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Offens, March.

LAll night the Duke of *Villa Hermosa*, General of the Cavalry in these Countreys, arrived at *Bruges* with a Convoy of 600 Horse, on his way to *Norport*, where he is assigned his Post; and the Marquess d' *Assens* *Maistre de Camp* is to have his Quarters at *Bruges*. Yesterday a Merchant-man of this place of 150 Tuns, mounted with 9 Guns, was unhappily castaway, as he was coming in within Pistol shot of the mouth of the Harbor. The Countrey people hereabouts, apprehending the French Arms, for that the season draws on apace, begin to flock hither in numbers daily. It is said here, that at *Bruges* will be 7000 Men in Garrison, most Dutch Troops.

Naples, March 6. The twenty seventh past arrived here three Dutch Capers, and brought in with them two prizes, the one an English Pink of 50 Tuns, and the other a French Marchantman of 300 Tuns. To morrow they intend to sail again for *Tunis*, they having advice of several French Vessels that are laden there. This morning the Soldiers that have been raised in this Kingdom, and are designed for *Barcelona*, being in all 2000 Men, began to embark on three Vessels that have long staid here, in order to their transportation; and in three or four days, it is thought, they may be ready to sail. Our Viceroy hath been lately very much indisposed, but is at present pretty well recovered.

Vienne, March 16. The Turkish Army that was here, is departed on his return home, charged with the usual presents. The Emperor, we hear, has appointed the Count de *Souches* to command his Army on the *Rhine* this Summer, which some say will consist of 40000 Men. The Swedish Minister here seems little satisfied with the Emperors answer to his Memorial, concerning the violence offered to the Prince of *Furstenbergh*; for that his Imperial Majesty is so far from causing satisfaction to be made to the said Prince, that he justifies the action, and hath commanded the said Prince to be brought prisoner hither; which it is feared, will wholly break up the Conference, which till the seising of this Prince, were held at *Cologne*, in order to the restoring Peace to Christendom. From *Warsaw* we have advice, that there begins to appear a very powerful Faction against the Prince of *Lorraine*, which will be strengthened by the arrival of the Bishop of *Marseilles*, Ambassador Extraordinary from the most Christian King.

Heydelberg, March 23. We are endeavoring here what we can, to put our selves into a good posture of defence, and have at present an Imperial Garrison; *Worms* and *Oppenheim* have also received Garrisons for their better security; but the City of *Spire* desires a Neutrality, because of the Tribunal of Justice which is held there of the whole Empire, the Garrisons in all the considerable Posts on the *Neere*, and on the *Rhine*, having been likewise reinforced; so that we seem to have sufficiently provided for the command of the *Palatinate*. The French under the company of Monsieur de *Rochefort*, and the Marquess de *Paubrun*, increase in strength daily; the latter is entred with his Troops into *Philipsburgh*, for that it is thought, the

Imperialists have a design to attempt that place. The Elector *Palatine* has issued an Edict, wherein he commands all his Subjects to oppose the French; and to treat them as publick Enemies; in case they commit any hostility upon them.

Frankfort, March 25. The Imperial and other Troops designed for the assistance of the Elector *Palatine* are on their march, and many of them have reached the places they were designed to, though the weather has been very bad, and rendered their march very incommodious. The Elector *Palatine* is at present at *Mannheim*, to confer shere with the Count de *Céprati*, who commands in chief the Auxiliary Troops. The Circle of *Franconia* has sent 1000 Foot, and they of *Nuremberg* 100 Horse to serve his Electoral Highness, in case the French shall attempt any thing farther upon him. In the mean time the French fortifie themselves at *Germerstein* and *Lantaw*; and with the help of the Troops they expect from *Lorraine*, doubt not, but they shall be able to make their party good. The 23 instant the old Duke of *Lorraine* parted hence with his whole family; it is said, that he is going to put himself at the head of an Army, to act with it, according to the Treaty concluded between him, the Emperor, the King of *Spain*, and the States General of the *United Provinces*. Prince *Willem* of *Furstenbergh* some days since passed by this place towards *Bohemia*; having with him a Guard of 70 Horse; they traversed the Countrey of *Fulda*, and the Territories of *Saxony*; not thinking it safe, it seems, to pass through the Electorate of *Bavaria*.

Cologne, March 27. The Swedish Minister at *Vienne* having presented a Memorial to the Emperor, to complain of the violence offered to the Prince of *Furstenbergh*, and to desire he might be restored to his liberty, &c. the Emperor cued an Answer to be made, to this effect, That his Imperial Majesty never knew that the said Prince of *Furstenbergh* was invested with any Character of Ambassador or Plenipotentiary by any Prince concerned in the Negotiations of Peace; and that if he had known thereof, he would certainly not have suffered, that a Natural born Subject of the Empire should take upon him any employment contrary to the Interests of his Imperial Majesty; That the said Prince commands a Regiment in the service of *France*; That he has not obeyed the Imperial Mandate, by which his Imperial Majesty commanded all the Vassals and Subjects of the Empire, to quit all such Foreign service as they were engaged in; That he has fomented the War; and hindred the Peace so necessary to Christendom. To which, the Mediators here have answered, That the said Prince was acknowledged Plenipotentiary at this Treaty for the Elector of *Cologne*; That the Regiment which he is said to have in *France*, has for these three years past, been put over into the service of the Elector of *Cologne*; and that the said Prince has only the title, not command of Colonel, in the same manner as the Cardinal d' *Arragon* has a Regiment in *Spain*; and that for other matters, they doubt not, but the innocence of the said Prince will be made fully to appear, and therefore pray, That the Emperor