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Milan, Febr. 17.

THe Marquis de Liebe, designed Ambassador Extraordinary from the King of Spain to the Pope, continues here, in expectation of some farther Orders from the Court, without which he cannot proceed on his journey to Rome. Our Governor the Prince of Ligne has sent to most of the Princes of Italy, to desire them to grant liberty to the Spanish Officers to make Levies in their respective Territories for the service of Sicily, but as yet we know not what answer they will give; in the mean time we raise what men we can in this Dutchy, to reinforce our old Regiments, who are much weakened, through the Succors that have been sent to Sicily.

Dantzick, Febr. 17. We cannot yet judge what conclusion the Dyet assembled at Warsaw will have, the main Points treated of in it, are concerning the confirming the Peace with the Turkes, and the raising the monies necessary for the paying of the Army. From Moscovy we have Letters which give an account, that an Answer had been at length returned to the Memorial given in by the Envoy of Denmark, in which it is said, that the present conjuncture of affairs was such, that the Czar could not think fit to take as yet any final resolution, concerning what had been proposed to him by the said Envoy, relating to his entering into a War against the Crown of Sweden.

Copenhagen, Febr. 23. The News we had lately of the loss of the ship Oldenburg, bound for the East-Indies, proves not true, but we have an account that the said ship having suffered very much in bad weather; is put into Norway. The 11 instant, being the Anniversary which is kept here in memory of the Swedes raising the siege of this City in the former War, was celebrated with the usual demonstrations of joy. We have not of late any thing new from S. honon, and here we continue our preparations for an early Campaign.

Hamburgh, March 2. The Heer Tromp is at present in this City, and in a day or two will continue his journey to Holland. We are told that the Duke of Hanover has, pursuant to the Emperors Order, withdrawn three of his Regiments out of the Territories of Saxony, where they have had their quarters. A meeting of the States of the Lower Saxony, will be suddenly held at Brunswick.

Strasburgh, Febr. 26. As well the Imperialists, as French, upon the instance of the Chapter of the Cathedral at Saverne, which in times of Peace is the ordinary residence of the Bishop of Strasburgh, have granted a Neutrality to that City, with a farther promise from the latter, not to demolish any of their Fortifications, except the Citadel, which they now resolve, contrary to their first intention, to abandon and to raze, with which the Inhabitants are very well satisfied.

Francfort, March 3. The French, we hear, work very hard on the Fortifications of Nancy, in which they employ the Country people for many miles round; the instances which have been made on the behalf of the City

of Saverne have proved successful, for the Emperor, as well as the Most Christian King, hath granted it a Neutrality, and so the French will leave it, demolishing only the Citadel. We are told that the French will have this Summer three small Armies in Germany, the one to act on the Moselle, under the command of the Marechal de Crequi, the other on the side of Alsacia, under the Duke of Luxemburgh, and the third near Mombellard, under the command of the Marechal Duras, but these are reports, which have nothing of certainty. In the meantime the Imperialists are preparing to take the Field so soon as the season is proper, that is, when there is Forage in the Field, they will be divided into two Armies; the main one, commanded by the Count de Montecuculi, will march towards the Moselle, and the other, commanded by the Duke of Lorraine, will act on the side of Alsace: And we are assured that these two Armies will together make 60000 men, without reckoning the Troops of several Princes of the Empire, who are in the War: And because several of the Circles do pretend that they are so ruined by Winter quarters, that they are not able to furnish their whole quotas of troops, the Emperor has given Orders to supply their defect, by drawing more Forces of his own out of his Hereditary Countries.

Cologne, March 2. The 24 past, their Electoral Highnesses of Brandenburg arrived with a great train at Lipsstadt, and the next day at Ham, where they continued the 27, the Elector having been taken ill of the Gout. On Saturday last the Duke of Neuburg arrived at Mentz, where he was received with all the honors and respects due to his rank and quality. To morrow of next day his Highness is expected here. From Switzerland we have Letters of the 24 past, which advise, that the Deputies of all the Cantons were assembled at Basle, to resolve concerning the answer they shall return to the instances made to them on the part of the Most Christian King, not to grant the Imperialists liberty to pass through their Territories. From Alsace of the 26 past they write, that France had promised a Neutrality to the Towns of Saverne and Molsheim, at which those poor Inhabitants were extremely joyed.

Ditto, March 5. Yesterday all the Burghers were in Arms the whole day, to receive the Duke of Neuburg, who was hourly expected, but as yet his Highness is not arrived. Our Magistrates have appointed Deputies to go and compliment his Highness at Mulheim, about half a League from hence. We have advice that the Elector of Brandenburg is taken ill of the Gout in his journey to Wesel, which may hinder the Conference intended between him, the Prince of Orange, and other Princes, for that we believe the Prince of Orange will hasten into the Field, seeing the French have already begun the Campaign in Flanders.

Brussels, March 5. In our last we gave you an account that the French Troops which were quartered at Namur, Engghien, &c. were marched from thence towards Conde and Tourway, but we did not then know what place they designed to attack, which we now understand

