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Portsmouth, Febr. 28.

Yesterday was held a Council of War aboard the *War-Spight*, at *Spithead*, where the Captains of the two Fire-ships that differed the *St. Patrick*, were again brought to their Tryal, and Captain *Seely* that was present at the Engagement, but intreated not, was found to have been much wanting to his duty, and accordingly condemned to be shot to death; the Tryal of the other Captain referred to another Meeting.

The same day the *Bristol* Frigate arrived here, having in cruising on the Coasts of *France*, chased aboard two Merchant Ships, one *French*, the other *Dutch*, but the Country taking the Alarm, and coming in to their assistance, secured them from further damage.

Minehead, Febr. 26. This last week were apprehended in this Country, at *Stokegursf*, nine persons well horsed and armed, suspected as Highway-men, two of them upon Examination confessing a Designe laid by them to have robbed the house of one *Mrs. Cuttrel*, where they hoped to meet with an easie purchase of great Booty, and are since committed to the Goal at *Ilchester*, in order to their Tryal the next Assizes at *Taunton* Castle.

Dantzick, Febr. 19. Our latest Letters from *Warsaw* inform us of the removal of the King to *Cracow*; where he intends to continue for some time, endeavoring to appease the disorders of his own Country, and put them into a posture to defend themselves against the Enemy, who every day are augmenting their numbers; and threatening their farther advance into the body of *Poland*. Some of the Polish Companies were forced to seek their safety in *Moscovjow*, whither they were pursued by the *Tartars* and *Cossacks*, and the Town thrice assaulted by them, but were each time beaten off with great slaughter, and forced to quit the place. They fell afterwards upon the City of *Bar*, commanded by one *Prior*, a Captain of Horse, who so stoutly defended it, that besides a great number of his enemies killed upon the place, he took 400 prisoners, but finding his stores too little for the number of people in the Town, he was constrained to save anely the principal Officers, giving up the rest to the mercy of his Soldiers, who immediately cut them in pieces.

The King hath ordered all his forces to be drawn together, which with a considerable number of the Nobility, are already marched as far as *Reuschleberg*. The lesser Nobility and Gentry of the *Palatines*, are also resolved to raise an Army to be commanded by a General of their own choosing.

From *Breslaw* we are informed, that the body of *Lubomirski* is there embalmed. His Lady arriving three days after his death, hath taken order for the transporting his Body to be buried in his own Country near *Cracow*.

The Queen of *Poland* is lately fallen into a dangerous distemper; in which, for three hours, she lay speechless; but is since somewhat better, but the danger not yet past.

Vienna, Febr. 20. The Estates of the *Lower Austria* having considered of the late Propositions made to them by his Imperial Majesty, have resolved to supply him with the sum of 300000 Rixdollars, and to maintain some thousands of Soldiers upon their own expences for the Emperors service. And it is believed the States of the *Upper Austria*, with the Provinces of *Tyrol*, *Styria*, *Carinthia*, and *Crain*; as also the Kingdom of *Bohemia*, together with *Silesia* and *Moravia*, will be easily induced to follow their example by their free offers of proportionable supplies.

The Affairs of *Poland* take up the thoughts of this Court,

the great Council being frequently deliberating about the fittest means of assisting them; in order whereunto, Ten Regiments are designed to be speedily commanded to the Frontiers of *Silesia* towards *Poland*; and order is taken for the new clothing them at *Breslaw*.

We are also advised, that the King of *Poland* has desired the assistance of the *Swedes*, which he intends to recompence with the giving up one half of *Lythuania* to that King, and to prevent the design of the enemy, who (his Majesty) may enter into *Poland* by that Country, His Highness the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, with the Estates of *Poland*, *Frusia*, *Lythuania*, and *Curland*, are entered into a League for their Mutual Defence and Assistance, and to oppose the enemy, if he make any attempts to pass through any parts of their jurisdiction.

The States of the *Lower Hungary* are assembled at *Neusof*, to examine their grievances: Those of the *Upper Hungary* seem unwilling to make their appearance there, and dissatisfied with their procedure, which administers cause of jealousy, that they have some private design on foot, having no manifest cause of disgust given them.

A Monk lately arriving here from *Constantinople*, informs us, that upon the Addresses made to the Sultan by the Ambassadors from the *Cossacks*, they were very favorably heard, and answered; the Grand Signior not onely granting them his protection, but promising to assist them against what force soever, with the whole power of his Empire: And immediately gave order to the Dukes of *Wallachia* and *Moldavia*, to send him a particular of what forces they were able to bring into the field.

Venice, Febr. 23. Our late Letters from *Candia* inform us of the arrival of our Convoy, under the Command of *Semitecolo*; and that twelve Gallies laden with Bisket and other Provisions, were by the Admiral of our Fleet, which is riding at *Paros*, sent into *Candia*, our Squadrons successively cruising to intercept the provisions designed for the succors of the *Turks*, and to engage seven Corsayres of *Tripoly* that are plying near *Sapientza*, if they have the courage to attend them.

The *G* and *Visier* continues still at *Retimo*, much indisposed and unable to keep the Field in person, but has given order for the strengthening of *Candia*, and raising a Battery near the *Lazaret*, to hinder the passage of our Ships for the relief of the City, against which our Forces have with some success cast up a strong Fort, to beat them from the place, and hinder the Enemy from making any nearer approaches. The *Visier* has received fresh Commands from the *Sultan*, to employ all his Endeavours for the gaining of the *Metropolis*, and is making extraordinary preparations against *Spring*, giving out they intend vigorously the reduction of *Dalmatia*, as well as *Candia*. The *Visier* has been much dissatisfied with the former proceeding of the *Bassa* of *Canea* and *Candia Nuova*, whose heads he has taken off, under pretence that they were wanting in their duties the last Summer, and has proceeded with the like severity against several other Officers, whom he has also put to death for examples to others: He has always with him the *Agas* of the *Janisaries* in quality of paymaster to the Army, with great sums of money to be expended in this War, whose Counsel and Advice much sways him in all his actions of any Importance. In the mean time, the Senate here is frequently consulting about the most effectual ways and methods of carrying on the War for the defence of our Territories against the common Enemy, towards which they have earnestly solicited all the Neighbouring Princes, and are much satisfied with the great A-