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Constantinople, January 24.

A PRODIGIOUS Fire happened here last Night about Ten of the Clock, which began near the Water Side, and continued towards Soleymania until about Twelve this Day. Some say near an eighth Part of the Town is destroyed; others reckon Ten or Twelve Thousand Houses. The Grand Signor assisted all the Time. The Captain Pascha, lately said to have been changed, still remains in that Post. The Chiause-Bashi, or Master of the Ceremonies, is deposed and banished, and a Friend of the present Vizier succeeds him. The Janizary Aga is changed, and one who was formerly in that Post succeeds him. Ali, Pascha of Silistria, is made Pascha of Widin; Mustapha, Pascha of Widin, is made Governor of Chotzim; and Mulzun Oghles, Governor of Chotzim, has the Government of Silistria.

Petersbourg, Feb. 14. His Imperial Highness the Great Duke has been so exceeding ill for some Days past as to be obliged to keep his Chamber. The Count de Lynar, Minister from the King of Denmark, had Yesterday his first Audience of her Imperial Majesty, to whom he delivered his Credential Letters; and M. de Cheuses, his Predecessor, had the same Day his Audience of Leave, and proposes setting out in about a Fortnight on his Return to Copenhagen.

Milan, Feb. 21. Orders have been received from Vienna, not only for hastening the Repairs of the Fortifications of Lombardy, but even for adding some new Works. The greatest Part of the Imperial Regiments in Garrison in this City and its Neighbourhood, are already complete, and are said to amount to 24000 effective Men. The Garrison of Novare, which was composed only of 2000 Piedmontese, is ordered to be considerably augmented, as are also all the other Garrisons of the Milanese.

Stockholm, Feb. 23. Admiral Tawbe has received Orders to set out immediately for Carlscroon, to give Directions for equipping the Men of War in that Port.

Turin, Feb. 24. In Conformity to the Orders issued by the King some Time ago, all the Officers of his Majesty's Forces are extremely busy in raising Recruits for completing their respective Regiments, as well Horse as Foot, in which they are very successful, and will shortly have them upon the same Footing they

were before the last Reduction. Preparations continue making for celebrating the Marriage of the Duke of Savoy with the Infanta of Spain; and the King has already named several of the Ladies who are to form the Court of that Princess; amongst whom the Countess Cancra de Salasio is appointed First Lady of her Bed-Chamber.

Vienna, Feb. 26. Advice having been received that a contagious Distemper continues to rage in Walachia and other Frontiers of Turkey. Orders have been sent for posting Troops from Mehadia to Ramzoza, to hinder all Communication with those Countries. The Departure of Count Colloredo, on his Embassy to the Court of Turin, is fixed for the 2d of next Month. Count Esterhasi is on his Departure for the Court of Spain, as is likewise Count Goez for that of Sweden, the first with the Character of Ambassador, and the last with that of Envoy Extraordinary from their Imperial Majesties. Several Engineers have been lately sent from hence to Olmutz and Peterwaradin, to repair, and augment the Fortifications of those Places. A few Days ago three hundred Recruits marched from hence for Hungary, to complete the Regiment of Baden, which is quartered in that Kingdom. The Baron de Frankenstein, who received lately from the Hands of the Emperor the Investiture of the Temporalities of the Bishop of Wurtzburg, will set out in a few Days on his Return to his Court. It is said the Example given by the Prince and Bishop his Master, will soon be followed by the Archbishop of Saltzburg, and other Ecclesiastical Princes.

Dresden, Feb. 28. Several Officers of the King's Household are already set out for Warsaw, to which Place Count de Bruhl, the Prime Minister, has also sent away Part of his Equipage; the Vice-Chancellor of Poland, Count Woidzicki, and several other Lords of that Kingdom, have likewise left this City on their Return Home; and all Things seem to be preparing for his Majesty's Departure. The Marquis d'Aigle Blanche, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of Sardinia, arrived here on the 24th Instant, and will soon have his first private Audience. General d'Arnim, Envoy Extraordinary from this Court to that of Russia, set out Yesterday on his Journey to Petersbourg.

Berlin, March 3. Orders having been given for the repairing and augmenting the Fortifications of Silesia, and particularly those of Schweidnitz, several Engineers are set out accordingly from

