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Marseilles, February 12.

From *Sicily* we have advice, that since the arrival of the French succors under the Command of the Marquess *de Vallavoir* at *Messina*, the affairs there had greatly mended, the *Messinenses*, with the assistance of the French, having retaken several considerable Posts from the Spaniards near the City. That the said Marquess was lodged in the Palace of the Viceroy, and was treated by those people with extraordinary respect and kindness. That on the other side, the Spaniards were bringing all the Forces they could together, with design formally to besiege them. We expect suddenly to hear of the arrival of Monsieur *de Vivonne* at *Messina*, who parted hence the 29 of the last month. As well here, as at *Thoulon*, is preparing a third succor to be sent thither; though we doubt not but the Spanish Fleet, which Cruises before that place, will strive to keep all assistance from coming to it by Sea for the future, in which perhaps they may not be more successful, than they were in their endeavours to prevent the succors that the Marquess *de Vallavoir* abovementioned, brought the *Messinenses*.

Naples, Febr. 12. The Spaniards begin to draw their Forces together in *Sicily*, in order to a formal besieging of *Messina*; in which, by the favor of those Posts they already possess, they seem to promise themselves a good success, though they might have been more confident of it, had care been taken to oppose the passage of the Marquess *de Vallavoir*, who brought those Inhabitants a considerable succor; however it is said here, that those Provisions are almost consumed, and that if the Duke *de Vivonne*, who is on his way with a farther Supply, can be hindered from entering into *Messina*, those Inhabitants may yet be reduced in a short time to an extreme necessity for want of Corn; and till they are reduced thereto, it may be feared our Forces by Land will not be able to effect any great matter.

Warsaw, Febr. 19. Our last advices from the Court tell us, That 16 or 17000 Tartars, under the Command of *Nuradin* Sultan, approached the *Ukraine*, and were already come so near our Troops, that several considerable skirmishes had passed between them, which had hitherto (praised be God) terminated with advantage on our side, many of the Enemy having been killed and taken Prisoners. That the 25 past, the Bassa of *Silistria*, with some Thousands of Turks and Tartars under his Command, appeared near *Ratzkow*, a place of importance in the *Ukraine*, possessed by our Troops; upon which, the Sieur *Koritzki*, who Commanded there, sent out what Cavalry he had, with certain small Field-pieces, to attack them; that accordingly there had been a sharp dispute between them, the Poles doing great execution upon the Enemy with their Cannon, but that the Colonel *Przeworski*, who Commanded our men, being killed upon the place, they were forced to retreat into the Town. That the Enemy pursued their point, and having notice, that the place lay open towards the *Nieper*, entered it on that side without any opposition, and had already begun to set fire to it in several places, when

the Sieur *Koritzki*, sallying out upon them with what Troops he had from several Cloysters, he forced them to retire again in great confusion, about 30 Houses having been burnt.

Hamburgh, Febr. 22. From *Copenhagen* they write, That the Ambassador of *Sueden*, who lately arrived there, had not yet obtained any answer in writing from the Commissioners appointed to treat with him; or any final Declaration, how his Majesty of *Denmark* intends to govern himself in the present Conjunction; and that his Excellency seemed to prepare for his return home. There remain at present hardly any of the Swedish Troops in the *Hukkermark*, being all removed into the hinder *Pomeran*, belonging to the Elector of *Brandenburgh*. They still draw nearest to the *Ducal Prussia*, their principal Quarters being not above six Leagues from the Frontiers of that Countrey, which makes it generally believed, that the *Suedes* will attack his Electoral Highness in his Territories in *Prussia*, as being out of the Empire. In the mean time we do not hear that they commit any Hostilities, but that they live as well with the Countrey people, as can be expected; and some say, that they are only removed out of the *Hukkermark*, into the hinder *Pomeran*, for the conveniency of their Quarters. Our Letters from *Sueden* continue to speak, as if that Crown would have a Fleet at Sea this Summer, and in order to it, preparations are even making on this side of the water in the Maritime places in the Swedish *Pomeran*.

