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Milan, March 25.

OUR Governor the Prince de Ligne continues to give out Commissions to raise Men for the service of *Sicily*; a considerable number hath lately been embarked at *Final*, to be Transported thither, and more will suddenly follow.

Legorn, April 5. From *Sicily* we hear, That upon the instances of the Lieutenant Admiral de *Ruyser* to that Viceroy, to attempt something on the side of the Land, while he with his Fleet approached *Messina* by water, his Excellency had sent out 2000 men, under the command of Signior *Bracamonte*, to attack a Post called *Paradiso*, three Leagues from *Messina*, but that the French having had notice thereof sallied out of *Messina* with 4000 men, having fallen upon the *Spaniards*, and forced them to retire with considerable loss.

Genova, April 8. A Bark of this place arrived here in eight dayes from *Trapano*, brings advice, That the Dutch and Spanish Fleet was entred into the Fare of *Messina*, and that the *Spaniards* by Land had possessed themselves of the *Capucins*, a very advantageous Post, and that they very much strained *Messina*.

Strasbourg, April 13. The French Troops, who have had their Winter-quarters in *Burgundy, Sundgow*, and the *Upper Alsatia*, begin to march to the general Rendezvous, which is to be held near *Schlesstadt*, behind the Retrenchment which they have made between that place and *Kastenholtz*. The 11 instant 2000 Horse and Foot, which came from *Burgundy*, and are going to the said Rendezvous, lodged at *Ruffach*. The Duke of *Luxembourg* has been at *Brisach*, to take a review of the Forces that are there, and is returned again to *Schlesstadt*. The Imperial Troops at the same time march from their quarters in *Suabia, Franconia, &c.* towards the *Rhine*, while in the mean time *Philippburgh* continues blocked up, and a Body of 14 or 15000 Men are quartered in and about *Lauterburgh*, which may be drawn together in few hours upon any motion of the Enemies. The Duke of *Lorraine* is at his Head-quarter at *Esslingen*, and the Margrave of *Baden Dourlich* commands at present at *Lauterburgh*. The Governors of *Philippburgh* and *Haguenaw*, have received orders to restore the Merchandizes that have been arrested by them, belonging to the Inhabitants of this City.

Colozne, April 17. The Duke of *Newburgh*, so soon as the Assembly of the States of *Fuliers* and *Berg* is concluded, will part hence for *Vienna*. Here is a report that 4 or 5000 Men are marched from *Maestricht*, to set the Countrey of *Fuliers* under Contribution, and that because of the Treaty he is said to have concluded with the Emperor and the Allies. Yesterday five Companies marched from *Bon to Treves*, where the Garison at present is very strong. From *Vienna* we have advice, of the 9th instant, that the day before, at five in the morning, the Empress dyed there, after a long and lingering sickness; for which that Court was in great grief.

Hamburgh, April 18. *Stade* continues, as we told you in our last, blocked up by the *Lunenburg* and *Mun-*

ster Troops, the *Sieur Chaucet*, who commands the former, expecting those of the other Confederates in order to his beginning the Siege. The Marechal *Horne*, Governor of *Stade*, has, it's said, put things within in a very good posture, the whole Garison as well *Suedes* as *Germans* having voluntarily taken an Oath to defend the place to the last extremity, and so long as their Governor shall think it in a condition to be defended. Yesterday the Dukes of *Zell* and *Hanouer* passed through this City incognito to *Alrens*, to confer with the Queen Mother of *Denmark*, who is said to be arrived there, and to confer with her Majesty concerning the affair of the Duke of *Holstein*, not without a good appearance of accomodating those matters. Our Letters from *Copenhagen* of the 14 instant advise us, that a Squadron of 17 Men of War were sailed from thence for the Coast of *Pomeran*, and from thence we are told that they had been seen off of the Isle of *Rugen*. The *Sieur Arlon*, the French Ambassador at *Copenhagen*, has, we hear, taken his leave, and is suddenly expected here in his return to *France*. The affairs of *Griffenfeldt* are in a very ill posture, and people talk as if several persons of quality were concerned with him, whose names are not as yet made publick.

Brussels, April 21. The 19 instant, the Prince of *Orange* arrived at *Sempis*, three Leagues from hence; and yesterday in the afternoon the Duke of *Villa Hermosa*, our Governor, went to confer with his Highness at *Vilvorde* and returned again in the evening. This morning early the Dutch Troops begun to pass the River *Senne*, in order to their further march. Those that have seen them, report them to be very brave Troops. On Sunday morning we had advice, that the Enemy had besieged *Conde*, in which is a Garison of 2200 men, with all things necessary. The French of *Maestricht* have, we hear, surprized *Sittard*, a small Town belonging to the Duke of *Newburgh*, and after having pillaged it, blew up the walls; it is said they threaten the like treatment to several other small places in the Duchy of *Fuliers*. Yesterday several Troops marched from hence to *Mons*.

Ditto. On Friday last, the French Horse from several parts invellied *Conde*, and the Foot being come up the next day, they begun the Siege. Last night the Batteries were finished, and this morning the Besiegers begun to fire into the Town; on Thursday, it's said, they will make an Assault. On Sunday the Prince of *Orange* arrived with his Cavalry and Dragoons at *Sempis*, three Leagues from hence, where the Infantry came up with him yesterday. His Excellency was yesterday to give his Highness a visit at his quarters. This night we are assured his Highness will with his whole Army pass the *Senne* at *Vilvorde*, and so continue his march with all speed by this City on the *Flanders* side towards *Mons*, being, as we are told, resolved either to fight the French, or to oblige them to quit the Siege of *Conde*. Our Governor is likewise preparing to take the Field with what Troops he can draw together out of these Countries, together with those that are expected from the Duke of *Newburgh*, and Elector of *Brandenburgh*.

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