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Milan, April 26.

OUR Governor the Prince of Ligne being recovered of his illness, applies himself chiefly to hasten the new Levies that are still making in this Dutchy; and the rather, for that the Viceroy of Sicily, by his frequent Letters, presses his Excellency to lend him all the Forces from hence he can possibly spare, for that now the time comes on, in which something must be taken in hand towards the reducing of Messina; which we are willing to believe, is in a very ill posture at present, through the want the Inhabitants begin again to have of Provisions, but especially by reason of the jealousies and misunderstanding which are said to be arisen between the French, and the Messineses. It is greatly wondered, that Don Juan of Austria is not yet on his way towards Italy, and many People are apt to believe that his journey is wholly put off.

Warsaw, April 30. Our Letters from the Frontiers give us an account, That his Majesty was arrived from Braclaw at Zlukow, about eight Leagues from Leopold, where the Queen had met his Majesty; that he had put his Troops into the strongest places on the Frontiers of the Ukraine, to refresh them, till such time as some means may be found to recruit them, and put them in a better posture than they are at present in, for otherwise little can be expected from them. We have Advice from Constantinople, that neither the Grand Signior, nor the Grand Visier, will take the Field this Summer, but that only a Body of 20 or 30000 Turks, will be sent to the Cham of Tartary, to whom will be left the management of the War. An Ambassador is arrived from the Sophy of Persia at Smolensko belonging to the Moscovites, having with him above 200 persons in his Train; he hath sent to the King, to desire care may be taken to provide him with all things necessary for his journey to his Court: but his Majesty would rather have him save himself the trouble, and the Crown the charge of this journey, for that it is known his Errand consists only of Compliment.

Copenhagen, May 3. The Swedish Ambassador is still here, and continues to have frequent Conferences with the Commissioners appointed to treat with him; his Excellency upon his first arrival, gave the said Commissioners a project of a nearer Alliance between the two Crowns; which being, it seems, not liked of on this side, the Commissioners delivered his Excellency a project, on which foundation his Majesty of Denmark pretended that such a Treaty of Alliance should be concluded, if matters came so far; and this the Ambassador having by an Express sent to Stockholm, is now expecting an answer, and his final instructions from thence: though in the mean time the general opinion is, that this Negotiation will not have any effect, and that this Crown will engage it self on the part of the Confederates. The Fleet is fitting out here with all the diligence possible, many Seamen come daily from Norway, and other parts of this Kings Dominions, and it is said the Fleet will be ready to go to Sea before the end of this month. We are told, that there are several Privateers Cruising in the Baltic with Brandenburg Commissions, and that they

very much disturb the Swedes Trade and Navigation, and that that King hath therefore ordered two Men of War to be fitted out, and forthwith sent to Sea to Cruise, and secure the Coasts of Sweden.

Vienna, May 9. Their Imperial Majesties are returned from Zell in Stiria, and are at present at Luxemburg. Since the Emperors departure from hence, several extraordinary Couriers have arrived here from the Hague, Brussels, &c. which were forthwith dispatched to the Court; so that we do not know what they brought. On Monday last, the Envoy from the Cham of Tartary, and the Turkish Chiaux, took their leaves of the Vice-President of the Council of War, their Errand hither, having been only to give this Court assurances of friendship and good correspondence. We have advice, that the Swedes have begun to make a Bridge of Boars over the Oder above the City of Crossen, which belongs to the Elector of Brandenburg.

Strasbourg, May 13. The French Troops continue to assemble at St. Diey on the Frontiers of Lorraine, to form the Army which is to be commanded by Monsieur de Turenne this Campaign. It is reported that his Excellency is arrived by Post at Nancy, but without any certainty. In the mean time the Marquis de Vaurban continues to require Contributions throughout all Alsasia. Yesterday Prince Herman of Baden, General of the Imperial Artillery, returned hither, having been to confer with General Montecuculi, who is by this time supposed to be arrived at Hailbron. The Imperial Infantry which have had their Winter-quarters in Swarisswaldt, and those parts, arrived yesterday, under the command of General Wermuller, at Gengenbach, and this day they will be at Offenbourg, from whence they will take their way through the Bailage of Ortenow, directly towards this place.

Sterin, May 15. The 11, 12, and 13 instant, the Swedish Troops, which consisted in about 6000 Horse, and 8000 Foot, passed through this place with their Artillery, Baggage, &c. In their march some time since towards Achter Pomeran, which they come now from quitting, they passed through a place called Lehenitz, about three German miles from hence, belonging to the Elector of Brandenburg, and pretended, it seems, to do the like show in their return; but 500 Brandenburgers having been since put into the place, they, upon the Swedes attempting their passage by force, fired upon them, and killed about 20 of them; upon which, the Swedes brought their Cannon before the place, and it is reported, it is surrendered to them: The Swedes have left 200 Horse, and 400 Foot in Garrison here.

Francfort, May 18. The old Duke of Lorrain parted not from hence till yesterday, when he went to his Troops which were quartered about five German miles from this City, intending to continue his march with them in all diligence towards Bon and Cologne. The Imperial Army at present commanded by Prince Charles of Lorraine, encamped, as we told you in our last, the ninth instant, at Michelsstadt in the County of Erpach; the 10, it marched six Leagues farther, and lodged at Muddach; the 11, marched only three Leagues; and the 12, encamped