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Venice, January 29.

WE have advice from Sicily, that the Marquis De Castel Rodrigo, Vice-Roy of that Kingdom, arrived at Palermo about the middle of the last month; that the chief motive of his coming thither was, to endeavour the settlement of a Contribution from the Barons of the Kingdom towards the carrying on the War. That with their assistance, together with the 3000 men he expects from Naples, and the 2000 from Milan, he proposes to bring into the Field an Army of 18000 men. That 18 French Men of War, having been sent off of Palermo the Vice Roy had immediately re-inforced the neighbouring Garrisons, and particularly Termini, the inhabitants of which place are said not to be very well affected to the Spanish Government: The same care had been taken to re-inforce Trapani, Siracusa, and other Places, which were most exposed to the Enemy. That Melazzo was still Invested, and that it was reported, the French had taken a very considerable Post near it. That there were great commotions at Catania, notwithstanding the presence of the Maître de Camp General, and other principal Officers of the Army.

Genoa, Jan. 31. On Friday last, 7 Spanish Men of War, and several Tartanes, on which were embarked 2500 Soldiers, sailed from Final to Sicily.

Argiers, Decemb. 25. This Government continues firm in its resolution to maintain the Peace inviolably with the English, and as a mark thereof, have caused several Goods taken out of some English ships by their Meit of War, to be restored to the English Consul, and the Offenders to be punished; and accordingly there are at present remaining in the Consuls hands 18 Chests of Sugar, 30 Hogheads of Tobacco, four Bales of Bayes, two Barrels of Nails, 18 Quoyle of Cordage, and a Hauser, which will be delivered to the Owners, upon their application to the Consul.

Vienna, Febr. 4. The Emperor, having granted a General Pardon to the Male-contents of Hungary, with restitution of their Goods and Estates, and liberty to have a Church in every Province for the free exercise of their Religion, the General Baragotz parted hence some days since to carry the said Pardon; and we hear already, that most of the said Male-contents, upon the advice they had, that the Emperor had declared he would grant the same, are retired to their respective homes; and that about two or three thousand have put themselves into his Imperial Majesty's service, in which, it's said they would be followed by many others; insomuch that we are told, that of them, and those Troops the Emperor would have been obliged to have kept in Hungary this Summer, in case this accommodation had not been made, an Army of 18 or 20000 men will be formed, to be employed in the present War, as there shall be occasion. This Court, as we are informed, does not take it well, that the King of Poland should send the Marquis de Bethune, a French-man to complement their Imperial Majesty upon the subject of their Marriage. The Popes Nuncio having taken his

leave of the Emperor, means to pass hence to morrow on his way towards Nimeguen; whether he will, in few days, be followed by the Bishop of Gurck, the Emperors first Ambassador for the Treaty.

Frankfort, Febr. 7. You will have already heard of the execution that hath been done by the Count de Bussy, who, between the Rhine and the Saar, hath burnt about 206 Villages, and would have proceeded to have made farther spoil in the Lower Palatinate, but that Colonel Bentleben, with several Troops of the Elector Palatine under his command, came and posted himself at Laurerne. The French have finished all their Mines at Deuxponts, so that when the command is given, all the Fortifications will be demolished in few hours. The Records and other Papers of State, are removed from thence, and the Library that was there, is, it's said, given to the Archbishop of Rheims. On the other side the Imperialists are drawing a Body of Men together, and to that purpose the Regiment of Chavignac has endeavoured to pass the Rhine at Philipburgh, but has been hitherto hindered by the high waters. The Imperialists are extremely pleased at the certain news we have from Hungary, of the submission of the Malecontents of that Kingdom.

Cologne, Febr. 19. The Baron de Platen, Marschal of the Court of the Bishop of Osnabrug, continues still here, but purposes to part from hence, some time the next week for Nimeguen, in quality of Envoy Extraordinary from the said Bishop. The Duke of Neuburg is now on his return towards these parts, the 18 Instant his Highness was to arrive at Rasselheim, about a League from Mentz, where the Landgrave of Darmstadt, his Brother-in-law, would meet him. From Strasburgh they write, that the French continue to work for the demolishing of Saverne, and that the Inhabitants of the Town of Molsheim feared it would be their turn next. A Party of the Duke of Neuburgs Troops hath had an encounter with another Party belonging to Maestricht, in which the former had the advantage, and hath brought hither 40 Prisoners. Part of the Osnabrug Troops are come to Weringhen, two Leagues from this City, which place they are fortifying. A Party of the said Troops have been within the Territories of Aix la Chapelle, where they have taken a great booty.

