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Warsaw, May 7.

TH E King of Poland is at present at Zlokow, about eight Leagues from Leopold, where several Consultations have been held with the Senators of the Kingdom, about the necessary preparations to be made for the enabling his Majesty to take the Field again; who, it is said, very much complains, that after a Campagne of 7 months, in which so great advantages have been procured to the Crown, by restoring under its obedience the greatest part of the Ukraine, and in which both his Majesty in his own Person, and all his Soldiers have suffered so much; through the scarcity of Provisions they found in many places, and the Dangers and Fatigues of the Campagne, no care has been taken here at home to furnish him with the supplies necessary, or to enable him to recruit his Army, which is become so weak, that it cannot longer keep the Field; wherefore, we are told, his Majesty has written to Rome, to pray the Pope, and the College of Cardinals, to hasten the monies they have designed for the assistance of the Poles in this War against the Common Enemy, against whom his Majesty has hitherto almost at his own proper cost been forced to maintain the War. His Majesty, as we understand, continues his resentment against the General of Lithuania, for his withdrawing the Forces of that Dutchy from the Army, which his Majesty thinks he did at the persuasion of those that are not well-affected to his person, and with intention, that his Majesty might be oppress'd by the Infidels in the Ukraine. The King seems likewise to think, that endeavors have been used with the Moscovites, to keep them from joining their Forces with his, and with Dorofenske, to hinder the submission he intended to make to his Majesty, who, amongst these perplexities, remains resolved however to pursue the War.

Naples, May 7. Two days since, the Prince of Montecuculi received his Commission from Spain, to be General of the Naval Forces of that Crown; and at the same time (as we are told) arrived Bills of Exchange for 150 000 Rixdollars, to be employed for the Refitting the Spanish Men of War that are here, so that we now hope in a short time to see them in a posture to sail. The 800 Germans who lately arrived here, parted hence the last Week in several Vessels, hired for that purpose, for Sicily, and with them were sent great quantities of Ammunition, and all sorts of Military Provisions. Our Letters from Melazzo, tell us, That the Spanish Forces are Reinforced daily, that they have posted themselves near Messina, and that the Viceroy of Sicily was daily expected in the Camp; when it was thought something would be attempted upon the Messineses; which the French apprehending, fortifie with all the diligence possible the Posts they possess within the City.

Rome, May 11. The Pope, after several days of Indisposition, is now perfectly well again, as far as his great age will permit. On Wednesday last, Cardinal Nithard, Ambassador of Spain, had a long Audience of his Holiness, on the Subject of the Mediation offered by this Court, for the putting an end to the present War. It is expected that there will be suddenly a new promotion

of Cardinals, which the Cardinal Altieri very much endeavors. No Expedients can as yet be found out for the reconciling the differences between the Cardinal Patron, and the Ambassadors, though great endeavors have to that end been used.

Madrid, May 12. From Cadix of the 21 past, they write, That the Dutch Men of War, who had Conveyed a Fleet of Merchantmen homeward bound, as far as Lisbon, were returned, without having met with any French Men of War, notwithstanding it was reported that a Squadron was Cruising off of Cape St. Vincent, under the Command of Monsieur de Chasteauneuf, so that it is thought he is either gone back for Brest, or passed up the Mediterranean towards Sicily. The Men of War that are fitting at Cadix, will be ready very suddenly; and we are told, that several Men of War are fitting out in Holland at the charge of this Crown, to be employed in these Seas;

Hamburgh, May 24. From Copenhagen they write, That that King had given out Commissions for the raising of three new Regiments, to strengthen the Army he has already on foot; that the Fleet will be ready to go to Sea before the end of this month, and that other preparations are there making for War. The Swedes attempt as yet nothing farther against the Elector of Branauburgh; it is reported here, that they will march towards the Elbe, and into the Bishoprick of Habersstadt, in order to their conjunction with the Troops of the Duke of Hanover, which are reckoned at 8000 Men.

Strasburgh, May 24. The Count de Montecuculi having as we told you in our last, advanced with his Troops to Wilstadt, about a League and an half from hence, Monsieur de Turenne came with part of his Army the 21 instant to Gravenstaden on the River Ill, about a League from this City, to observe the motions of the Imperialists, who, it was thought, would have passed the Rhine here. The 22 instant, the Count of Montecuculi came over the Rhine, and visited the Fortifications of this City, and took an account of its situation, but would not come into the Town, though desired by our Magistrates; this day the said Count is marched with all the Forces he has at present with him, taking his way towards Philipsburg, and will this night have his quarters at Bischofheim; hereupon Monsieur de Turenne is likewise marched that way on the other side of the Rhine towards Bensfelde.

Francfort, May 26. The three Regiments of Gallas, Harrant, and Trautmandorfe, are arrived from Bon in this Neighborhood, and to morrow they will pass the Main here, to join the other Imperialists. The Imperial Army hath passed the Neckar, and marches towards the Rhine; The Prince Pio, who has, it seems the Van, arrived yesterday at Swetzingen on the Rhine, over against Spire, with 4000 Men, after having been the day before with the Elector Palatine at Fredericksbourg, who yesterday in the evening repaired likewise thither, having caused 2000 Foot to join the said Prince. General Montecuculi is likewise on his march from Strasburg towards Philipsburg, which it is generally believed, will be besieged. Two flying Bridges have been brought to

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