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Plymouth, March 15.

THe *Alapin*, a Privateer so called, hath sent in hither a Vessel supposed by him to be prize, Laden with Brandy, but pretending to belong to *Stockholm*, and bound for *Hambourg*.

Deal, March 17. A Holland Vessel bound for *Nantes*, and enable because of her lightness to bear sail, was lately driven upon the *Goodwin*, and from thence recovered by some persons of this place, who have brought her into the *Downs*, where they are putting in Ballast, to enable her the better to endure the Sea.

Madrid, Febr. 26. We are here informed, that an Advice Ship in her return from *New Spain*, having aboard her a large quantity of Chocolate to a very considerable value, besides other Lading, fell into the hands of an *Algier* Corsair, by whom she was made prize. We are also confidently told of the Death of the Vice-Roy of *New Spain*, which, if true, speedy order will be taken for a Successour. *Don Juan* is by her Majesties permission arrived here *intognito*.

The Council upon considerations of the preparations of our Neighbours, and the present posture of Affairs, are taking care for their Frontiers to avoid surprize; and have ordered, besides the Foot raised in *Italy*, which are designed to be transported for *Flanders*, that 12000 Foot, and 8000 Horse shall speedily march, part of them to be sent into the *Low-Countries*, but a considerable body of them towards *Catalonia*, whither some Troops of Horse are already marching. They have likewise ordered five Millions to be returned into *Flanders*, for payment of the Forces there, and the further defence of that Country: Besides which sum, they are debating of some fit method for a Tax to be raised upon the place, and are appointing Commissioners for the establishment of it.

Vienna, March 2. His Imperial Majesty has put off his formerly intended journey for *Presburg*, for this year, upon a Remonstrance made to him by the States of *Hungary*, acquainting him with the difficulties they finde in raising of moneys, for the defraying the great expences which will be required at the Emperors Coronation, and the necessity of Convenience, that the grievances of the States, now under consideration, may be first fully examined and redressed.

Letters also from *Hungary* inform us, That upon the return of the *Chiaus* from this Court, the Visier immediately assembled his Neighbor Basso's, and other considerable Officers, with whom he held a Council, giving us no account of their resolution, but further tells us, That the Visier has given out his Orders to all places under his Government to bring in considerable quantities of Provisions and Ammunition to *Belgrade*; but upon what farther design, we yet know not.

The Marquis de *Baden* has taken his leave, and left the Court two days since, intending for *Bohemia*, and from thence to the Court of *Saxony*; before his departure, his Imperial Majesty presenting him with two excellent horses out of his own stable.

Monsieur *Serui*, a Counsellor to the Duke of *Newburgh*, is here arrived; and 'tis said, the Duke intends also in person for this Court, in pursuance of his pretensions in *Poland*, which has been already negotiated in the Court of *Warsaw*.

From *Constantinople* we are assured, That the Grand Visier in his Letters to the Sultan, has given him an ample

account of his proceedings, in order to the taking in of the City of *Candia*: From which place, he has found much more resistance than he could have imagined, and believes the siege will prove a business of great difficulty.

The Sieur *Daniel Schneider*, a Deputy from the City of *Colmar*, sent to the Diet at *Ratisbonne*, was upon his return home accused on several points by the Council, which was for some time ill resented by the Citizens; but upon a right information of his refusal, to submit to the Decree of the Council, they were sufficiently satisfied with their procedure against him, whom they suspect not to have well managed the interests of their City.

The Diet at *Ratisbonne* sit close, upon the perpetual capitulation, which is not as yet perfected, though they have made a considerable progress in it. The affairs of *Burgogne* are also under debate with the French Ministers: They are also consulting about the moneys coined in the Empire, but are not come, as yet, to any resolution, of making the small pieces pass at the same rate in all places, which is a debate that hath given them much trouble.

The Baron *Hoyer*, the Emperors Deputy at the Diet, is sent for to give his Imperial Majesty an account of the proceedings of the Diet.

By some Letters from *Hungary* we are told, That a party of *Turks*, belonging to the Garrison of *Stulweissenburg*, in ranging up and down the Country, fell upon a party of 40 *Hussars*, whom they cruelly put to the Sword, giving quarter to none of them.

