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Moscow, Decemb. 21.

THe preparations that are making here for the carrying on the War against the Turks, are indeed very great, for the Ottomans continuing to declare they will not make a Peace, unless one of the conditions of it, be the Cession of the whole *Ukrain*, and threatening to bring such Armies against us this Summer, as that we shall with we had purchased a Peace at any rate: Our Czar and his Ministers, having laid aside all thoughts of Peace, do wholly apply themselves to the War, and to let the Ottomans see how vain their Menaces are, they intend to have such Armies in the Field, as may not only make head against those of the Grand Signior, but act likewise offensively; and for the better pursuing this Design, we are informed that an Alliance of mutual Defence and Assistance, is now treating between our Czar and the King of *Perſia*, and that all possible endeavours will be used to engage the Poles to take part with us in this War. The 14th Instant we saw here for the first time a Comet, which we suppose to be the same, that has been seen in most parts of Christendom.

Warsaw, Jan. 28. The proceedings of our Dyet are somewhat slow; two or three days have been already spent in hearing the opinions of the Senators, who have not yet all done; some of them have with great warmth pressed a War against the Turks, which others have as zealously opposed: The Marriage of Prince *Louis* with the Princess *Radzeville* has been taken notice of by most of them, as a thing that ought to have had the consent of this Republick, not only as Guaridans to that Princess, but likewise because of the consequence her Marrying with a Foreign Prince may have, considering the great Estate she possesses in *Lithuania*.

Madrid, Feb. 6. Our Letters from *Cadix* give us an account that the Galcons Sailed from thence the 28th past. The Duke de *Veraguas* is commanded to leave the Court, on the same account as was the Count de *Monterey* of whose disgrace we told you some time since. The Queen having endeavored to make a reconciliation between the Constable of *Colonna* and his Wife, who have for some years lived asunder, the result of it has been, That they have agreed to sue a Divorce, and that being obtained, the Constable will make him self a Knight of *Malthe*, and his Lady will become a Nun. The King has given the Government of *Oran* to the Count of *Moncloa*.

Vienna, Feb. 2. On Thursday last parted from

hence Count *Ernest* of *Starenberg*, Governor of this Place, and the Baron *Herwarth* the Emperors Commissioners for *Presburg* in *Hungary*, where they are to meet and confer with several of the *Hungarian* Nobility and others, for the adjusting some preliminary matters, which it is necessary should be determined before the Assembling of the Dyet, which the Emperor has appointed to meet for the settling the Affairs of that Kingdom. We have an Account from *Hungary* of the death of the Prince of *Transylvania*.

Linx, Feb. 17. From *Presburg*, we have advice that the Emperors Commissioners the Count of *Starenberg* and the Baron *Herwarth* had begun the Conferences with the Archbishop of *Gran*, the Bishop of *Raab*, the Chancellor of *Hungary*, the Count of *Forgats*, the Count *Esterhazy* and some others of the Nobility of that Kingdom, at which the Deputies of the Malecontents were present, who insist on several points, which the Imperial Commissioners endeavor to moderate, and to remove all other difficulties which may delay or hinder the meeting of the Dyet. There has been a discourse that the Emperor would take a journey to *Ratisbonne* to meet there some of the Electors and other Princes of the Empire before he returns to *Vienna*, but it appears not to have any foundation.

Ratisbonne, Feb. 18. The Dyet has not as yet taken any resolution upon what has been proposed by the Bishop of *Aichstade* the Imperial Commissioner, concerning the raising a certain number of Forces for the defence of the Empire, but we doubt not but they will very suddenly. We understand that Commissioners are to meet on the part of the Emperor and the French King, what success their Conferences will have time must show, though according to the appearance of things we cannot be very forward to promise our selves it will be such, as we wish. The Levies that are making in the Empire for the Emperors service advance very well.

Berlin, Feb. 22. The 19th Instant arrived at *Possdam*, the Elector and Electores of *Saxony*: Our Elector and Electores went out a League to meet them, and received them with great Ceremony. This day they came hither to see this place, being attended with two Troops of Horse Guards and two Companies of Dragons, and a great number of Coaches and Gentlemen on horseback; They were saluted at their entering into the Town, as they were at their parting with a discharge of the great Guns, and the Burghers were in Arms. It is believed that this interview will produce an Alliance between the two Electors. Prince *Louis* and his Princess have left *Coningsberg*, and are on their way hither.

Cologne, Feb. 23. From *Linx* they write that the

the Emperor has made choice of the Bishop of *Gurcke*, and Count *Kinski* to be his Commissioners, for the adjusting with those of *France* the matter of the Dependences, and from *Hungary* we have advice that the Malecontents, who had sent their Deputies to *Presbourg* to be present at the Conferences held there, did demand such things, and that with a Declaration that they could not recede from any of them, as did very much abate the hopes many people had, that the Dyet which is going to be held, would produce a happy settlement. At *Mentz*, *Francford* and some other places of the Empire, was, as they write from thence felt on the 7th Instant an Earthquake between four and five in the morning.

