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Lubon, February 6.

THE Cortes are going to be dissolved, having fully complied with the Princes desires, which were, to have the former Taxes continued, and a Million of Crusadoes raised for the defraying the present necessities. The Prince, Queen, and Infanta are at *Sabaterra*, a small Palace about 12 Leagues from hence up the River, which the Prince very much delights in, because of the abundance and variety of Game that is there. They will return hither about the beginning of the next month.

Legon, Feb. 19. Some Gentlemen who came lately from *France* tell us, that in *Savoy* they overtook a great many Mules laden with Ammunition, and other Military Provisions, that were going for *Figuerol*; and indeed it is the general expectation of these parts, that *Italy* will be suddenly involved in a War; and therefore the Princes that think themselves most concerned begin to talk of making Leagues, in which it were to be wished they would make as much haste, as the case seems to require. The 10th instant *Thomas Dereham* Esq; who comes to Reside as the King of *England's* Resident at the Court of *Florence*, arrived here, and three days since had his Audience of the great Duke at *Pisa*, being accompanied with all the English Gentlemen and Merchants that were here. Yesterday the Great Duke came hither, and will continue here about a fortnight, and then return to *Florence*. There are now in this Port the *Centurion*, the *Nonestuch*, the *Mary-Rose*, and the *Reserve*, which two latter are on their departure for *England*.

Venice, Febr. 23. On Monday last the Imperial Ambassador made his publick Entry into this City, which he did with great solemnity, and the next day had his Audience of the Senate. It is said he has particular orders to acquaint them with the great care the Emperor has for the preserving the Peace of *Italy*, and how readily he will contribute his part of what shall be judged necessary in order thereunto, and that his Imperial Majesty doubts not but this Republick will have the same concern: and a watchful eye, for the preventing, as far as in them lies, whatever may tend to the disturbing of the said Peace.

Stockholme, Febr. 21. The King is expected this day at *Jacobsdal*, from whence he will come privately hither, and after a very short stay, will return to *Helmstaad*, where he will consummate his Marriage, and convoke the States of the Kingdom.

Prague, March 6. The Rebels in *Hungary* being lately denied entrance by the *Transylvanians*, and those *Hungarians* that are Tributaries to the Turks, into their Country, and being in great distress, sent to General *Leslie* to know whether he had any instructions to treat a Peace with them, who answering, *He had not*, they desired a Cessation of Arms,

and the Countries of *Lina* and *Arua* for a retreat; which he denied them also, reproaching them with their former abuse of the Emperors Clemency, when about 18 months since, upon their Overture of a submission, he assigned them a Country to retreat into, and was so far disappointed of his expectation; that they not only continued in their Rebellion, but likewise seduced all the Inhabitants of that Country. But told them, *That to such as would lay down their Arms and submit themselves, he had Power to grant a full Pardon.* But General *Leslie* going to *Silesia*, in his absence Count *Strafaldo* granted them the Cessation they desired; which the Emperor is much offended at; and has appointed Count *Caprara* to go and command his Troops in *Hungary*. It is the discourse at Court that the Emperor intends to go to *Ratisbonne*, and that in the meantime he will have an Interview with some Princes of the Empire at *Egra*. Count *Lambergh* is going for *Berlin*, and from thence to *Denmark*.

Cologne, March 10. It is the wonder of every body that our Elector still continues here, without any thoughts that appear to the World, of his returning to his ancient Residence at *Bonne*, which some impute entirely to the inclination he has of living retired. The endeavors that have been so often used as well by the Imperialists as by the French to prevail with him to admit of a Coadjutor, have hitherto proved unsuccessful, so that the Pretenders must it seems have patience till his place be empty.

Cologne, March 19. Our Elector has resolved to demolish the Fortifications of *Rhinberg*, and instead of them to build a Citadel. From above they write as if there were some apprehensions of the Plague at *Ratisbonne*, and that there had been a motion made to remove the Dyet to *Augsburg* or *Frankfort*.

Brussels, March 5. Eleven of the twelve *Walloon* Regiments in the service of these Provinces, are fully compleated to the number of 500 men in each; and the twelfth, which is Count *Tillie's*, will be full by the end of this month; but we cannot say so much of the Spanish Regiments, which we are told 4000 men are coming from *Spain* to recruit; The German Regiments, which are to be 14, will be 600 in each, except three in *Luxemburg*, who are to be 1200 in each. In all there are to be 47 Regiments of Foot, the least whereof isto consist in 500 men, and 190 Troops of Horse, which at present are to have 25 men in each, and if there be occasion they are to be made up 40 besides Officers; and 20 Companies of Dragoons, which will be the standing Force of these Provinces. His Excellency has received a very considerable supply by this last Post from *Spain*. Our Commissioners for regulating the Limits are still at *Courtray*, though without any great appearance of bringing matters to an issue: for the French seem resolved to come to no conclusion, but such as they themselves propose.

Brussels, March 15. On Saturday in the evening