Dantzick, March 4. Letters of the 28 past from *Warsaw* advise us, That their Majesties have been both of them much indisposed, but are recovered, and past all danger. The Prince *Wiesniowski* is there arrived, who would have stood fair for the Generalship, had the report proved true of the death of *Polotski*, which is sufficiently confuted by the Archbishop, who by Letters lately received from him, is assured of his health, and intentions to be present at the ensuing Diet.

The fear of a fresh invasion from the *Turks* and *Tartars* begins to vanish, and their hopes encrease, that the approaching Diet may settle the Kingdom in peace and quietness.

Ten thousand of the *Cossacks* are certainly returned to their obedience, upon a promise made to them by his Majesty, for the defence of their Religion and Priviledges; and 'tis much hoped the rest will be induced to follow their example.

The Nobility of that Kingdom have assured his Majesty of their readines to sacrifice their lives in the defence of his Majesty and his Kingdom against all enemies whatsoever; on condition, they may be encouraged by the maintenance of their ancient priviledges.

The truce with the *Muscovites* for thirteen years, is likewise confirmed, and the 2 *Weywodschaffen* of *Potock*, and *Wisepski*, with several other places, to be given up according to agreement. The business concerning the restitution of some Castles, and the release of prisoners to be referred to another Treaty; but by this, the *Poles* and *Muscovites* are obliged by Oath, to joyn their forces for their mutual assistance and defence against the *Turks*, and all Rebels, whether *Tartars* or *Cossacks*.

Venice, March 4. Our late Letters from *Candia* assure us, that the Grand Visier going out in person with a very considerable Party of *Turks*, to take a review of his Posts, the better to form his Leaguer against the Town, was so well entreated with the Cannon, which were advantageously

ously planted to receive him, and afterwards with Mortar Pieces and Granado's, that falling into some disorder, the Garrison at the same time making a stout Sally upon them, forced them to quit the place with a considerable loss of men, and to save themselves by flight; the Visier himself, with one Troop of Horse only in his company, recovering *Can-dia Nova*. In this Days Service, the Visier amongst other considerable Persons and Officers, lost one of his Nephews, slain by a Cannon-shot from the Walls. Upon the great loss of men received by him in this and several other Sallies, which were always made with great disadvantages to the *Turks*, the Visier has resolved to retire himself for some time to *Caniz*, and to expect there the Succors promised him by the Grand Signior: In the mean time, the Garrison hath made such good use of their success, that they have thrown down all the Works cast up by the *Turks* for the straining of the Town, and have level'd their Trenches, which will cost them many weeks pains to make good, if their Design continue.

From *Constantinople* we are informed, that they are there continuing their Preparations for the War, designing 20000 *Turks* for the succor of the Visier; who for their Transportation, are to be attended by 20 Ships from *Constantinople*, 20 from *Asia*, and 20 more from *Africk*, with whom are to be sent over all sorts of Provisions of Victuals as well as Ammunition, of which the *Turks* in that Island are in much want; and by reason thereof, their Army grown very weak and sickly.

Five Vessels from *Barbary*, cruising about *Sapienza*, have been by force of Storms and contrary Winds, driven ashore and cast away.

Rome, March 7. His Holiness is again fallen so very ill, that he was scarcely able to complete the Ceremony of the late promotion of Cardinals; since which, his voice begins to fail him, which makes us generally despair of his recovery.

Hamburg, March 14. Some persons arrived here from *Erford* inform us, that his Electoral Highness of *Mentz* was there expected; and 'twas discurs'd there, that he intended to send some Troops of Horse and Companies of Foot into the Town; and the Baron de *Reiffenburg* still continues close prisoner at *Wurtzburg*.

The intention of the *Swedes* forces is not yet known, but several Soldiers come daily to them out of *Pomerania*. Some Deputies are expected at *Stantz* from the City of *Eremen*, their business not known.

From *Copenhagen* we are inform'd, that his Majesty of *Denmark* continues his care for the speedy putting out his Fleet to Sea; and that Count *Paulus de la Guardie*, with a great company of the Nobility, a train of at the least 50 persons, is arriv'd at *Elfenburg* expecting there the arrival of the Queen *Christina*, and to attend her into *Swedeland*, where her lodgings are appointed in the Castle, where she formerly lived before she resigned her Crown.

Paris, March 23. The 21 instant, in the afternoon the Cardinal de *Retz* left this City, and went post by Chariot for *Lyons*, intending from thence to pass by Boat for *Provence*, and (if the Cardinals *Grimaldi* and *de Vendosme* be not already gone) will embark with them for *Rome*. His Majesty has presented him with 24000 Crowns for the arrears of his Pension, and to defray the expences of his voyage.