Brussels, Feb. 18. The Military reform is not yet declared, several difficulties as we are informed, arising, which have been the reason of it's being deferred so long; There will be many Officers concerned in it, who, as they give out, intend to put themselves into the French service, into which they doubt not but they shall be readily received. His Highness is expecting by the next Spanish Ordinary the necessary Orders for putting the Civill Reform likewise in execution, by which a great many Councillors and other Officers belonging to the Finances, the Chamber of Accounts and the other Sovereign Chambers will be removed.

Brussels, Feb. 21. The Carneval was ended last Tuesday night at the Count d' *Archinto's* house, where the Prince of *Parma*, and all the persons of Quality in Town were entertained with a Ball, and afterwards with a very noble Banquet. His Highness intends to goe very suddenly to *Antwerp*, and to pass some time there. The Sicur *Cristin* the Chief of the Spanish Commissioners for the Conferences at *Courtray* is still here, and will continue so, till he hears that Monsieur *Pelletier* the first of the French Commissioners is on his journey thither. Our Letters from *Paris* tell us, that the endeavors which the French have for some time used to engage the Elector of *Bavaria* to enter into an Alliance with them, have proved fruitless, that Prince being resolved firmly to adhere to the Interest of the Empire. Our Letters from *Rome* tell us, that the Cardinal d' *Estree* had the third Instant his first Audience of the Pope, which was very long, but that no judgment could yet be made of the issue things might have.

Brussels, Feb. 25. All the Horse quartered in *Flanders*, is appointed to rendezvous to morrow at *Ghent*, and that of *Brabant* at *Louvaine*; they will receive a Months pay and then the Reform will be declared; There will be above 100 Troops broken and 13 Colonels with their inferior Officers reformed. And on the 28 of this Month 17 Regiments of Foot will in like manner be reformed, besides all the Independant Companies, which are under the particular command of the Governor of the place where they are. When this is done the Civil Reform will be published which will fall very heavy upon the Councillors of the Finances and other Sovereign Chambers who bought the places they are by this reform removed from.

Hague, Feb. 28. Upon the resolution of the States

to lay a greater imposition upon the Cattle that comes from *Denmarke*, and other commodities brought from the Northern parts, the Ministers that are here, of the Princes whose subjects are like to be concerned therein, are preparing to make such representations to the States, as may let them see the inconveniencies of this their resolution, and may induce them to alter it. The French Ambassador returned hither the last night from *Amsterdam*. The Prince of *Orange* will go to morrow to *Soestdike*, and continue there till the latter end of the next week.

Marseilles, Feb. 18. The Envoy which we informed you was sent by our King to *Algiers* to demand reparation for several abuses committed by those Pirates upon his subjects, is already returned, having as is given out, received all imaginable satisfaction in the matters he was charged with, and renewed the Peace with some additional Articles of great benefit and advantage to the subjects of this Crown; but the private Letters of several Merchants say the contrary, and tell us that the Algierins would not hearken to any of the proposals which the said Envoy made to them, and that when he demanded the liberty of such French as they had taken on Board Foreign Vessells and had made Slaves contrary to the Peace, they told him, that when the French King had caused all the Turks which are Slaves in his Gallies to be released, they would do the like with the French that are Slaves at *Algiers*. They likewise write from thence that the powder house of that place in which were above 200 barrels of powder (supposed to be that which the Dutch furnished them with upon their making the Peace with them) about two Months since took fire, by what accident not known, and that it blew up above 300 houses and great part of the City walls, and destroyed 250 persons.

Paris, March, 1. We are with some impatience expecting our Italian Letters which we persuade our selves will give us some further account of what the Cardinal d' *Estree* has done at *Rome*; for that Affair is now the general subject of peoples discourse.

Lime, Feb. 19. Yesterday arrived here the *William* and *John* of this Place in 12 days from *St. Sebastian*; the Master tells us, that it was reported there, that the French King was expected in a short time at *Bayonne*.

The Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer have Money in Bank to pay to Number 643 Inclusive, of the Orders Registered on the Second Act for Disbanding the Army.

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The infallible Medicine of Sir *Robert Talbot*, for cure of Agnes and Feavours, being in his absence rightly prepared by his Brother according to his directions, is to be had when he is out of Town, at Mr. *Lords* a Barber in *St. Swithings-lane* near *Lincolnschire*, where he lodges when in Town, or at Mr. *Poles* next door to *Grays-inn-gate*; with directions for the right use: The price a Guinea two Doles.