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Libonne, Feb. 27.

THe Prince having given in to the severall Assemblies of the *Corres*, a particular account of his many exigencies, they were considering on the means of raising Money; in which the three Estates seem not to concur in their opinions, the Clergy endeavoring to exempt themselves from all Impositions.

Ditto, Feb. 30. The 23 instant, the Commons sent a Message to the Nobility and Clergy, that they thought it necessary, for the good of the Nation, to Petition the Prince to take on him the Crown; desiring each Estate to joyn with them herein; to which the Nobility presently agreed, but the Clergy after a serious consideration, and consulting the Prince, returned them this answer, That they thanked them for communicating to them their resolution of Crowning the Prince; but could not joyn with them in it.

Genova, March 2. The French are making great preparations at *Thoulon*; to fit out their Men of War and Gallies, and we are assured, they will have a very considerable Fleet at Sea this Summer; Amongst others, this State seems much concerned at it, for as this stand between the Crown of France and this Republick, we may well fear, his most Christian Majesty will at last take the satisfaction we have hitherto refused to give him, for having fired on his Gallies the last Summer. In the interim we are not wanting to provide what we may for our own security, and therefore all our Fortresses, as well on the *Terra Firma*, as in the Isles of *Corsica*, are reinforcing, and will be supplied with Ammunition and all things necessary.

Venice, March 3. Our freshest Letters from *Constantinople* are dated the fourth of *January* last, the chief contents whereof are; That the Grand Signior never had so powerful an Army in the Field as he will have this Summer, in order whereunto, the Grand Signior had put up his great Standard, and had sent Orders to the Bassas of *Damascus*, *Cairo*, and *Soria*, as well as other places, by which the first is obliged to provide 10000 Men, the second 4000 Janisaries, and the others a like number; the same Letters add, that the Plague continues very violent at *Constantinople*. On Thursday last the Duke and Dutchess of *Nevers* parted hence for *Rome*.

Basse, March 10. The Deputies of the 13 Cantons have for several days been Assembled here; the Ministers of *France*, *Spain*, and *Holland* being on the place; and on Wednesday last they concluded their Session, without that we yet particularly know, what they have done. We have advice that part of the French Troops which are under the Command of the Marquis de *Vaubrun* possess themselves of *Germerstein*, are again marched towards the *Upper Alsacia*. The French fortify *Brissac*; and the City of *Strasbourg* is not unmindful to put it self into a posture of defence. The 25 of the next month the Cantons will Assemble here again, when they will

finish severall matters relating to the present Conjunction, which at their now parting, they left imperfect.

Ratisbonne, March 12. The day being appointed for the Generals of the Empire to take the Oaths of Fidelity; they accordingly rendered themselves at the Palace of the Bishop of *Aichstadt*, the Imperial Commissioner at the Dyet, where the said Bishop, the Deputies of the three Colleges, and the said Generals being met, the Bishop made to them a long Speech, which lasted an hour, in which, with great eloquence he endeavoured to shew the necessity the whole Empire at present lay under, to take up Arms for the security of their Liberties and Estates, &c. After which, the Generals Instructions were read, and they solemnly swore, that they would follow and execute the same according to their power; and so the Assembly broke up. The Marquis of *Brandenburgh Culmbach* is gone hence for *Nurembergh*, to be present there at the Assembly of the States of *Franconia*, and to hasten the Troops of that Circle; it being resolved, that if possible, the general Rendezvous shall be before the end of *April*.

Madrid, March 14. Last week died here the Duke de *Terra Nova*, leaving his Son the Marquess de *Valle* his Heir. The Queen hath intimated to the Marquess de *Liebs*, that unless he dispose himself to depart on his Ambassy to *Rome* within twelve days, she would confer that Honor on another. From *Cadix* we hear; That the Dutch Men of War and Privateers that were cruising off that place, had sent in a French Prize from *Barbary*, laden with Hides, Almonds, and Dates, to the value of 5000 Pieces of Eight. That a *Briss* Ship from *Kingsle* had escaped them and come in there; and having made a good Market, was gone thence with another English Ship for *Legorn*. That *Everison* being made Vice-Admiral of *Zealand*, would go thence by Land, his Ship being not in a condition to sail having but forty men left, the rest killed in the Engagement with Captain *Harmen*.

Hague, March 26. The States have resolved that the difference still depending between *Holland* and *Zealand*, about the Court of Justice, should be referred to the Prince of *Orange*, as the Governor of both Provinces, unless it can be accommodated after the States of *Zealand* have had an account of it from their Deputies, who are therefore gone to consult them about it. They have not yet agreed about the Present they are to make the Prince, and the payment of his Debts; but at their next meeting, would go on it again. The Bishop of *Munster*'s Minister as yet appears not here. Monsieur *Benning*, who carried the Passport, being ordered not to deliver it, unless he would admit of an Imperial Garrison, or one from Us, into *Coesfeld* and other places, which he seems not at all inclined to. The French we say, are preparing to quit most of the places on this side, they have already transported much of their Ammunition and Baggage from *Zuiphen* and *Tiel* to *Nimwegen*, and Fort *St. Andre*, so that they may be demolished in half an hour, all the Mines being ready. They