Francfort, March 2. From *Ratisbonne* they write, that the Bishop of *Bamberg* in the Circle of *Franconia*, had made farther Complaints to the Dyet, concerning the Exactions of the *Brandenburgh* Troops, who are quartered within that Circle. And that the Bishop of *Strasbourg* had caused a Memorial to be presented to the Dyet, in which he justifies his Retreat out of the Empire, and the putting himself under the protection of the Most Christian King. It is hardly credible, what vast provision the French make in *Alsacia* of all things necessary for the carrying on the War this Summer. It was intended that the French Troops should have continued in their Quarters till the middle of *April*, to refresh them, after the fatigues of the last Campaign; but we are now told, that Monsieur *de Turenne* will return into *Alsacia* about the latter end of this month, and take the Field very early. From *Vienna* they write, that General *Montecuculi* prepares indeed for his departure towards the Imperial Army, but that he desires to have with him 600 000 Crowns for the defraying the Expences that necessarily attend an Army. In *Hungary* 4000 Rebels are said to be got together again, and to have given great disturbance to the Imperialists: and 3000 Turks, belonging to *Buda*, have lately appeared near *Newhausel*, with intention (as is thought) to exact Contributions, &c.

Cologne, March 5. The Sieur *de Fario* hath begun to execute this Diocess, on account of the monies pretended by the States General of our Elector, who had hoped that the Letter he had written to the States, would have at least deferred the said execution, to the end the mat-

ter might have been amicably accommodated by the Interposition of the Emperor and the King of Spain; but on the contrary, yesterday the said Sieur *Fario* sent out a party of 80 Horse to seize the Abbé of *Knefteden*, who not meeting with him, set fire to some Barns and Out-houses belonging to him. There is at present great difference between the Clergy, and the Secular States of this Diocess, on the Subject of their Priviledges. This morning the Prince of *Lorrain*, the Marquess of *Grana*, and other of the Imperial General Officers, are march'd with several Regiments towards the *Meuse*, where we understand the Imperialists are in some danger of being fallen upon by the French. Yesterday arriv'd here the Marquess of *Bourgamano*, on his journey to *Vienna*, whither he goes on the part of the Duke of *Villa Hermosa*, Governor of the Spanish *Netherlands*; he will call in at *Bon*, to confer with the Imperial Generals that are there, on the Subject of his Errand to the Emperor.

Brussels, March 8. On Tuesday night last, the Marquess of *Ancre*, Governor of *Aeth*, came with 2000 Horse as far as *Hall*, three Leagues from hence, not without giving a great Alarm to those Parts, which even reach'd this place, whither many Peasants fled with their Horses and Goods; the French having taken about 500 Horses, returned again. From *Maeſtricht* they write, That the Mareſchal de *Crequi* is suddenly expected there with a great Convoy; That the Troops he has with him, compose a very considerable Body; which makes it feared, that when he has seen the said Convoy safe at *Maeſtricht*, he will fall upon the Imperialists in the Countrey of *Liege*, and endeavour to force them to quit the Quarters they have there; which they apprehending, have desir'd the Imperial Generality at *Bon*, to Reinforce them, with certain Troops, who (we hear) are on their march accordingly. We cannot but conclude, from the great forwardness we understand the French preparations for the Campaigne are everywhere in, that they will be in the Field, sooner than any of the Armies on this side. The Duke of *Villa Hermosa* had indeed resolv'd to raise five new Regiments of Infantry, but as yet Commissions are given out onely for two. We are told, that the Prince of *Orange* will forthwith send certain Regiments, to Reinforce several Garisons on our Frontiers, which seem to be in some danger of being suddenly attacked by the French. We have Letters from *Naples* of the 17 past, which say, that the Duke of *Vivonne* pass'd by some days before, having with him nine Men of War, three Fireships, and two Victuallers, with a fair wind towards *Messina*.

Hague, March 8. The States General and their Confederates, have, at the instance of His Majesty of *Great Britain* by his Ambassador here, finally resolv'd to accept of *Nimwegen* for the place of Congress, so that we hope a Treaty will be now suddenly set on foot again. The fifth instant in the evening, the Prince of *Orange* return'd hither, and the next morning was Complimented thereupon by all the Foreign Ministers, and other Persons of Quality here; yesterday his Highness went to divert himself at *Honslaerdike*, with intention to be back again this evening. On Tuesday next, the Sieur de *Klinenburgh*, Ambassador Extraordinary from the Crown of *Denmark*, will make his publick Entry into this place. It is said, that he comes, amongst other things, to treat about an augmentation of the Subsidies which this State and their Allies are to pay that King, by virtue of the Treaty of Alliance between them. The Suedish Ambassador, finding by the resolution pass'd in the Assemblies of the States General the 27 past, concerning their not treating with him any longer as Mediator, that nothing remains for him to do farther here,

