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Christiana, Feb. 14

Our Winter continues here very bitter, it is believed the Ice lieth firm ten miles into the Sea. Five miles directly off from the Land of *Frederickstad* in the Ocean, is seen two Ships that are there frozen in the Ice, and have to lain 13 or 14 days, are in great danger of being lost, if the wind happen to blow hard at the going up of the Ice: these seem to be Light Ships, but who they are, and whether bound, we know not as yet.

Dantzick, Feb. 27. Our last Letters from *Warsaw* were dated the 20 instant, and advised us; that they hoped that that night the Dyet would come to a conclusion; all the most material matters before them, having been determined. The Election is to begin the 29 of *April*, and to continue three weeks, and that it had been resolved that the Army should be increased to 8000 fighting Men. That the 8 of this month the Grand *Marschal sobieski* arrived at *Leopol*, with intentions, as was said, to repair to *Warsaw*, to be present at the Election; but that some very much suspected the proceeding of the said *Marschal*, as if he aspired to the Crown, and to strengthen his pretences resolved to make use of the power of the Army, and that for this reason he had caused the Crown Ensign to return with the Forces under his Command from *Walachia*, that so he may have all his Forces together, to employ them as there may be occasion. On the other side there be many and great Factions amongst the Nobility, so that we very much fear great disorders and differences will happen at the Election, which no human Policy knows how to prevent, further then by good Offices to reconcile mens different opinions, which are at present not wanting.

Vienna, March 2. Our Letters from *Cassovia* in the *Upper Hungary* inform us, that a party of Imperial Horse had lately defeated a small body of Rebels, who were gathered together on the other side of the *Tiesse*: The Turkish Governors on the Frontiers observing that the strength of the Rebels declines daily, have forbore to assist and countenance them, as they formerly did; and the Grand Signior has sent down strict Orders to his several *Bassas*, that they do not give any reception to them, or permit them to take shelter within their Territories. What we have formerly told you of the young Prince of *Saxony*'s being made *Generalissimo* by the Emperor, of all his Forces on the *Rhynes*, is not as yet confirmed, but on the contrary many reports, that the Count *de Montecuculi* will have that Title and Command; The Imperial Army will, as is said here, consist of 40000 Men, besides the Forces of the Empire, and the Auxiliary Troops of other Princes.

Frankfort, March 14. We have advice from *Manheim* in the Palatinate, that his Electoral Highness had been somewhat indisposed, but is at present very well again. Yesterday the Count *de Caprara* parted hence Post for *Manheim*, where he will be to morrow: The Imperial

Troops which were quartered in the *Wetteravia* and in *Westerwall*, passed yesterday and this day the *Main*, to enter into the Palatinate, where, according to the marches they intended to take, they will arrive on Friday next: In the intrim, the French fortify *Germerstein*, and have caused 12 pieces of Cannon to be brought thither down the *Rhyn* from *Brisac*. We have advice here that the Marquis *de Rochefort* is arrived with his Troops before *Keiserfluser*, a place belonging to the Elector Palatine on the Frontiers of *Lorraine*. Part of the Troops of the Circle of *Franconia* are likewise on their march towards the Palatinate, they having had their Rendezvous at *Baxberg*; The *Marschal Kanne* is marched before with the Troops of *Saxony*; it being already resolved, that of those Troops, 400 Dragoons shall be put into Garrison in *Ladenburgh* on the *Neere*, between *Heydelberg* and *Manheim*; 100 Horse into *Manheim*, and 900 Horse and 900 Foot have Orders to march to *Oppenheim*. It is after all said, that Count *Montecuculi* will come down to Command the Imperial Army on the *Rhyn* this Summer.

Cologne, March 16. From *Frankfort* they write, That from the Walls of *Worms* and *Spire*, several French Regiments had been of late discovered, passing sometimes one way, and sometimes another, without being able to learn their designs, though some say, that it is upon *Strasburgh*. We do not certainly know, whether the Imperialists have carried the Prince of *Furstenberg*, but that he is removed from *Bon* is certain.

Erussels, March 15. On Thursday last in the evening was brought hither from *Antwerp*, *Madam de Colonne*, having a separate Apartment prepared for her in the English Monastery; at her first arrival she had liberty to go into the Church, and thence not without some difficulty she was conducted to her Apartment, where she is kept with great strictness, none being permitted to see or speak with her, but by his Excellencies appointment: It is said that the Queen of *Spain* hath taken upon her to reconcile the differences between this Lady, and the Constable of *Calona* her Husband, which occasioned her leaving *Rome*, and her confinement here. Our Letters from the *Rhyn* tell us, that the Prince of *Furstenberg* was removed from *Bon*, and carried under a numerous Guard towards *Vienna*, which encreases the complaints of the French, who appear greatly concerned hereat.

Ditto, March 19. Our Letters from *Paris* give us an account, that the French Ambassador at *Stockholm* hath concluded an Offensive and Defensive Treaty, to last six years, the most Christian King paying to the Crown of *Sweden*, during that time, 50000 Crowns per month; but we are unwilling to give credit hereunto, and seem to assure our selves, that the King of *Sweden* will not engage himself, to take up Arms against the Emperor. Our Soldiers continue to exact Contributions of the Inhabitants of *Liege*, and they very often go about to oppose them, so that many skirmishes pass between them. The Count *de Scherard*, who was formerly in the Spanish service, has now taken Command under the