority of the Elector of *Cologne*, who is Prince of *Lige*. The Prince of *Fursenburgh* is still kept prisoner at *Bon*, of which the French highly complain, and some speak, as if they would remove the Conference for Peace from *Vienna* hither; for this, they say, the Neutrality there has been manifestly violated.

Amsterdam, March 10. The Master of the Equipage being finally regulated, that Three or Four this Summer shall be composed of 66 Men of War, besides Fireships, and other tenders. Some of these Ships were designed for Sea, are now laid up, and the others we are working upon, to get them ready to Sea 1700: And, it is hoped, that about the middle of the next Month, our Fleet may be in posture to put to Sea, if the rest of the Admirals that are here, have to do here. It is confidently said, That the States have ordered that 5 or 6000 Men, under a distinct General, shall be embarked on the Bleeck, to make a descent somewhere on the French Coast. From abroad we have not any thing that is considerable, well as expected, need to have received a confirmation, that the Bishop of *Wassers* had concluded the Treaty, is much spoken of, with the Emperor; and that in consequence thereof, the Cities are to be put in possession; belonging to this State, would by this time have been restored; but the contrary. Our Letters from *Wessphalia* give an account, that the Imperials demanded *Quarantain* and Contributions of the *Dutch* Subjects, and treated them as Enemies; by which it appears, that the reports of the *Amsterdammers* touching the Emperor and the Bishop, are not to be relied upon.

is not so well grounded, as some have thought. We had likewise believed, that the seizing of the Prince of *Fursenburgh*, Chief Minister to the Elector of *Cologne*; and the carrying him prisoner to *Bon*, would have very much contributed to the withdrawing that Elector from the French party; though hitherto we find the contrary. The Drums beat here continually, as in all other places, for the raising of Soldiers; the Officers being obliged by the end of the next Moneth, to have their several Companies compleat. We seem at present to be in good heart; and the people promise themselves great advantages this Summer, and doubt not, either by Arms or Treaty, to recover all that hath been lost, during this War; though at the same time our Letters from *France* speak of as great confidence on that side; and that the French pretend to continue the War with as good success this Summer, as they have had the two past; so that we must leave it to time better to inform us in these matters.

Paris, March 13. Their Majesties are at present at *Versailles*, where they will continue till *Easter*. The Duchesse of *Orleans*, Daughter of the Elector *Palatine*, has removed from her service all those which are Subjects of the said Elector, and that came with her into this Kingdom, to take away all occasion of mistrust; for that his Electoral Highness is lately entred into an Alliance with the Emperor. The King holds his resolution of beginning his journey the first day of *May*; the Rendezvous of his Army will, as is said, be on the Frontiers of *Flanders*; the Prince of *Conde*, the Duke of *Burgundy*, and the other Generals will part hence much sooner, to have things in readiness against the Kings arrival. The general discourse is, That the year of the War this Summer will be in *Flanders*, and we doubt not here, but that we shall give the Spaniards work enough. The Army of *Poland* remains, as yet, here, and it is feared, at this time, will not obtain the Success he comes to demand against the *Turks*.

London, March 10. This day according to an Order of His Majesty in Council, the sixth of June last, was burnt by the Master and Wardens of the Company of *Glovers*, at *Woodchurch* Market-place, *London*, One hundred forty and nine boxes of Foreign Gloves, being prohibited Goods.

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint Sir *John Bellamy* to be Sheriff of *Wiltshire*, in the room of *William Crompton* Esquire.

Advertisements.

A Sermon Preached before the Right Honorable the Lords Assembled in Parliament, upon the Fast-day appointed, February 4. 1673. By *Henry*, Lord Bishop of *Hersford*. Sold by *Thomas Harper* at the Row-side-Luce over against *S. Dunstons Church* in *Fleet-Street*.

Here are to give notice to all Persons expecting His Majesties Bounty for the loss of their Relations slain in His Majesties Service at Sea, whether Masters or Soldiours, that they bring or cause to be brought unto the Commissioners for distributing His Majesties Bounty, sitting at Trinity House in *Warenlane*, their several Certificates to that purpose, that they be examined and bills made out by or before the first of *May* next, or about which time the said Commissioners shall cease to sit further in that quality.

Two Geldings slain the second of *March* instant at near out of *Mistress Weibards* stable, at her house in *St. Dunstons* Church, in the County of *Hants*. The one a white Bay Gelding about fifteen hand high, with three white feet, and a black forehead, and a good Tail. The other a Grey Gelding about fourteen hand high, both his knees broken, if any one can tell where, and to whom the said Geldings were sold, or can be found, let him bring the same to *Mr. Christopher Ludgins* at *St. Dunstons*, in *London*, and he will be bound to pay him his pains.