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Neples, Febr. 12.

WE have it confirmed from several hands, that the Marechal de la Feuillade is arrived at *Messina*; that the Duke de *Vivonne* having surrendered the Government into his hands, was embarked, in order to his return for *France*. Our Advices add, that this Convey which arrived with the Marechal de la Feuillade at *Messina*, had not brought any great quantity of Corn, of which the Melincses are again in some want; that the Marechal was marched from *Messina* with all the Force he could bring together; and at the same time had commanded the Sieur du *Quesne*, who commands the Squadron of Men of War that is there, to sail; what his design is we are yet to learn; but the general conjecture is, that it is meant against *Siracusa*. You already know, that the Duke de *Bourbonville*, after having been some time before *Taormina*, was at last obliged to quit that Enterprize, leaving a strong Garrison in the Castle of *Mola*, which the said Duke took. The French considering it as a place of importance, seem resolved not to leave it in the Spaniards hands; they have at present raised a Battery of four or five pieces of Cannon against it, and are trying if they can reduce it that way.

Venice, Febr. 19. The Letters we receive this week from *Constantinople*, speak of the great preparations that are making throughout all the Ottoman Territories for the prosecuting the War against the Moscovites, and that the Grand Vizier would command the Army while the Grand Signior remained at *Adrianople*; The Republick of *Ragusa*, hath been finally necessitated to pay the Monies demanded by the Grand Vizier.

Genova, Febr. 25. The great alarms which the Spaniards have had that *Milan* would be invaded, come after all to nothing; for it appears, that the Dutchess of *Savoy* would never consent to the Overtures the French made on that account, resolving rather to preserve Peace in hers and the neighboring Countreys, during the minority of the Duke her Son. From *Milan* they write as if the Prince de *Ligne* had desired to be discharged of that Government, and that he expected very suddenly a Successor. This week arrived here a Vessel from *Palermo*, the Master says, that at his coming away, they had news of the arrival of Marechal de la Feuillade at *Messina*; that the Forces of the French and Spaniards were neither of them very considerable in those parts; however they talked of doing great matters this Campaign.

Vienna, Febr. 20. On Friday next their Imperial Majesties are expected back here from *Wenstadt*, and the Monday following the Duke of *Lorraine*, and the Queen of *Poland*, part likewise from thence for *Inspruck*, where she will remain, and the Duke pass

to the Army, and that with so much the more diligence, for that news is come of the French Kings arrival at *Nancy*, which puts people here into some alarm, imagining his design is to pierce into *Germany*. The new Prince of *Transylvania* will not suffer any of the Malecontents of *Hungary* to have any shelter or countenance within his Territories, pursuant to the orders he hath received from the Grand Signior. The Prince *Abasiz* continues to keep up a party in that Country, and will yet be able to dispute the Principality with this new Prince, who is so much the more considerable, as that he seems to have the protection of the Port.

Berlin, Febr. 18. Our Elector hath been for several days very much indisposed with the Gout; but at present he is pretty well again. We are certainly told, that there is a design in hand for the attacking of the Isle of *Rügen*, for which the Danes are likewise preparing on their side.

Hamburg, March 4. The Elector of *Brandenburg*, as they write in a *Ber* 18, has sent 4 or 5000 men towards *Prussia*, to have an eye upon the Suedes on that side. At *Sterin* and the places the preparations are still continued for the attacking the Isle of *Rügen*. From *Danmark*, we have an account, that the Suedes keep *Christiansstadt* very closely shut up; that the place begins to be in want of Provisions; and that the Suedes promise themselves it will very suddenly fall into their hands.

Dith. The Ministers of the Princes concerned in the Conquests of the Dutchy of *Bremen*, continue their Conferences, which, though they have hitherto wanted the desired success, they hope will at length produce an agreement concerning the partition that is to be made of the said Conquests; the Princes who claim part therein, are the King of *Denmark*, the Elector of *Brandenburg*, the Duke of *Zell*, the Bishop of *Osnabrug*, and the Bishop of *Münster*. From *Dantzick* they write, that the Duke of *Counland* had absolutely refused the Suedes Army passage through his Territories; and that he had given orders for the drawing the Militia of the Country together to oppose them, in case they shall go about to force their passage. The Suedes give out that the said Army consists in 10000 men; but from other hands we hear, that it does not exceed 5000 fighting men.

Ratisbonne, Febr. 25. The Levies intended for the recruiting the Imperial Army on the *Rhine*, are completed, at least those designed to be made in this Neighborhood. We are told here that the Duke of *Lorraine* will be back at *Worms* about the middle of the next month, and that about the beginning of *April*, the Army will take the field. The news we had of the Elector of *Saxonia* being about to declare in favor of *France*, vanishes; and the last Letters we received from that Court assured us, that his Electoral Highness had not been prevailed with by all the Arguments of the Cardinal d'Esiree