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Naples, April 18.

THE 2d Instant the *Assistance* Frigate, Captain Gardner Commander, sailed from hence with five Merchant Ships under his Convoys, for *Messina*, where they arrived the 5th. Five Gallies of *Sicily* are ready to part for *Palermo*.

Vienna, April 20. Here is a report, as if the Malecontents in *Hungary* had again possessed themselves of some of the *Berg Towns*, and made great spoil there; this is certain, that the hopes of composing the affairs of that Kingdom lessen every day; and we have great reason to believe that the *Turks*, notwithstanding all the assurances they have given this Court of the contrary, do underhand countenance and assist them, which its to be apprehended they would do publickly, and more considerably; were they not engaged in a War with the *Moscovites*. Prince *William of Furstemberg* has not yet obtained his liberty, which cannot now be long denied him, for the Courier that carried the Emperors Ratifications to *Nimeguen*, is daily expected back with those of *France*. The Emperor and the Emperess are gone to take the Air at *Luxemburg*. We are told that the Duke of *Lorraine* will be very shortly here, being, as we have already told you, to command the Imperial Forces in *Hungary*.

Dantzick, April 22. The Dyet at *Grodno* is broken up, having first resolved to make a defensive Alliance with the *Czar of Moscovy*, upon condition the *Czar* furnish the *Poles* with 30000 men, and 2 millions of *Gilders* yearly, so long as the War shall continue; besides which, the Crown of *Poland* will maintain 30000 men more, and the *Dutchy of Libuania* 10000, which are all to act against the *Turks*, under the command of the King of *Poland*. The Letters from *Livonia* assure us, that the *Suedes* are preparing for a second Expedition into *Prussia*, and that their Army will be commanded by Count *Coningsmarke*, who was late Governor of *Pomeray* for the King of *Sueden*.

Berlin, April 30. The *Sieur Meinders*, who lately returned thither from *Paris*, is ordered by our Elector to part immediately for *Nimeguen*, to assist *Monsieur Blaspeil* in the Treaty there; from whence we are expecting to hear, that the Cessation of Arms, which expires to morrow, is continued for some farther term, such as may be sufficient for the treating and concluding the Peace, which his Electoral Highness (considering the present posture of affairs, and how he and the King of *Denmark* are left alone in the War) is very desirous of.

Copenhagen, May 2. They that come over from *Schonen* still say, that the King of *Sueden* is dead, and that he dyed the 20th of *March*; and one man adds this particular, that at some place where he was, he saw the Altar of the Church hung with mourning; however we are expecting a more certain information. Since our last arriv'd here 3000 Soldiers, and

2000 Seamen, from *Norway*; the latter have been put on Board the Men of War which are now ready to go to Sea. This day Lieutenant Admiral *Fuels* went on Board his Ship, and to morrow, if the wind and weather permit, will sail with 36 Ships for the *Sounds*, and within 8 or 10 days will be followed by 16 more. Several of our light Frigats are now cruising in the *Balticke*, where they will be joined by others fitted out by the Elector of *Brandenburg*, so that we doubt not of being Masters at Sea this Summer. The King is expected back from *Holstein*, whither he will return again, if there is any appearance of the Enemies attacking him on that side.

Hamburg, May 5. The King of *Denmark* parted on Monday last from *Gluckstadt*, on his return to *Copenhagen*; from whence our Letters still speak of the death of the King of *Sueden*, though still without any certainty.

Strasburgh, May 1. The *French* continuing their preparations in these Parts, and particularly their working with so much diligence, for the making a great way from *Schlestadt* to *Munikerke*, does somewhat alarm us here, especially since the report of the most Christian Kings intending to come this way in person, and that he will assist the Bishop of *Strasburgh* in his pretensions upon this City, and this makes us work with the more application for the finishing the Fortifications at *Kiel*, where 1000 men are employed every day.

Minden, May 5. We are preparing here for our defence against the *French*, who we hear, have passed the *Rhine*, by raising some new Fortifications, reinforcing our Garrison, which is now composed of 4000 men, and mustering the Trained Bands, and putting them into a posture to do service, in case there be occasion.

Cologne, May 4. The *French* having on Tuesday last finished their Bridge at *Wadinghen*, several Regiments of Foot passed the *Rhine* there that day and the following, and marched towards *Angersport* and *Angermort*, two Castles which they possessed themselves of, but the Cavalry and the Baggage remains on this side the *Rhine*. In the mean time a great quantity of Bread was bak'd in this City for the use of the *French* Troops for three days together, but yesterday the Bakers had Orders to hold their hands; and at the same time we had advice of a Conference that had been held between the *French* and *Brandenburg* Ambassadors at *Zante*, and that the Cessation of Arms had been prolonged for 15 days. The *French* now demand Contributions of this Diocess for this month of *May*, and pretend likewise great Arrears from the *Dutchy of Juliers*, which the States of that Country are at present assembled at *Dusseldorp* about. We are told that the Prince of *Newburg* is coming to reside with the Princess at *Dusseldorp*.

Brussels, May 3. This day, about noon, their Royal Highnesses arriv'd here from the *Hague*, and were presently after visited and complimented by his

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