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Rome, May 12.

A Courier is passed through this place in great diligence for *Sicily*, who as we are informed, carries Orders to the Prince *de Ligne*, Viceroy of that Kingdom, forthwith to begin his journey for *Milan*, and to leave that Government *pro interim* in the hands of the Archbishop of *Palermo*. The Pope is very much displeas'd with the Republick of *Genoua*, because of the dispute between the Duke and the Archbishop; which latter is positively commanded to leave *Genoua*, and come hither.

Dantzick, May 16. The last Letters from *Warsaw* dated the eleventh instant tell us, That the Bishop of *Marseilles*, Ambassador Extraordinary from the most Christian King, had had Audience of the Diet, to whom he recommended in the name of the King his Master, the Duke of *Newburgh*. That the Elector of *Brandenburghs*, and Prince of *Lorraines* Ambassadors, had not then had Audience, nor were those from *Denmark* and *Sweden* arrived, though daily expected; and that the limited time of three weeks for the Session of the Diet being expired, it was resolv'd, That it should be continued eight days longer. The Inhabitants of *Königsberg* having obstinately refus'd to pay some contributions which his Electoral Highness of *Brandenburgh* had commanded to be levied, with threats to such as should go about to collect the same. The ninth instant, early in the Morning, Major General *Girtzby* presented himself, by the Electors command, with 6000 Men before the Town, which he presently entred, and took possession of the several Gates, and hath since quartered his Soldiers up and down the Town, expecting in the mean time, his Electoral Highness farther directions. We have Letters dated the thirtieth of *March* from *Mosco*, which say, That the Ambassadors of *Sweden* had had their Audience the day before, and that day began their first Conference, which, it seems, concern'd only Commerce: That they had news there, that the Czars Forces had now possess'd themselves of the whole *Ukraine*; that the *Cossacks* had deliver'd up *Dorosensko*, together with his Brother, and other Officers, who with other prisoners, were daily expected at *Mosco*.

Copenhagen, May 16. The thirteenth instant the Heer *Van Weikendam*, Ambassador from the States General of the *United Provinces* parted hence on his return home by the way of *Hamburgh*. His Majesty will very suddenly have an Army of 15000 Men together; the Rendezvous is appointed to be near this place, and in the interim, the conjectures are very various and uncertain concerning his Majesties designs. The Ice continues as yet very thick in the *Sound*, that the Ships are not able to pass. It is said, that the Princes of *Lunenburg* have concluded a Treaty of Alliance with the States General of the *United Provinces*.

Strasbourg, May 21. From *Rhinfelden* we have advice, That the Duke of *Lorraine* had commanded 2000 Horse to pass the *Rhine* there, to go and discover the

posture of the French Troops who lay on the other side, not far from *Basse*, under the command of Monsieur *de Turenne*; which they accordingly did, and had the good fortune to surprize two Regiments of French Foot, whom they attacked, and, as is said, killed 300 upon the place; that done, the *Lorraine* Horse repass'd the *Rhine* again, and returned to their Camp. The Assembly of the Thirteen Cantons is broken up, they having resolv'd to remain Neuters, during the present War, and by connivance to permit as well the passage of the Spanish as French Troops into the *Francs Comte*. The said Cantons have written to his most Christian Majesty to pray him, That he would not employ the *Swissers* that are in his service, without the Kingdom, according to the practice of former times. From *Benson* our Letters of the 17 instant, say, That the day before that City was surrendred to the French; the conditions were, that the Inhabitants should continue to enjoy all their Priviledges; that they should bring all their Arm to the Town-House, to be restor'd to them when it should please his Majesty; that the Garrison should be prisoners at War, till the King had conquer'd the whole Province; and that such of the Nobility as were in the place, might return to their several homes, after having taken an Oath of Fidelity to his Majesty. The Elector *Palatine* has caus'd all the Boats and Goods belonging to the City of *Spire*, to be stopp'd at *Manheim*, because, contrary to their Obligation, they have furnish'd the French at *Philipsbourg* with provisions, and other necessaries.

Cologne, May 25. According to our Letters from *Francfort*, the Count *de Souches* arriv'd there the twenty one instant, from whence he parted the next day, and yesterday arriv'd at *Bon*; he will make no stay there, but proceed to the Imperial Army, which is now encamp'd between *Limburgh* and *Verviers*. The 19 instant, the Troops of the Bishop of *Munster*, being between 6 and 7000 Men, which according to the late Treaty with the Emperor, the Bishop is to joyn with his Army, began to march; and an Imperial Commissary is pass'd through this place towards *Westphalia*, to go and receive the said Troops. The 23 instant, eight Companies of Foot pass'd the *Rhine* at *Zindorf*, a league from hence; and this day the Troops that were in Garrison at *Duyt*, pass'd the *Rhine* likewise, and are march'd towards the Imperial Army.

Hague, May 29. This day according to our advices from *Maines*, the Prince of *Orange* intend'd to break up from thence with his Army, and to remove nearer *Louvain*. The Heer *Swerin* is pass'd through this place on his way for *England*, whither he goes in quality of Envoy Extraordinary from the Elector of *Brandenburgh*. Last night arriv'd here the Prince of *Nassau*, Stadtholder of *Friesland*, with intention to go to our Army. The Pensionary *Fagel* is return'd from *Zeland*.

Brussels, May 29. Since the taking of *Navaigne*, we have this account from *Liege*, That there was but one man kill'd within the Fort, and but thirty of the Enemy: The Prince of *Conde* having joyn'd his Army with