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Naples, March 3.

Our Viceroy has given orders for the fitting out the Gallies of this Kingdom with all diligence. Here are likewise fitting three Spanish Men of War, who sustained some time since much damage in bad weather. Lieutenant Admiral de Ruyter continues at Melazzo.

Copenhagen, March 20. This morning the great Chancellor of this Kingdom, the Count *Griffenfeldt*, as he was going to Court, was Arrested, by the King's order, and carried Prisoner to the Castle, where he remains, his House being beset by a Guard, and all his Papers sealed up. We do not yet know the cause of this his sudden disgrace; a Placet has been published here for the seizing and confiscating the Goods and Effects belonging to the Subjects of the Crown of *Sueden*, that are within the Territories of his Majesty. Our preparations both by Sea and Land advance apace, and it's said our Troops have orders to be ready to march by the end of this month.

Vienna, March 15. Count *Montecuculi* continuing very much indisposed in his health, we are told that the Emperor has given the command of his Army to the Duke of *Lorraine*, yet so, as that he shall take his residence this Summer in some place which may be nearest the Army, to assist the Duke with his counsel; and accordingly it's said that he will part hence the beginning of the next month. Orders are given out to the Regiments of Foot of the Duke of *Brunswicke Wolfenbutzel*, of the Count *Maffini*, and of the Count *Kawatts*, the Regiment of *Groats* of Count *Palfi*, and the Regiment of Dragoons of Colonel *Wopping*, making in all 9000 Men, to march forthwith towards the *Rhine*; and at the same time the Regiment of *Caraffa* is commanded to march towards *Pomerania*, to reinforce the Body of Imperial Troops that acted in those parts the last Summer under General *Cops*, who is come hither very much indisposed, and has resigned his command to General *Keyserstein*. Several Regiments are likewise ordered to march towards *Hongry*, to have an eye upon the *Turks*, who, it's feared, may attempt something upon the Fort of *Schella*, lately built by the *Imperialists*. From *Poland* we have advice, That the *Dyets* had resolved to make a strict Alliance with this Court, and in order thereunto, intended to send hither a solemn Embassy.

Esslingen, March 20. The 16 instant, Prince *Herman* of *Baden*, General of the Imperial Artillery, after having taken several Posts about *Philipsburg* on the other side of the *Rhine*, caused his Troops to do the like on this, they possessing themselves of *Graben*, *Rousheym*, and other places in that Neighborhood, where they are raising several Forts and Redoubts, in order to the blocking up of *Philipsburg*, which is already so far done, as to hinder their incursions into the Duchy of *Wirtemberg*, the *Palatinate*, and the Marquisate of *Baden*, which before lay open to them. It is said that the *French* of *Philipsburg* have had a design upon *Spire*, but that they were prevented in it. The 18 instant they came out

with 400 Foot, and 200 Dragoons, with intention to have surprized the *Imperialists* that were in *Ronsheim*, but being discovered, they retired, without attempting anything. The Magistrates of *Strasburgh* have prayed the Prince of *Baden* to send them 1000 Foot, for the security of their City.

Strasburgh, March 20. We are told that Monsieur *Verjus* the French Envoy, has demanded of our Magistrates, that they will cause several Arches of their Bridge over the *Rhine*, to be forthwith broken down, or otherwise that they will give Hostages, that the *Imperialists* shall not have any liberty to pass it this whole Campaign, to which our Magistrates have not as yet given any answer, but in the mean time have reinforced their Garrison in the Fort that guards their Bridge. The Prince of *Baden* has begun to block up *Philipsburg* as well on this as the other side of the *Rhine*, and has turned the course of the River which makes the communication between that place and the *Rhine*. The last week the *Mareschal de Rochefort* arrived at *Saverne* with 180 Waggon, laden with Ammunition and Provisions. It is believed he will endeavor to remove the *Imperialists* from the Posts they have taken to block up *Philipsburg*, or at least to put a good Convoy into it; and yesterday and this day we have news, that he is marched with 6000 Men towards *Lauterburgh*. The *Dyets* at *Ratisbonne* has written to the 13 *Swiss Cantons*, to desire them not, to give any assistance to the *French*, as being contrary to the Alliance they have with the Emperor and the Empire.

Cologne March 24. The report here is, that the Duke of *Nemburgh* will put the Forces he has lately raised into the service of the Emperor, though with what certainty we know not. From *Strasburgh* they write, That the Imperial Troops are marching from their several quarters, and that before the middle of the next month they will be in a Body, commanded by the Duke of *Lorraine*; for according to the advices from *Vienna*, Count *Montecuculi* will not go into the Field, but if his health permit, will come to *Strasburgh*, or some other convenient place near the Army, to give the Duke his advice upon all occasions. The death of the Electress of *Bavaria*, is confirmed by Letters from *Munich*, which left that Court in great grief; she was Sister to the late Duke of *Savoy*, and Cousin-German by her mother to the Most Christian King that now is. The Marquis *de Grana* is not yet returned from the *Hague*.

Liege, March 24. The French continue to work in order to the demolishing of our Citadel, all the Ammunition and Arms they have already transported to *Maeffricht*, and yesterday most of the Cannon was likewise shipped to be carried thither. According to the advices we have here, they intend to blow up the Castle of *Huy* to morrow.

Brussels, March 27. On Wednesday last, all our Spanish Cavalry that were quartered at *Louvain*, *Diest*, *Halet*, and those quarters, had orders to march with all speed to *Hasselt*, the quarters of Count *Nassau*, and to obey his orders, who joined to them a considerable Body of Dutch Troops, and marched with them towards the *Meuse*, upon a design, of which we are as yet ignorant, though