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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 there of 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 Silisias, 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 Swisses 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.