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Naples, February 26.

THe 16 Spanish Men of War that were forced to retire hither, after having been engaged the 11 instanc, against Monsieur de Vivonne and the ships under his Command, have put all their sick and wounded Men ashore here, which make up a very considerable number; so soon as they are Re-fitted, and in a condition again to put to Sea, we are told, they will Sail towards Sicily, and attempt once more to block up Messina by Sea, and we hope with better success than hitherto they have had. Our Viceroy is not a little troubled to see things go so ill; for before the arrival of Monsieur de Vivonne at Messina, the Spaniards seemed to have some reason to promise themselves a good and speedy conclusion of that great work, which now is like to cost them yet much time and pains. We have advice of the arrival of two Vessels at Gaete in Sicily, having Transported a German Regiment thither from Fland, being commanded by the Comte de Duquoy. The Royalists, we hear, have been obliged to quit the Tour de Fare of Messina, and to retire to the Scaletta, on pretence, that the Fortifications they intended to make there, were not finished.

Madrid, March 2. The Mestre de Camp General of the Forces of this Crown in Catalonia, is, together with some other of the principal Officers, on his way hither, to give her Majesty an account of the posture of things in those Parts, and to take her Commands concerning the next Campaigne. It is said that the French in Roussillon have been already recruited with 4000 Foot, and 800 Horse; and that they will be in a condition to take the Field the latter end of the next month, or the beginning of the following: Three hundred thousand Crowns are ordered to be sent for the use of the Fleet in Sicily, and the half of that Sum hath two days since been remitted by Bills of Exchange, to the Marquess of Villa Franca Viceroy of Sicily. In the mean time several Men of War are fitting out at Cadix, and will (as is said) be ready to Sail about the middle of the next month, for the Reinforcement of the said Fleet. From Cadix they write, that by certain Vessels put in there, they had news of the death of the Marquess de Melagom Viceroy of Peru, and brother to the Duke d' Albuquerque.

Venice, March 9. The Letters from Constantinople make little mention of the preparations of the Turks against Summer, either because People are ignorant thereof, what is done in the Army, or that the Turks in truth make no great preparation for Wars, especially against the Poles, with whom it is generally thought a Peace will be suddenly concluded; or if not, that the conduct of the War will be left to the Tatars, and only some Turkish Troops joined with them.

Stetin, March 12. The Swedish Troops continue quartered in the Hinder Pomerens, and General Wrangel remains here much indisposed by the Gout, and afflicted at the death of his daughter the Countess of Wittenberg, who dyed very lately; from hence his Excellency intends to remove to Stargard, where is the General Quarter. Yesterday arrived here the Count of Ox-

enstern from Vienna, where he was in quality of Ambassador from the Crown of Sweden, and hath had a Conference with the General on the Subject of his Embassy. On Thursday last came hither Major General Osner, as Envoy from the Duke of Hanover; and having dispatched with his Excellency the business, he came about, is returned again; and we understand that Col. Wulsen is on his way hither, being to reside constantly in the Army on the part of the Duke of Hanover.

Vienna, March 10. The Count de Montecuculi continues to dispose matters in order to his departure towards the Army; he hath demanded a very great Sum of money to take with him into the Field, which he pretends to have solely at his disposal, without being obliged to give an account thereof, to any but the Emperor himself; and this being granted him, he has engaged to order matters, and to observe such an exact Discipline, that his Imperial Majesty shall not fear to be troubled for the future with complaints of the violences and disorders committed by his Troops as heretofore. The raising of this money seems a matter of great difficulty; however it is thought it may be furnished in a month; till when, Montecuculi will not stir from hence. Count Waldeck is as yet here, but will part in few days on his return for Holland. His Imperial Majesty has, as we are told, left it to the Elector of Brandenburg to dispose of the Imperial Troops in Silasias, he shall think fit, for the defence and security of his Countrey against the Swedes. The Sieur Gdrz, who lately arrived here in quality of Envoy from the Circle of Franconia, to represent to his Imperial Majesty how greatly the Members of that Circle suffer from the Confederate Troops, hath obtained an Answer from the Emperor, that care shall be taken to prevent the like for the future, and is preparing for his return.