Nimeguen, Febr. 17. The Preliminary Points are now adjusted, and in few dayes the several Parties will enter upon the Treaty in order to a Peace, which is at present the desire and prayer of many thousands of people who have been reduced to the utmost extremity by the calamities of the War. We expect here in a day or two the Sieur Stragman, the Emperors third Ambassador.

Amsterdam, Febr. 19. The Letters we receive from Germany, speak of the great Armies the Emperor is resolved to bring into the Field this Campaign, to be commanded by General Montecuculi, who, it's said, will endeavor to enter into France, and that in order thereunto he will come down towards Treves. We are told that the Marquis de Oran is in few dayes expected at the Hague, on the part of the Emperor, to concert with

The Ministers of the other Allies the operations of the next Campaign. In the mean time our Letters from *Flanders* give an account that the Marechal d'*Humieres* had already drawn together a Body of 20000 men, and that a great many pieces of Cannon for Battery with Ammunition, &c. had been brought from *Aeth* and *Tournay* to *Sonds*, which has occasioned a report of the Enemies design to besiege *Mons* or *St Ghislain*. Our Letters from *Mosco* inform us of some troubles in that Court, arisen upon the discovery that had been made of a wicked design against the life of the present Czar.

Antwerp, Febr. 17. The French proceed with great severity against those that have Estates in the French Conquests, and have any relations in the service of these Countries, in so much that several hundred Families have been forced to quit their Habitations, and to come hither, and to other places, for refuge. Here has been a discourse, as if there was a likelihood of the Count de *Montercy's* returning hither as Governor of these Provinces.

Brussels, Febr. 19. Yesterday *Don Emanuel de Lira*, who has the character of Envoy Extraordinary from the King of *Spain* to the States General of the United Provinces, parted from hence on his journey to the *Hague*, to be present at a meeting of all the Allies, at which the Marquis de *Grana* will likewise assist on the part of the Emperor. The Dutch Minister has acquainted our Governor General, by order of the Prince of *Orange*, that his Highness had appointed the general Rendezvous of his Army betwixt *Langbrac* and *Rosendale*, the 10 of the next month; and that in few days after he would begin to march, sufficient care having been taken to provide the necessary subsistence for the Cavalry, till such time as there shall be Forage in the Field. The French have been moving these three or four days to amuse us, but they still continue their quarters at *Enghien* and *Nivelle*. The Dutches of *Aerschot* is come hither from *Mons*, of which as likewise of the Province of *Hainault* the Duke her Husband is Governor, upon the appearance there is of the Enemies designing to besiege that City. Our Letters from *Flanders* give us an account, that his Most Christian Majesty is suddenly expected at *Dunkirk*; that preparations are making there for his Majesties reception; that many great Cannon, Mortar-pieces, Bombes, and all materials for a Siege, have been embarked there in several Vessels, which were gone to *Berg St Wynox*. This day we have advice from *Enghien*, that the Marquis de *Louvois* came last night to *Aeth* with 2000 Horse, upon which his Excellency has, it's said, deferred his journey, which he intended to have begun yesterday, towards *Flanders*. The Princes of *Lunenburg*, and the Bishop of *Munster* have, we hear, resolved to send 8 or 9000 men to the assistance of the King of *Denmark*. From *Liege* we are told, that the French are making several new Fortifications at *Dinant*; that they likewise fortifie the Castle of *Stavelo*; and that they intend to keep a Body of 10000 men in *Maestricht* all this Summer, to awe the Neighbouring Countries.

