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Moscow, Feb. 18.

WE are with some impatience expecting to hear of the arrival of the Czars Ambassadors at Warsaw, and of the success they have in their Negotiation. In the mean time we have Advice from the Frontiers, of the great preparations of the Ottomans, and we are not behind hand on this side; the Czar will have several Armies in the Field, to be Commanded by *Kneas Goletfni* as *Generalissimus*. About six weeks since came hither Col. *Patrick Gourdon*, whose long and eminent Services on many occasions has procured him in a very great measure, the favour of the Czar, who has not only given him the Command of Major-General, but has entrusted him with the chief direction of Affairs relating to the War at *Kios*, and accordingly he is gone thither to take Possession of that Charge.

Vienna, April 20. The Emperor has put off his Journey to *Newstadt* till the third of the next Month, for that things will not be ready sooner for the Courts Reception. Some of the chief of the Nobility of *Hungary* are now here, to concert with the Emperors Ministers several preliminary Matters concerning the meeting of the Dyet, which are so adjusted, as that it's not doubted but it will be to the satisfaction of all that are concerned therein; and we hope that when they come to Treat of the weighty and substantial Points, upon which the whole depends, there will appear in their Debates that Temper and Disposition to an accommodation, as to discourage those that find their advantage in the publick disorders, from attempting any thing that may frustrate the Ends the Emperor proposed to himself in calling this Dyet. The last week arrived here an Envoye from the Cham of *Tartary*, who had this day an Audience of Prince *Herman of Baden*, President of the Council of War; and we are informed that a Turkish Chiaus will be here in few days; the Errands of these Messengers are for the most part very inconsiderable, and so we suppose they are at this time, for we hear nothing spoken of them.

Ratisbonne, April 23. We gave you an Account in our last, of the Debates of the Dyet, concerning the raising an Army of 60000 Men; since we understand that some Deputies have proposed, that 10000 Men more may be added to that number, that is the

Army may be 70000, and that it may remain on foot three years, and it's hoped the Dyet will very speedily come to a final Resolution therein. From *Vienna* they write, That the Affairs of *Hungary* did now chiefly employ that Court; the Emperor being on his departure for *Newstadt*, to be near the Dyet, which was to meet on the 28th Instant; We with the success of this Meeting may answer the general expectation, and we have reason to wish it, for that the Emperor, when he has settled Affairs on that side, will be more at liberty to act for the Defence and Security of the Empire.

Francfort, April 25. It is generally believed that this Place will be made choice of for the Conferences that are to be held between the Imperial and French Commissioners; and though there are not many that do promise themselves they will answer the end they seem designed for, yet every body wishes to see them begun; and as we are told, the Dyet at *Ratisbonne* has desired the Emperor, that his Minister at *Paris* may press the Dispatch of the French Commissioners.

Strasbourg, April 25. The French Troops begin to be in motion; some march to *Saar Louis, Longwi,* and *Flanders*, and some again come from those parts towards *Lorraine* and *Alsace*; in the mean time we are wholly ignorant what their Designs are, and though we cannot wholly lay aside the apprehensions we have of them, yet not knowing where to fix them, we are more at ease than perhaps we have reason to be. The States assembled at *Ratisbonne* are sensible of the danger that threatens the Empire, as appears by their late Debates, concerning the setting on foot an Army of 60000 Men, for their common security and Defence; and it's to be hoped they will make haste to bring the same to a formal Resolution, and then to put it in execution.

Cologne, April 28. The Deputies that were sent hither by the City of *Liege*, have had Audience of our Elector, and been several times in conference with his Ministers; but we do not find that they have made any progress towards an accommodation; his Electoral Highness demanding, That the Authors of the late disorders be exemplarily punished; that such as have been removed out of the Magistracy, or other publick Employments be restored; and his Decrees concerning the Imposition of the 60th Penny Received and Obeyed. From *Alsace* we have Advice that the Chapter of *Strasbourg* had been Assembled at *Molsheim* for the choosing a Dean, in the room of Count *Coningsee* deceased, but that the French pretending to direct the Election, and several French

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