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THE 20th instant arrived here Mr. *Shelton* Envoy Extraordinary from His Majesty of Great Britain to the Emperor, to negotiate certain matters relating to a General Peace: But it is said that he has received directions from England to remain here till farther order. The Dyet hath finally resolved to prohibit the bringing in of all French Manufactures into the Empire, and at present they are consulting how to have their resolution in this matter most effectually executed. Our last Letters from Vienna told us, that the Emperess continues still very much indisposed, which occasions much trouble at that Court: That General *Monteculi* would not pass thence, till towards the latter end of the next month, and that it was believed that the Emperor would give Count *Solihers* some command in this Campaign, he having entirely justified himself of whatever had been objected against him relating to his conduct in the Campaign of 1674. in *Flanders*.

Vienna, March 1. This week was celebrated here the Birth-day of the Emperess Dowager, but not with that Solemnity as usually, because of the indisposition of the Emperess, who, as she does not grow worse, so mends very little. We are told that 50000 Crowns have been allowed hither from Spain, of which 20000 are to be paid to the Elector of *Reves*, to make good to him in some measure the damage he hath suffered by the *Fyrench*, and the remaining 30000 are in part of the Subsidy payable by Spain to this Court. Preparations are making at *Newstadt* for the reception there of the Queen Dowager of *Poland*, for which reason the Prince of *Furtemberg* hath been removed from thence to the Castle *Brun*, however it's feared the indisposition of the Emperess may hinder the interview that was intended to be held the next month between their Imperial Majesties, and the Queen Dowager at *Newstadt*. It is said that the *Confederates* have finally agreed, that after the conclusion of the War, *Carlsstadt* shall be demolished, but that in the mean time it shall remain in the condition it now is in. We do not yet hear anything of the departure of the Emperors Plenipotentiaries from hence for *Nimeguen*.

Strasbourg, March 6. Yesterday in the evening we received advice, that the French are preparing to pass the *Rhine* again, and to make an incursion into the Country of *Brissavia*, though it's probable they may be prevented by the Imperialists, who are drawing out of their Winter-quarters towards the *Rhine*, to observe them. The Imperial parties are frequently abroad, and render the commerce between us and the French very insecure; the other day an Imperial party took between *Stolhouen* and *Kastel*, a Wagon, in which they found three small Barrels, and in each 5000 Crowns, going from hence to *Philipsburgh*: though we hear that several Inhabitants of this City claim the said monies, and say it was designed to *Spire*. We expect the *Sieur Verjus*, who is to reside here on the part of France. On Monday last the Duke of *Lorraine* went from his quarters, to that of the

Prince of *Baden*, General of the Imperial Artillery, at *Esslingen*; and the next day his Highness, the Prince of *Baden*, and General *Vermuller*, parted for *Eusterburgh*, to visit the Fortifications there, which they found in a very good posture; and the 4th instant, General *Vermuller* returned to his quarters in the Duchy of *Wirttemberg*.

Cologne, March 10. The Duke of *Newburgh* proceeds with his Levies, intending to raise a Body of 7000 Foot, 1000 Horse, and 500 Dragoons; we cannot yet say for what service they are designed, farther than to secure his Countries from the vexations they have been subject to since the War. The Garrison of *Mayence* is reinforced with 1500 Imperialists, and people work there with great application on the new Fortifications that are raising, for the greater security of that City, upon which it is very much apprehended the French have some design. Our Letters from *Manheim* arrived this morning, give us an account, that the Commander of *Fretten* in the *Palatinate*, understanding that a party of the Garrison of *Philipsburgh*, which had been abroad to gather Contributions, was returning home with a great deal of Booty and that they were to pass his Neighborhood, sent out some Troops, who fell upon the French, and totally routed them, and eased them of their Booty. From *Alsatia* they write, that the French are again drawing 30000 men together, with intention to repair the *Rhine* and to revenge the loss they lately suffered at *Buchholtz*, by pillaging the whole Country of *Brissavia*. On the other side, the Imperial parties are likewise abroad; it is said one of them took the last week a Wagon which was laden with a very considerable Sum of French monies going from *Strasbourg* to *Philipsburgh*.

Berlin, March 6. Preparations are making for another incursion into *Pomerania*, and to make some farther progress there. Our Advices tell us, That the *Suedes* will have a good Army this Summer in these parts, they expecting very considerable reinforcements from *Sueden*, *Finland*, &c.

Hamburg, March 9. The *Suedes* of *Stade* having of late been frequently abroad, and plundered and burnt one or two Villages belonging to the *Danes*; these last, to secure themselves against the like Insults for the future, fitted out at *Altena* a Merchantman of considerable burthen to serve for a Man of War, putting in her 36 pieces of Cannon, and Men and other Arms and Provisions proportionable. The 6th inst. at, this Man of War sailed from *Altena*, attended with another of 8 Guns, and several other smaller Vessels and, as we hear, they have taken their station before the River *winge*, which makes the Communication between *Stade* and the *Elbe*, so that by this means the *Suedes* will be blocked up on the side of the water, if they do not remove the *Danes* from their station, as it's said they are preparing to do. We have here the ill news, that four of our Merchantmen coming from *Spain*, have been arrested at *Gluckstadt*, by order of the King of *Denmark*, for what reason we cannot learn. Our Merchants and their Effects are still under Arrest at *Magdeburg*, the Depu-