Strasburgh, March 13. The French Troops that had taken their Quarters within the Territories of the Bishop of Basle, have, at his pressing instances, retired out of them again, being four Regiments, are marched towards Langres, and into the Franche Comte. The Sieur de Fromont d' Ablancourt the French Envoy, continues his Negotiation here, in order to the persuading this City to embrace the Neutrality; to which the Magistrates seemed greatly inclined, for that they look upon it as the only way to preserve their City and Territories from the ruines and devastations which they have suffered since their quitting their Neutrality from both Parties, but the common People are for the Emperor, and they it seems, govern here. In the mean time the Swedes have promised to send us certain Troops for the guard of our Bridge, and accordingly they are to be lodged in the Forts that secure it. The Duke of Lorraine, and the Prince Herman of Baden, General of the Imperial Artillery, are still here, to influence by their presence the resolutions of this Magistrate. The French have Reinforced the Garrison of Haguenaw and Saverne, there being in each place 2500 Men. At Colmar they have disbanded all the Burgers, and have given orders for the taking great quantities of Bread.

Heydelberg, March 16. Our Elector having (as we are told) by the Advice, that the French had a design to possess themselves of *Gernshelm* situate on the *Rhine*, and belonging to the Elector of *Mayence*, to prevent them, commanded two days since Major *Heency* to go with certain Troops, and seize the said place; which, after some opposition, he did, and put a Garison of 400 Men into it.

Cologne, March 19. The Elector of *Brandenburgh* has, as we understand, in his passage towards *Cleves*, been visited by the Bishop of *Munster*. The 17, his Electoral Highness arrived at *Wesel*, and the next day intended to continue his journey to *Cleves*, whither the Marquess *de Grana* is likewise gone from *Bon*. The French Troops which assembled about *Maestricht*, and very much alarmed the *Imperialists* quartered in *Liege*, being dispersed again, or at least giving the *Imperialists* no farther apprehension of any design upon them. From the Palatinate they write; that the Elector Palatine had by way of prevention seized on a small place, though of great importance, called *Gernshelm*, and situate on the *Rhine*, having had notice that the French designed to have gotten it into their hands; at which the Elector of *Mayence*, to whom it belongs, is however not very well pleased.

Brussels, March 22. The five Regiments designed to come hither from *Holland* for the Reinforcement of several of our Garisons, are actually on their march, one of them, is the Count *de Horne's* Regiment of Marine, consisting in 2000 Men. Several Colonels in the service of these Countreys, have of late quitted their Regiments, which his Excellency has resolved to reform, in order to the recruiting the other Troops. It is expected that the Prince of *Orange* will now very suddenly assign the Rendezvous of his Army somewhere in *Brabant*, to which it is said our Forces are to join, and so to act under the conduct of his Highness, for the security of these Provinces. The French, on the other side, are very forward in their preparations, which are so great, that according to the general report, they will be stronger this Campaign, than they have been during this War. People here are much concerned to hear, of the disgrace the Spanish Armada suffered from Monsieur *de Vivonne*, who forced his way through them; and entered *Messina*, to the great prejudice of the affairs of the Crown of *Spain* in those parts. Our Letters from *Madrid* bring us not any thing considerable, only say, that *Don Juan* was on the point of parting for *Italy*, and that it was hoped his presence would change the face of things in *Sicily*, which hitherto have for all a prospect towards the *Spaniards*. Her Majesty has not yet disposed of the vacant Governments of *Namur*, *Luxemburgh* and *Hainault*: At *Namur*, the Marquess of *Conflans* commands *pro interim*; Monsieur *de Louvigny* in the Province of *Luxemburgh*; and the Marquess *Ribberg* at *Mons*.

