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Berwick, April 7.

WE are here confidently told; That the *Scotts* Privateers have lately taken several Prizes of good value, two or three whereof had Guns, with which they made some resistance, amongst which one a *West-India* Ship richly laden, the particulars we shall know hereafter.

Walmouth, April 8. This day arrived here the *Swallow*, a Privateer of *Tyuro*, Commanded by Captain *Manning*, bringing in with him two French Prizes laden from *Nantes* with Salt for the *Bank* of about 100 Tuns spiece, called the *St. Anne* and *St. Matthew*; another Vessel, they had taken and sent into *Pensance* laden with Wines.

Three other Vessels they were also posselt of, one laden with Hemp and Flax, a second with Wines, both which they were forced to sink, to avoid the Chace given them by two Men of War, but the third being an empty Barque they sent away with the prisoners which they had taken.

The 25th of *March* they met with a French Vessel laden with Clapboard, bound for *Burdeaux*, aboard the which they found four Souldiers, and several Letters, importing, That the Sickneis was got into the French Fleet, and that the Men of War that were then at *Rochelle*, intended suddenly for *Brest*, near which place the French King was to take a view of them: The Vessel they sunk near *Belle Isle*, having first secured the Men and all the Letters, and went out expecting better purchase amongst the *Bourdeaux* Fleet, of whose coming out they had timely notice, but were diverted by foul weather.

The French have about 18 of their Men of War cruising before *Rochelle* and the neighbouring Coasts, for the security of them.

Elsenburg, March 16. The Danes are hard at work upon their Men of War, but their great want of Men and Monneys will hinder them from putting to Sea these six weeks or two months; nor is it believed they can then come forth with half the number as was given out.

Copenhagen is to be new fortified at greater distance then formerly, and a new Cittadel to be built at the West-end, which when finished, the old Works are to be demolisht.

The French ships want onely Men, which when supplied with; they will soon put to Sea. Queen *Christina* is impatiently attended here by the *Swedes*, but we have not yet any news of her putting to Sea.

Danzick, April 2. Our latest Letters from *Warsaw* advise us, That his Majesty has in some measure recovered his health, but the Queen continues sickly, with little hopes of her recovery, that they expect there an Ambassadour from the *Tartars* Cham, who ('tis said) intends to establish amity between him and *Poland*.

The Diet goes on slowly, spending much of their time in disputes about the supplying of their Vacancies, and in debates about Religion; there having been some endeavours used to take off the Tolerations formerly allowed to the *Lutherans* and *Calvinists*. The Bishop of *Cracow* has appeared high against the Exorbitances of the Souldiers, and moved, that the charge of Grand General now vacant by the death of *Pototsky*, who died on *Ash-wednesday* last, may not for the future be conferred on any one during life, but only during good behaviour, which he prest hard to their consideration, by instancing on the several inconveniences that have happened to the Kingdoms, by intrusting so large and so lasting a power with one person. The King has for the present

suspended the Nomination of any person to this Charge, till the Diet come to a Resolution in it.

Rome, April 2. On *Wednesday*, *March* 29. His Holiness in his Bed assisted at the Examination of Bishops, where he was observed to be more then usually pale and languishing, and his speech very weak, that night he was again assaulted with his Infirmitie, which frequently returns upon him: Cardinal *D'Este* no great friend to the Family of the *Chigies*, is arrived here *incognito*, with a numerous Train of Attendants, keeping cloie in his Palace, from whence he congratulated with the Cardinal Nephew, for his Uncles recovery from his late dangerous Fit, acquainting him, that the reason of his coming to *Rome*, was an express Command from the French King, of whose Interests he is Protector here.

The Conestable *Colonna* is much resorted to by the Roman Nobility, which giv's much jealousy to the Popes Family, who yet endeavour with much submission to make them lose the memory of former proceedings.

The Express sent by *Don Mario*, and Cardinal *Chigi*, to the Grand Duke, to excuse the non-promotion of his Majesty's Brother, found not the Reception they expected, the Grand Duke refusing to open their Paquets, and hath caused their Arms formerly publickly fixt in several parts of *Siena* and that State, to be thrown down to the ground.

Vienna, April 4. The new Cardinal *de Salzburg* has given his Imperial Majesty notice of his resolution to go suddenly for *Rome*; where he intends to appear in a more then usual equippage, attended by above 300 persons, amongst whom 40 Gentlemen, 24 Pages, 100 Footmen, 50 Swisses, and a Guard of 50 Horie. He has also bespoken eight Coaches at *Rome* to attend him there in his Visits, and has given order to his Treasurer to provide him 400000 Rixdollars for the defraying of his expences.

The Elector of *Bavaria* having likewise informed the Emperor of his design to go with Madam the Electrice his Wife, to *Loretto*, desiring leave to pass through the Arch-Dutchy of *Tyrol*; the Emperor has been willing to comply with his desires, and has given order to the Governor and Officers of that Arch-Dutchy to entertain him in his passage, and to defray all his expences.

His Imperial Majesty has by the advice of his Council of War, given order to all Officers that are at present absent from their Commands, to repair immediately to their respective Regiments, and to be in readines to march upon the first Orders.

This week a Courrier was dispatcht for *Spain*, with the news of the Emperres being with child.

From *Raab* our Letters tell us, that the Regiment *de Geymani* being upon a Muster found to be compleat and full, they are resolved to draw out fifteen men out of each Company, to make up a full and distinct Company, with their Officers; which with some other forces are to march for the assistance of the *Venicians*: They say also, that the *Turks* have been seen in several parties, which drawn together, will form a small Army. This gives the Neighboring Towns some occasion to suspect some design upon them; though from *Buda* we are told, that they are intended for *Walachia*, and the Neighboring Provinces, which may probably engage *Poland* in farther troubles.

The Deputies sent from the Merchants for *Constantinople*, for the re-establishment of Trade, have been civilly received by the Visier of *Buda*, who has promised to employ his interest in the *Ottoman* Court for their full satisfaction.

From *Poland* we are advised, that the King, with the greatest and most considerable part of the Nobility of the Kingdoms