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Mosco, Febr. 11.

THe 8th instant, about six a Clock in the afternoon, dyed here our Czar, in the 55 year of his age, and the 9th day of his sickness; that very evening his Son, aged about 16 years, was crowned Czar, and received the Oath of Obedience of all the great Lords and Officers of this Court. The next day at ten in the morning, the deceased Czar was Interred, in this manner: First was carried a great Canopy richly Embroidered with gold and silver Flowers, and almost covered with Diamonds and Pearls. Then followed the Patriarch, and the whole Clergy, making a most pitiful moan and lamentation. Then the Corps of the Czar placed in a Sled, covered with red Cloth, and adorned with Diamonds, and other precious stones in great number, was carried by 24 Lords, next followed the Empress in a Sled covered with black Cloth ik Mite carried by 24 Lords, behind in the Sled there sitting an ancient Matron, in whose Lap the Empress laid her head, then the present Czar placed in a Chair covered with black, carried by six ancient Lords, then the Daughters of the deceased Czar likewise carried in Sles, then the Bojars, which are the most eminent persons in this Countrey, and all the Domesticks as well of the deceased as the present Emperor, Empress, &c. being wailing and lamenting in a most terrible manner.

Cracow, Febr. 24. The Deputies of the Dyet having after several long debates concluded the matters which at the first occasioned some disagreement among them, on Friday last they went, according to custom, with their Marschal or Speaker at the head of them, to present themselves to his Majesty, who received them sitting on his Throne in the Chamber where the Senators have their meeting; and having paid their duties to his Majesty, they by their Speaker prayed he would please to dispose of the vacant Benefices and Offices, and that the term of the present Session might be limited to 4 weeks, in which two points his Majesty promised they should have satisfaction. The next the Archbishop of *Gnesna*, by the Kings order, acquainted the Deputies with what his Majesty thought ought chiefly to be the subject of their consultations during this their meeting, viz. whether it were best to endeavor to make a Peace with the *Turks*, or to continue the War; if the former, by what means an honourable Peace might be best obtained, and whether the mediation of some neighbouring Prince were not to be made use of in order to it; if to continue the War, that they must consult how to put his Majesty in a condition so to do with honour and advantage to the Crown. This done, the Emperors and other Foreign Ministers had Audience of the King, and among others, the Ambassador of *France*, who then presented to his Majesty a solemn Declaration of the King his Master, by which he adopts the Queen of *Poland* his daughter, declaring that accordingly she shall on all occasions be looked upon and treated as a daughter of *France*.

Vienna, March 8. General *Montecuculi* is for the most part present in the Councils of War that are held here, but continues so very much indisposed, that it's doubted he will not be able to command the Army this

Campaign; and in such case it is discoursed, that his Imperial Majesty will put the command of his Forces into the hands of some Prince of the Empire. The Empress is now so weak, that her recovery is almost despaired of. It is reported that the Elector of *Bavaria* has at present 25000 Men on foot, and that he still raises more.

Ravibonne, March 13. At the instance of the Emperor, the States assembled here, have resolved to write in the name of the Empire, to the *Suisse Cantons*, to desire they would not permit Levies to be made in their Territories for the French service. The matter concerning the prohibiting the French Manufactures, is wholly concluded, viz. That after the publication of this Prohibition throughout the Empire, which shall be done by his Imperial Majesty in the same manner as hath been already observed in the Hereditary Countries, it shall be free for the Merchants that have any French Manufactures at present in their hands, to take a years time to dispose of them; and that in the mean time all the States of the Empire, and particularly those on the Frontiers shall be required that they take care that no more Foreign Manufactures and Merchandizes be brought into the Empire. We hear that the Prince of *Baden Dourlach*, General of the Empire, has sent out his orders, that the Troops of the several Circles be ready to march by the 26 of this month.

Strasbourg, March 14. The Imperial Troops begin to move, and several of them have already passed the *Rhine* at *Hauzenburgh*. The French of *Philipsburgh* have burnt down to the ground *Bruchsal*, and *Beinheim*, in the Country of *Baden*. The French we hear are about sending 4000 men to *Kassenholts*, to maintain the passage into the valley of *Malkirkes* and to be so much nearer to *Schlestadt*. We still believe that they will only act defensively in these parts this Summer. Yesterday, and the day before, arrived here a great quantity of Corn and Meal, which is to be laid up here for the service of the Imperialists, and other considerable quantities are daily expected from *Bohemia* for the same use. It was believed that Major General *Schultz*, who has been abroad with a considerable party, would have attempted something upon *Deux Ponts*, but he advanced no farther than *Anwoyler*, and has again repassed the *Rhine* at *Lauterburgh*.

Eolozne, March 17. In all appearance the sharpest Action will be this Summer near the *Moselle*. In *Treves* there is already a Garrison of 7000 Men, and besides we are told that several other Troops are ordered to march that way. From *Strasbourg* they write, That the Imperial Troops have already in several places quitted their Winter-quarters, and are marching towards the *Rhine*. We are likewise passing our selves here into a posture of defence, the Heer *Hees*, at present Governor of the Fortrefs *Homburg*, is made choice of to command our Troops, and our Magistrates have resolved to reinforce every Company to 250 men.

Hamburg, March 17. The Deputies of the several Allies again assembled at *Bremen*, in order to their taking a final resolution concerning the siege of *Stade*, where the *Suedes* are making what provision they can for their