On Friday last, the Spanish Ambassador had his last audience from his Majesty, and took his leave, the King being pleas'd in very obliging language, to express the great affection and esteem he has for his person, desiring him, to assure her Majesty of Spain of his Friendship, by which he resolved religiously to preserve the peace between those two Crowns. The Ambassador went afterwards to take his leave of her Majesty, where he was received with the usual Ceremonies.

His Majesty has lately bought the estate of *Vaujour* in *Anjou*, of the Count de *Sansserres* Cregitor, for the sum of 800000 Livres; to which, he intends to add some other Lands, and of all together, to erect a new Dutchy. He in-

tends very suddenly to come to the Parliament, in order to this new Erectiōn, as also to take some order for his Domains; and at the same time, to receive there the Count de *Fueillade* in quality of Duke of *Rannois*, and Peer of *France*.

His Majesty (as 'tis said) has commanded home Monsieur de *Schomberg* from *Portugal*, the Marquis d'*Halmuin* being ordered to command in his absence: 'Tis believ'd, his Majesty will at his arrival, confer on him the dignity of Marshal of *France*.

This Court is a little surpriz'd at the return of all those French that attended the Queen of *Portugal* to *Lisbonne*, the Queen onely retaining her Physician, her Nurse, and one of the Ladies of her Chamber.

The Count de *la Trinite* is here arriv'd Ambassador from the Duke of *Savoie*.

Monsieur de *Louvois*, who takes the care of the Artillery, has already bought 1600 Horses to attend the Train, besides a considerable number he has ordered to be bought in *Germany* for the same service. His Majesty has ordered all his Magazines to be stored with Corn for three years, and that Provisions be sent into all the Frontier Towns, to serve them two years; and has moreover sent 120 pieces of Cannon into *Abbeville* and *Amiens*.

He has also made this alteration in Religious Houses, that no person be for the future admitted into any of them, without his Majesties Letters Patents for their admittance. Ordering likewise, that all Nunneries established since the year 1635, that presume to admit any persons without his Letters Patents, shall be immediately suppressed, and the Religious persons in them sent home to their nearest relations, except onely such as have a sufficient portion, to enter themselves in some other Convent.

Hague, March 24.

From *Antwerp* we are assured that all places of any consideration under the Spanish Jurisdiction, are taken care of and fortified, and such store of Military Provisions, with good Garrisons put into them, that will be able to defend them from any sudden attempt; and that in the Castle of the City they are making great quantities of Powder, for the necessary supply of all places.

The *Ginvezer*, a States Man of War, is lately cast away upon *Pampus*, but the men had the good fortune to get safe to land. A Bark was also cast away near the *Texel*, with a considerable number of Passengers. Another Vessel going out for *Swedeland*, ran on ground upon the Isle of *Ure* in the South Sea, with considerable damage, and with much difficulty escaped a Wreck.

'Tis likewise confidently said, that two of our Men of War are cast away about the *Texel*, whereof the *Brach* is one.

Plymouth, March 17. Yesterday arriv'd here Captain *Herbert* with his Squadron, bringing with him four prizes, whereof two Dutch, the other two French, all of them laden with Salt, Wines, and Brandy. They have also taken four others which were separated from them by storm, and have not yet recovered their Harbour, but are daily expected. Here are also arriv'd a Fleet of Colliers from *Wales*.

West-Cornes, March 18. On Saturday Night last arriv'd here a small Billander belonging to *Gaunt*, call'd the *Fortune*, laden homewards from *Nantes* with Wine and Brandy; from whence he came out with seven Bretagners laden with Salt for the *Grand Partie*, coming out of *Conquest Road*, a French Buis, a Privateer of eight Guns of *St. Malo's* plundered him and his Company of a considerable quantity of Merchants Goods, and told him he intended to cruise in *St. Georges Channel*. He speaks likewise of above seventy Men of War and Fire-ships, that are fitting up at *Preftwich* all the expedition imaginable, and that they are pressing both Land-men and Sea-men, to send aboard them.

Dover, March 18. This day was sent in here by Captain *John Holmes* in the *Lenox*, now call'd the *Dover-Castle*, a Dutch Pink of an hundred Tuns, a fine Vessel, newly wash'd and tallow'd, with four Guns, bound from *Holland* to the French Fleet, laden with Cables.