to be *Valenciennes*; on Monday the *Mareschals de Luxembourg* and *de Humieres* took their several Posts about the place, and gave the necessary Orders for making the Line of Contravallation. On Thursday the King, who parted from *St. Germain* on Sunday last, arrived in the Camp, and this day the Trenches were intended to be opened. From *Mons* they write, that there was arrived a certain person, who had seen the French Army before *Valenciennes*, and reports it to consist in about 60000 Combatants, besides 6000 Pioneers, who are all armed; and adds, that they have 80 pieces of Cannon for Battery, and 30 great Mortar-pieces. In the Town is a very good Garrison, viz. five Regiments of Foot, besides a sixth formed of those Inhabitants, and 10 or 1200 Horse, not reckoning a Regiment of Horse and four Companies of Dragoons, which we are told got into the plate from *Cambray*; and it's not doubted but the Burghers, who are very numerous, and very well disciplin'd, will likewise do their parts for the defence of their City, notwithstanding the endeavors that have been used to the contrary by *Quincy*, who had caused several Papers to be dispersed in the Town, exhorting them to an early submission to the King. From *Holland* we understand, that all the Troops that are to compose the Princes Army, are on their march to the place appointed for their Rendezvous. And from *Germany* we have an account by the hands of the Count *de Caprara*, who resides here on the part of the Emperor, that his Imperial Majesty had sent Orders to the Count *de Charvignac*, to pass the *Rhine* with a Body of Men composed of Horse, Foot, and Dragoons, and to march towards the French Frontiers, to take such Posts, as may be convenient for the facilitating the designs of the Imperial Army this Campaign, which will consist of above 60000 men, besides the *Newburg*, *Lunenburg*, and *Onzbrug* Troops, and will take the Field about the middle of the next month. From *Lille* they write, that great preparations are making there for the Siege of *St. Omer*, which will be begun so soon as that of *Valenciennes* is ended, or rather before. We expect three millions of Crowns by the next Ordinary from *Spain*, which will enable our Governor to discharge the arrears of Subsidies at present owing to the Allies, and to make the necessary provision for the security of these Provinces. We hear that the Elector of *Brandenburg* is by a Fit of the Gout detained at *Ham*, which is about 15 Leagues from *Wesel*, which may hinder the intended Conference there.

Antwerp, March 6. After having been entertained with several reports concerning the Enemies designs, and the places they would besiege at the opening of the Campaign, we have at present certain advice, that on Monday last the French Army, which is said to be composed of 45000 Foot, besides Horse, and commanded by *Monsieur de Louvoy*, and the two *Mareschals Luxembourg* and *Humieres*, set down before *Valenciennes*, and having taken their several Posts, prepared all matters against the Kings arrival in the Camp, which was on Thursday last towards the evening; and that his Majesty having informed himself of the posture things were in, commanded the Trenches should be opened the next day. The Enemy we hear, pretend to be Masters of *Valenciennes*, by the 10 of this month at farthest, but much will depend upon the Burghers, who, if they do their part, may perhaps give them work enough. The Governor of the place is a brave Commander, being a person of great experience and knowledge in Military matters. As for *St. Omer*, which the general report says will be likewise besieged, we cannot as yet write any thing with

certainty farther than that at *Lille* and other places in the French Conquest, great preparations are making for another Siege besides *Valenciennes*, but whether it be *St. Omer*, *Ipres*, or any other place the French pretend to attack, we are yet to learn. We hope to hear in few days that the Prince of *Orange* is marched at the head of his Army, we having a certain account, that the Troops which are to compose it, are marching with all diligence to the place appointed for the general Rendezvous.

Amsterdam, March 5. By the last Italian Post we have advice from *Legorn*, that on the 12 past there arrived a French Man of War in 14 days from *Messina*, the Captain whereof reported, that the *Sieur Valbelle* was parted with five Men of War from *Messina* for *Thoulon*, and that the *Sieur de Quesne* was abroad with five Men of War more, and three Fireships, with design to attempt the burning the Spanish ships that are put into *Portolongone*, after having sold two of their company. There are arrived Letters from the *Sieur Binches*, who commands the Dutch Squadron of Men of War in the West Indies, dated the 10 of December at *Tobago*, in which he gives an account, that he had raised a Fort there, and had put things into a good posture, having had notice that the Count *d'Estrees* was coming with a Squadron of French Men of War into those parts.

Hague, March 5. The last Letters we received from *Groningen* told us, that the Prince of *Orange* proposed to part from thence the day following on his return hither. In the mean time Count *Waldecke* hastens the march of the Troops towards the Rendezvous, and the more, for that by an Express, we have an account from *Flanders*, that on Monday last the French begun the Siege of *Valenciennes* and that the King was expected in the Camp as on yesterday. From *Liege* we are told, that those Magistrates had once resolved to raise several Troops for their own security, but that they were hindered from executing the same, by a dispute between their Prince, the Elector of *Cologne*, and them, concerning the command of them: This State hath lately made a demand of 100000 Crowns from the Clergy of that Diocess, by way of Contribution.

Ditto, March 9. Yesterday the Prince of *Orange* returned to this place from *Groningen*, and was this day in the Assembly of the States General, to give them an account of what he had done there. This day were mustered the two Regiments of Guards of Horse and Foot, in order to their beginning their march to-morrow towards the Rendezvous, whether his Highness will himself follow in few days, having, as is said, laid aside his intended journey to *Wesel*. From *Nimeguen* they write, that the several Ambassadors had finally given in their Propositions, on which their respective Masters are content to make a Peace, to the English Ambassadors as Mediators, to be by them communicated to their adverse Parties.

Advertisements.

PLate to the value of Twenty pounds, is to be Run for by Footmen at *Preston* Course in *Lancashire*, upon Tuesday in Easter Week, being the 17 day of April next: For Person to be excepted against, putting in his Name ten days before the Course, to the Mayor of *Preston*, with Ten Shillings, and to give one Heat over the Course before the day of Running.

LOst Febr. 28. in *Bishopsgate street* near *Berlim*, 32 pair of Woven Silk Stockings, Dyed black, most of them melted on the top with a large Rose Point, and some with a Pomegranate Point. Whoever brings the said parcel of Stockings to the Widow *Kemps* Coffee-house in *Exchange Alley*, *London*, shall have Five pounds Reward.