

ther the Emperour may with more ease repair, according to the necessity of Affairs.

The Council of War sits close, and many Commissions are issued out, and moneys ordered to be employed for the raising of Forces, to be in readines on all occasions for the defence of the Empire.

From *Hungary* we are informed that the *Palatine* is fallen very dangerously ill, with little hopes of recovery, which has put some stop at the present to the Affairs relating to *Transylvania*.

The *Grandees* are making great preparations for the Coronation of the Empress, which they intend to solemnize with all the Magnificence imaginable, but no time is yet prefix for the Solemnity.

*Heylbrun*, Feb. 12. On Thursday last, the Arbitrators agreed upon their Sentence, in all Points, favorable to his Highness the *Electour Palatine*, the privilege of the *Wildfang*, being determined to belong to him, onely the Tax called the *Schaltung* imposed by his Highness was adjudged to be severe, but not without precedent having been formerly practised.

*Venice*, Febr. 18. Our Letters from the *Levant*, inform us, That the Grand Visier had dispatcht a Galley to *Thebes*, for Signior *Padavino*, our Minister there, with whom he desired a speedy Conference; That upon a Muster of his Forces in the Isle of *Candia*, he found his Army to consist of 23000 men; but had issued out his Orders to all parts of the *Turks* Dominions near hand, to hasten forwards their recruits of Men, Provisions, and Ammunition, intending very suddenly to form his siege against *Candia*, and to cast some Guns of extraordinary bignets to be employed in that service. On the other side, that City is not at all wanting to its self in providing for its defence, having raised a very strong Fort without the City to keep the enemy for some time at a distance.

The *Turks* have put an Embargo upon all Ships that are now in their Ports, intending to employ them for the transportation of men and necessaries to the assistance of the Grand Visier.

Our Conyoy under the command of General *Azorofini* hath been met on the way to the *Levant*, sailing with a prosperous gale: Several other Ships are fitting up to follow, whereof three are already taking in their provisions intending for *Candia*.

Orders are likewise sent to our Resident at the Court of the Great Duke of *Tuscany*, to use his endeavors with that Duke in behalf of the Republick, that four of his Ships at *Legorn* may be lent them to be employed to *Candia* for the relief of that City.

*Dantzick*, Febr. 12. Our late Advices confirm to us, the conclusion of a Peace for thirteen years, between the *Poles* and *Muscovites*; the principal conditions of it, are, That *Witepski*, *Poiock*, *Dunenburg*, and *Liesland*, with their appurtenances, are to be immediately restored to the *Poles*. The *Muscovites* to retain *Smolensko*, *Stiviria*, and all *Ukrania* beyond *Borishenes*: All on this side being adjudged to the *Poles*. The *Muscovites* to enjoy *Kiowa* till June, 1669. and then to surrender it.

From *Breslaw* Letters of the fourth instant, inform us, that *Lubomirski* was on the 26<sup>th</sup> past, seized with the Palsie, of which, he is since dead; having advised his Son, by no means to interest himself in the Disputes between the King and the Confederates.

The *Turks* continue their resolution of making War upon the *Ples*, which they have publicly declared in *Walachia* and *Moldavia*.

His Majesty was expected the seventh instant at *Warsaw*, to take care for the raising of forces, and making provision for the Army, and has ordered 600 men to be put into *Kamienitz* *Podolski*, for the strengthening of that place, in case any attempt be made upon it.

*Ridziewski* is hastning his preparations for his journey to the *Ottoman* Court, being to receive Eighty thousand Florins towards the expences of his Embassy, carrying with him a present for the Grand Signior to the value of Three hundred thousand *Riddles*.

The *Swedes* Extraordinary Envoyé, is arrived here this day from *Warsaw*.

*Genova*, Feb. 12. The Duke de *Ferrandina* has since his arrival here, visited on the Duke de *Albuquerque* his Viceroy, who the next day returned his visit, going on board the Gallies, where he was received with all the honor that could there be given him. The Duke de *Ferrandina* has since taken an house in the City, where, 'tis believed, the Viceroy will continue some time, attending the return of a Courier from *Spain*, having also an eye upon the Government of *Milan*; Don *Luis Ponce de Leon*, as 'tis said, intending suddenly for *Madrid*.

*Legorne*, Feb. 14. A Bark arriving here in 15 days from *Tripoly*, informs us: That four of those Corsayres, very considerable Men of War, are putting out to Sea to relieve four others, that for some time have been cruising, but without purchase. Two of them were returned into the Ports, the other two forced off to Sea by a storm with great danger, their safety being much doubted of.

*Paris*, Feb. 27. The twentieth instant their Majesties with the *Dulphir*, and their Royal Highnesses went to *Perseilles*, where they continued during the Carnival, pleasing themselves and the whole Court, with several Divertissements of Mascarades, Carowfels and Balls.

Monsieur *Celbert* desiring one of his Sons might be admitted into the Order of the Knights of *Malthe*, has prevailed with that Order for their content; but finds some difficulty to obtain a Dispensation from his Holiness, to capacitate him for the admission.

The Duke of *Savoy* has ordered some of his Forces to march towards *Geneva*, little hopes as yet appearing of a compolure of their differences. His Highness seems willing to refer it to the arbitration of his Christian Majesty; but the City desires first to take the advice of their Neighbor *Switzers*, which is not well interpreted at this Court.

*Newport*, March 2. The French have not onely stop the Flemish Ships at *Dunkirk*, but have of late put an Embargo upon all Vessels whatsoever. Their great preparations upon the Frontiers, gives all the adjacent parts occasion to stand upon their Guards. The Marquess de *Cassel* *Rodrigo* finding it likewise convenient to draw some Troops to *Charleroy*, and other Neighboring parts, and to take such care of them, that they may not by any neglect invite others to attempt them.

*Amsterdam*, Feb. 27. Four of our Captains this week mustered their Seamen, in order to their speedy putting out to Sea, viz. *Gillis de Wild*, *Jean Van Gelderen*, *De Haen*, and *Pinke*, their Ships lie ready below the River, and themselves ready to embarque for the *Uly* and *Texel*. *Van de Saen* is this day to muster, and Captain *Fabritius* and *Peter Magnus* in a day or two after; all of them commanding Vessels of considerable force belonging to this City, and will be ready in six or seven days to set sail. Several other Men of War are fitted up in the *Meuse* and *Zealand*, which when joined, will make up a Fleet of 20 sail, designed (as 'tis given out) to meet the Danish Ships that are expected to assist us in this Summers service.

*Rye*, Feb. 19. This day a private Man of War, *George Canning* Commander, brought in here as prize, two small Vessels; one of them of 35 Tuns, laden with Iron and Spanish Wool, the other of 40 Tuns, with Block-wood and Iron.

*Southwold*, Febr. 20. Yesterday two Ketches from the South-wards, were discovered and chased by a small Dutch Privateer, within a League of this Town, but were successfully rescued by a Ship of five-Guns, bound for *Newcastle*; upon whose appearance the Caper put again out to Sea. This day two other Capets appeared to the East-wards, but upon sight of a Fregat, that lay at Anchor about two miles to the North-wards, they stood off again to Sea.

*Dever*, Feb. 20. On Saturday last, the *Lenox*; Captain *Holmes* Commander, brought in a Prize, being a Dutch Vessel of 250. Tuns, laden with Salt.

*Harwich*, Febr. 21. On Tuesday last a Fleet of about 80. Sail of Laden Colliers, passed by to the *Thames*; at which time two *Gottenburgh* Ships, that have for some time continued in *Humber*, safely arrived at this place.