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Naples, April 16.

ON Thursday last arrived here a Bark from *Me-lazzo*, the general quarter of the *Spaniards* about *Messina*, by which, it is said, our Governour has receiyed Letters from the Marquis of *Villa Franca* Viceroy of *Sicily*, wherein he gives his Excellency an account of the ill posture the affairs of the *Messineses* are in; that they begin to be weary of the *French* Governour, and that the Duke de *Vivonne* had for that reason caused all the Inhabitants to be disarmed, &c. but while we please our selves with stories like these, we do not find that any great progress is made on the part of the *Spaniards* towards the reducing of that City. Two Famous *Banditi* of this Kingdome are lately come in upon promise of pardon, and we hope the like will be done by others; This Kingdome being still very much infested by that sort of people.

Vienna, April 28. The Emperor has accepted of the Mediation of the Republick of *Venice*, and hath ordered his Minister with that State, to acquaint the Senate therewith. Prince *William of Fustemberg* continues still a Prisoner at *Mensstadt*, with small appearance of obtaining his liberty till the conclusion of a general Peace. On Friday last, their Imperial Majesties parted from hence towards *Zell* in *Stria*, with intentions not to continue there above 10 or 12 days. We are told, That several persons of great interest in *Hungary*, who all along favored the Rebels, have now submitted themselves to his Majesty, and we hope others will follow their example; and that by that means a perfect peace and quiet may be established in those parts, which hath so long been wanting, to the great ruine of those Countries, and its Inhabitants.

Ratisbonne, May 2. The matter concerning the bringing on Foot the Forces of the several Circles, is now finally concluded; and it is expected that at the particular Dyets which will be now held in few days for the said Circles, the necessary orders will be given for the march of their respective Troops, which we are told, are to join with the Imperial Army commanded by General *Montecuculi*, in order to the besieging of *Philipsburg*; and that work done, the said Troops of the Circles will block up *Brisac*, while General *Montecuculi* passes with his Army farther in *Alsatia* towards *Lorraine*, but this is all but discourse.

Stetin, May 6. General *Wrangel* has appointed a General Rendezvous of the *Suedish* Forces in *Pomeran*, to be held the 11 instant at *Damme*, about four Leagues from hence, his Excellency intends to leave at *Stargard* a Garrison of 400 Men, besides the garrison which remain there. On Thursday next his Excellency will be here, part of his Baggage being already arrived.

Hamburg, May 6. The *Suedes* begin to move out of their Quarters in *Hinder Pomeran* and to morrow they are to Rendezvous at *Dam*; how they will afterwards dispose of themselves, we are yet to learn. Two days

since hapned a very sad accident not far from *Altenburg*, an ordinary passage Boat sinking on a sudden above 100 Passengers, were drowned. We are told, That our Magistrates have desired the *French* Minister that resides here, to leave this place; and that he is accordingly preparing for his return home.

Frankfort, May 5. The Imperial Army is now on its march again, consisting in about 5000 Horse and 10000 Foot, and seems to take its way towards *Hailbron*, in order to its conjunction with the General *Montecuculi*, and the Imperial Troops that come down that way from their quarters in *Suabia*. The Imperial Generals seem resolved to observe for the future a most exact discipline amongst their Soldiers, to prevent the complaints that were everywhere made of them the last Summer; which that they may do, we are told, that better care is now taken than was formerly, to furnish the Army with Provisions, and especially with Bread; and that the Commissaries are very careful in this matter. It is still said here, that the Imperialists, so soon as their whole Body is joined together, will go and Besiege *Philipsburg*, where the *French* have laid up great stores. The *Brandenburg* Troops remain as yet in their quarters in *Francia*.

Ditté, May 8. This evening arrived here the old Duke of *Lorraine*, and his Troops, which consist in 3000 Horse and 600 Dragoons, are at present in the Valley of *Amersbach*; to morrow they will pass the *Main* here, and take their way directly towards *Bonne*. The Imperial Army continues to march towards *Hailbron*, where, it is said, General *Montecuculi* is arrived, with the other Imperial Troops that come from *Suabia*.

Cologne, May 7. The Clergy of this Diocess have at last agreed with the *Sieur Fario*, though contrary to the commands of their Elector; and it is believed the Nobility will likewise follow their example, rather than expose their Estates to the Incursions of the *Dutch* Troops, who with their parties run as high as *Bon*; seizing on all they meet with in their way. From *Dresden*, where the Elector of *Saxony* has his Court, we have advice, That his Electoral Highness had issued the orders necessary for the march of 400 Horse and 400 Dragoons, to go and join with the Imperialists commanded by General *Cops* in *Silisia*, who were to be followed by two Regiments of Foot, his Electoral Highness being for his Quota to assist the Emperor with 3000 Men.

Brussels, May 11. His Excellency the Duke de *Villa Hermosa*, has commanded as many Troops as can well be spared out of the several Garrisons in these Countries, to repair hither, his Excellency intending to form a Body of them, either to join with the Prince of *Orange*, or to be otherwise employed, as there shall happen occasion. The *French* are drawing their Forces together on our Frontiers; and we understand, that part of those that were designed for the Prince of *Conde's* Army, are marching towards *Alsatia*, the *Imperialists* appearing much stronger, and sooner in the Field, than was expected. The Deputies that were here on the part of the

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