Dind, Febr. 23. On Friday last a considerable Body of Horse and Foot marched from *Aeth*, upon some great design, as is believed; which was however prevented by the illness of the weather, and the said Troops obliged to return to *Aeth*. On Sunday night last the Burgundian Regiment marched from *Vilvoord*, crossing the Country towards *Mons*, where we believe it safely arrived, having heard nothing to the contrary, and that they passed through Woods in such bad weather that no body could think it possible to march; the continuance of this ill weather affords us cause of joy, for that it is the great security of these Countries, in hindering the French from beginning

the Campaign so soon as they otherwife intended, and now we hope we shall be able to take the Field at the same time as they, for his Excellency has received reiterated assurances from the Prince of *Orange*, that his Highness will be in the Neighborhood of this City on the 18 of the next month, with an Army of 30000 men. The Duke of *Newburg's* Minister has received part of the Subsidies remaining due to his Highness, to enable him to recruit his Forces against the Campaign. The account we gave you in our last of the arrival of the Marquis de *Louvois* at *Aeth* proves a mistake. The Regiments of Prince *Maurice* and Count *Waldeck* are ordered to come hither, for the security of these parts, two more are at *Louvaine*, and two others are marched to *Dixmude* and *Ipres*.

Paris, Febr. 24. The King will part hence to the Army the 10 of the next month, or perhaps sooner; most of the Troops of the Household are already on their march. From *Germany* we have an account, that our Troops have actually quitted *Guernow*, and that they are demolishing *Saverne*. In *Flower* preparations seem to be making for the Siege of *Mons*. *Omers*. Here has been a report of the death of the Duke *Vivonne* at *Messina*, but without any certainty.

Portsmouth, Febr. 13. You had formerly an account, that four Dutch Men of War of the Squadron of the Sieur *Almonde*, after having been in much danger, through the great quantity of Ice they met with on their own Coast, were come back hither; two of the said Men of War, mounted with 70 to 80 Guns each, are at present at anchor at *Spithead*, as *Cowes* are two more, where they will continue, till they have reason to believe their Coast to be free of Ice.

Whitehall, Febr. 15. This day the two Houses of Parliament, pursuant to His Majesties last Prorogation of them, met at *Westminster*: And His Majesty being come into the House of Lords, attired in His Royal Robes, with the Crown upon His Head, and with the usual solemnity seated in His Throne, was pleased to send for the House of Commons up, who accordingly attending His Majesty at the Bar of the Lords House, His Majesty made a most gracious Speech to the two Houses, on the subject of their Meeting; which done, the Lord Chancellor farther most eloquently declared His Majesties mind to them on this occasion; upon which the Commons returned to their own House, and entered upon the Debate of several Matters.

Whitehall, Febr. 16. This evening the Sieur du *Cas*, Envoy Extraordinary of the Duke of *Slewick Holstein*, had Audience of His Majesty, and afterwards of his Royal Highness, to which he was conducted by Sir *Charles Conerel*, Master of the Ceremonies.

Advertisements.

Lost from *Whitehall*, Febr. 15. A Liver-coloured Spaniel Bitch with white Legs, and a little white tip on her tail, also a little white upon her flank, and a white Ring about her neck. Whoever gives notice of the said Bitch, at the Kings Back-stairs, shall have two Guineys Reward.

Stolen or strayed Febr. 1. out of the Grounds of *Richard Stockdel* in the Parish of *Speen*, *Berks*, A bright bay Gelding 15 hands high and better, thorough-paced, five years old coming, the hair rub'd off his eye-brows, no white about him, and no shoes. Whoever gives notice of the said Gelding to Mr. *William Hunt* of *Newberry*, or Mr. *John Holland* at the *Swan Inn* in *Aldergate-street*, London, shall have 40s. Reward.

An ancient Inn, called the *Bell Savage Inn*, situate on *Langgate-hill*, *London*, consisting of about 40 Rooms, with good Cellarage, Stabling for 100 Horses, and other good accommodations, is to be Lett at a yearly Rent, or the Lease thereof to be Sold, with, or without the Goods in the House. Inquire at the said Inn, or of Mr. *F.ancis Griffith* a Scrivener in *Newgate-street* near *Newgate*, and you may be fully informed.

These are to give notice unto whom it may concern, that about the middle of July 1695 there came a black Box of Writings directed to Mr. *William Layton* a Cook at the *Pye Bull* in *Chelster*, into the hands of Mr. *John Taylor* Master of the said Inn, the said *Layton* never came to own the same; and the Writings in the said Box concern *William Rodgers* of *High Holborn*, in the County of *Middlesex*, who lived at the *White Bear* in the year 1693. there is in it one Bond due to Mr. *Roberts Sprignell* of *London* Gent. from a *Lincolnshire* Gentleman, with other Writings and Bonds. The said Box and Writings are ready to be delivered by the said Mr. *Taylor*, unto any person that can legally challenge the same.