prepares for his departure. By the last Ordinary from *Vienna*, we have advice, That the Emperor's Army this next Campaigne, will consist in 40 000 men effectually; and that all possible care will be taken to prevent the miscarriages and differences that hapned during the last. The Prince of *Orange* will likewise have a considerable Army in the Field, compos'd (as we are told) of 30 Regiments of Foot, besides Cavalry. It is reported, that at the desire of the Duke of *Villa Hermosa*, Governor General of the Spanish *Netherlands*, several Regiments are order'd to march that way, to reinforce the Spanish Garisons which lie most expos'd to the French, and which, it is feared, they have their eye upon. The Deputies of the respective Admiralties will meet here in a day or two, to consult about matters relating to the Equipage by Sea.

Paris, March 9. We have from several hands, advice of the arrival of Monsieur de *Vivonne* at *Messina* with the ships under his Command, without the least opposition from the Spanish Fleet, which (it is said) was retir'd towards *Naples*. We are told, that Monsieur de *Turenne* will part hence again very suddenly, in order to the beginning the Campaigne in *Alsacia*, and those parts; and that on this side, the first action of our Troops may be towards *Luxemburg*, and the Countrey of *Liege*. Monsieur de *Crequi* is on his march with a great Convoy towards *Maeſtricht*; it is thought he will attempt something upon the Imperialists, who are quarter'd in the Countrey of *Liege*. Our Troops, we hear, are about quitting of *Maseyk*, after having demolish'd it, and removed the Artillery that was there to *Maeſtricht*.

Advertisements.

The Epitome of the Art of Husbandry; with Directions for the Improvement of it, viz. Plowing, Sowing, Grafting, &c. as also for Angling. To which is added an Appendix for Planting Fruit-Trees; Directions for taking, and teaching Singing Birds. By J. B. Gent. Sold by Ben. Billingsley, at the Printing-Press in the Piazza of the Royal Exchange.

WE are desir'd to give Notice, That whereas one *Deborah Smyth* of *Sigleſborne* in the *East-Riding* in *Torkshire*, is lately found Murderer, and Buried in the Barn of *William Raynes* of the said Town, who is since fled, with one *Peter Jefferson* and *Francis Walker*, and are all of them manifestly suspected to have committed the said Murder, they are described thus: *Raynes* a thin spare visage, middle-stature, blackish hair, about 35 years old: *Walker* hath red hair, short and bushy, of a middle-stature, about the age of 22 years: The said *Jefferson* a lusty strong fellow, brown hair something curl'd, about 30 years. These three persons, about the 5 of *February* last, had shipt themselves on board the vessel call'd the *Grocers Adventure* of *Tork*, *George Lewett* Master then ready to sail for *London*; but altering their minds, took a Boat, and went over the *Humber* into *Lincolnshire*, to a place call'd *ba ton*, intending, as they said, for *London* by Land. If any person can make discovery, and seize the said Murderers, they are desir'd to give Notice thereof to the Lord Mayor of *London*, or the Mayor of *Kingston upon Hull*, who are inform'd of this Horrid Fact.

ALL Gentlemen may take notice, that on the second Thursday in *April*, there will be a Plate to be run for at *Tarbwell* Course near *Louth* in *Lincolnshire*, for any Horse that will come in carrying ten Stone weight, and putting in three pound stakes: The Plate this year is worth forty pound; and the two next ensuing years of greater value.

SToien or strayed *March 1*, instant, out of *Boom Park* near *Kingston upon Thames* in *Survey*, a light grey Mare, about 14 hands high, with a black Mane, and Bob-tail of the same colour, about eight years old, Trots all. Whomsoever will bring her to my Lady *Harnies* house in *Newport-Breet*, or to *Boom* house near *Kingston* aforesaid, shall have Forty shillings, besides their charges.

SToien out of the ground of *Nathaniel Chakelill* in the Parishes of *Marston Abby* in the County of *Survey*, *Febr 26*. last, one black Mare above 14 hands high, having a star in her Forehead, one white Foot behind lame of the further hind leg, and the hair off. One brown Gelding about the same height, having all his paces, and both Bob-tail'd. And one dark grey Nag, 13 hand and an half high having a white Face. If any one can give notice either of the said Mare or Nags, to *Charles White* a Cook at the *Red Lyon* in *Smithfield*, they shall be well rewarded.