Ditto, March 24. His Excellency begins now with all possible diligence to prepare for the Campaign, has given Orders for the furnishing the dismounted Cavaliers with 100 Guilders a man, in order to the providing themselves with Horses and Arms; and has made an Agreement with the Officers of the several Regiments of Foot, to recruit them at the rate of nine Crowns and a half an head. The five Dutch Regiments are arrived from *Holland*, and we seem to want as many more for the Reinforcing our Garisons as they ought. We are greatly alarmed from all Parts with an account of the vast preparations of the French, whose first attempt, it's thought, will be upon *Namur*.

Hagut, March 23. After his Highness return from

Cleves, it is expected he will fix the day for his departure from hence towards the Army, which is designed to have its Rendezvous in *Brabant*, though neither the time or place is as yet declared. From *England* they write, that His Majesty of *Great Britain* has, as Mediator, appointed His Ambassadors for the Treaty at *Nimeguen*, and that they are the Lord *John Berkeley* of *Stratton*, formerly Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*, Sir *William Temple*, at present His Majesties Ambassador here, and Sir *Lionel Jenkins* Judge of the Admiralty in *England* and one of His Majesties Plenipotentiaries at the late Congress at *Cologne*. The Ambassadors of this State, will, it's thought, be the same that were at *Cologne*, joining with them such as shall be nominated by the Provinces of *Utrecht*, *Gelderland*, and *Overyssel*, readmitted since that Congress into the Union.

Paris, March 27. Yesterday their Majesties, and the whole Court, removed from *St. Germain* to *Versailles*, where the King intends to continue till the 15 of the next month, and then to begin his journey towards the Frontiers of *Flanders*; the several Troops are ordered to be ready to march the 29 of this month. This day the Prince of *Conde* came to *Versailles*, from his house at *Chamilly*, perfectly recovered of his indisposition. His Majesty continues his resolution of sending 4000 Foot to *Messina*, under the Command of Monsieur *Ville Dieu*; they are to be Transported on the Gallies that are fitting out at *Marsailles*, who will now be very suddenly ready to Sail. We are told of Orders that have been sent to *Thoulon* for the fitting out forthwith 15 Men of War, to be sent into the Mediterranean, to join with the Fleet his Majesty already has in that Sea. The Plenipotentiaries, we told you in our last the King had nominated for the Treaty at *Nimeguen*, prepare themselves for that employment, though we are assured, that they will not begin their journey, till the Emperor has given satisfaction in the business of the Prince of *Furstenberg*, and the Monies seized at *Cologne*.

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Lost out of a house in *Chancery-lane* four dore above the *Globe-Tavern*, about a fortnight since, a Bible in *Quarro* richly bound; having *Moses* and *Aaron* figured on the Leaves. If any Bookseller, or other person, hath bought, or can procure the said Bible, and shall bring the same to the Printer of the *Caricse* living in the *Savoy* they shall have 20 s. Reward, and what other Monies they have laid out.

March 21. A Servant-Maid, about 22 years of age, in a Sad-coloured Wastecoa, a black Petticoat, black Complexion, Run away from Mr. *Urban* Poulterer next door to the Sign of *Robinhood* in the *Strand*, hath carried away a dressing Box with a Necklace of Pearls, a Silver Tankard, a Silver Porringer, a Silver Cup, and Twenty pounds in money; Besides a good quantity of fine Linnen. They that can give information of her, as above, shall have five pounds for a Reward.

Lost March 6. from *Robert Kidwell* of *Waybridge* in *Surrey*, (one of His Majesties Yeoman of the Guard) a black brown gelt Colt, with a white streak from his Eyes to his Nose, with R K burned upon his near Hip, about 14 hands high, and two years old. If any person give notice of him to Mr. *Parsons* at the *Golden Anchor* in *St. Martin's Lane* he shall have 20 s. reward.

A Chestnut-coloured drawing Mare, five years old, about 14 hands high, having upon her near foot behind a blemish like a Ring-bone, stolen the 26 instant, by a middle statured man of waddy complexion, about 25 years old, yellow hair, and clothed in a grey cloth Coat. Whoever can give notice of her to *Thomas Fleming* Cow-keeper near the *Hermitage* in *Wapping*, *London*, shall have 20 s.