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*Constantinople, February 18.*

**T**HE Porte seems at length to give some Attention to the Affairs of Persia; and they continue to assure us, that a numerous Army will be assembled on the Frontiers of that Kingdom in the Spring. The excessive cold Weather we have had for these five or six Weeks, has so purified the Air, that the contagious Distemper, of which some Parts of this City has scarce ever been clear for the last two Years, is now entirely ceased. An Express which arrived here a few Days ago from Aleppo, having brought Advice of the Death of Achmet Pacha, Governor of that City, the Grand Signor has named Abdallah Pacha, Governor of Cairo, to succeed him; and Mehemed Pacha, heretofore Grand Vizier, is named to the Government of Cairo.

*Lisbon, Feb. 21.* The Prospect of a Marriage between their Majesties eldest Daughter, and the Archduke Joseph, engrosses the whole Conversation of this City; and the rather, as the Alliances, which will be the natural Consequences of it, are looked upon to be greatly to the Honour and Advantage of this Nation. On Wednesday last the Constance, a Dutch Ship from the Azores, commanded by Capt. Kamp, had the Misfortune to strike on a Sand Bank in entering the Tagus, and was dashed to Pieces. She had a valuable Cargo on Board, which, with her Crew and Passengers, consisting of 150 Persons, were all lost, except five Sailors, the Sea running so high, that no Boat or Vessel could possibly venture out to her Assistance.

*Petersbourg, March 3.* The Departure of the Great Chanceller Count Bestucheff for Moscow, is fixed for next Week. We are informed by Letters received this Post from Moscow, that her Imperial Majesty appears again in Publick as before her late Illness; and that most of the Persons belonging to the Court, who had been seized with the same Disorder, were recovered, except the Vice-Chancellor Count Woronzoff, who continues dangerously ill. We are assured by the last Advices received here from Persia, by the Way of Astracan, that Prince Heraclius of Georgia was preparing to make his publick Entry into Ispahan, in order to take Possession of the Throne of Persia, and to establish a Regency for the Administration of publick Justice, and for the Management of the Finances; after which he proposes to put himself again at the

Head of his Army, to extirpate the Remainder of the Army of Schach Doub, who still keep Possession of some Provinces. Although this Court has hitherto paid little Regard to the Progress of Prince Heraclius, the Empress seems now determined, as soon as Affairs are settled, to send an Ambassador to compliment him upon his Advancement to that Throne; and to demand a Renewal of the ancient Treaties between the two Courts, which we flatter ourselves will be the readier complied with, as we have never given him the least Uneasiness.

*Milan, March 6.* The Officers belonging to the different Regiments quartered in this Duchy, have received Orders to hold themselves in Readiness to pass in Review before the Commissaries of War, who are not only appointed to review them, but likewise to take an exact Account of the State and Condition of all our Magazines and Fortifications.

*Genoa, March 7.* The Preparations making by M. de Courfi, Commander of the French Troops in Corsica, to leave that Island, has obliged this Government to order a certain Number of Men to be drafted out of each Regiment and sent thither, in order to strengthen the Garrisons of Bastia, Calvi, Ajaccio, and San Bonifacio, which are all good Ports and well fortified.

*Rome, March 10.* The Hereditary Prince of Anspach arrived here last Sunday Evening with a numerous Retinue; and the Duke and Dutches of Wirtembourg, for whom a magnificent Hotel is getting ready, are soon expected. 'Tis now said, that the two Millions of Piastras, which were lately remitted here by Order of the Court of Madrid, and which are at present lodged in the Castle of St. Angelo, are to be employed in paying off certain Debts, for which the Apostolick Chamber pays six and seven per Cent. Yesterday an Express arrived here from Calabria, with an Account of the Death of Cardinal Anthony Ruffo, Nephew to the late Cardinal Dean. According to our last Advices from Civita Vecchia, they are arming some Vessels in order to cruize on the Barbary Pyrates, who have lately begun again to infest the Coasts of the Ecclesiastical State.

*Vienna, March 17.* Her Imperial Majesty has lately regulated, by an Ordonnance, the Duties that all Merchandize is to pay for the future upon being brought into Bohemia or Moravia, from any of his Prussian Majesty's Dominions,