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Venice, March 27.

THE 23 Instant arriv'd in this City *Marc Antonio Guisipiani*, Doge of this State, publickly in the 5th Year of his Government, having been chosen the 26th of January 1684; the next day his Body was privately interred in the Church of *St. Francis*; and this day his death was published with the usual Ceremonies: His Effigies will be exposted in the Ducal Robes according to custom; and the 29th his Obsequies will be performed in the Church of *St. John* and *St. Paul* with great Magnificence: After which the Nobility will proceed to the Election of a new Doge; and, in all appearance, their Choice will fall upon Signior *Morsini*, at present Captain-General of the Forces of this State. The Duke of *Mantua* parted from hence the 14th Instant.

Venice, April 3. On Monday last arriv'd here a Vessel in 20 days from *Constantinople*, bringing Letters of the 6th of the last Month; which give the following Account:

THE Calm which attended the Inauguration of our new Seditan was of a shocking continuance, through the insupportable insolence of the *Turbahs*, who are the Heads of the Squadrons of the Janisaries; who were established by the *Chian Bassa*, before he was made Grand Vicer, in their march hither; when, under pretence of coming to demand their Pay, they designed the great Revolution that afterwards happened in the Government of these Men, usurping the Imperial Authority, disposed, at their Pleasure, of all the publick Offices & Employments; and, by their Arrogance and Insolubility made it notorious that, in stead of remedying the former Misadriages, nothing but Disorder and Confusion was to be expected for the future: The Grand Vizier, to remedy these growing Mischiefs, thought to break the Union, by sending the chief Supporters of it to several Employments, far distant from hence; but they, imagining this design, would not accept of any he offered them: This not succeeding, the Vicer resolved to take off those, who had been set up by the sole Authority of the *Turbahs*; but herein likewise he met with difficulties which he could not overcome; and one of these Officers, named *Tetfagi*, was so bold, that, going to the Vicer, he threatened him, in case he proceeded in his Contrivances against the *Turbahs*, that they would cut him in pieces: The Vicer answered him very mildly, and endeavouring to divert the Storm he forelaw, began to think of retiring from that Employment; and accordingly having consulted with some of his Friends, resigned the Seal of his Office into the hands of the *Misfi*, wherein, it is thought, he committed a great Error, for that he thereby deprived himself of the Respect, which the *Turks* naturally bear to the Person that is invested with it: After which he sent for the Aga of the Janisaries, and some others, who, though they had been also elected by the *Turbahs*, yet did not approve of their Proceedings, and advising with them what was further to be done, the Aga promised to remove *Tetfagi* out of the way, who was become the Head of the Rebellion: In the mean time, the *Misfi* perceiving the Vicer acted by the Advice of the *Caiman Kaperis* his Kinsman, resolved in the first place to shew their Resentment against him; but the Vicer prevented it, by sending him to the *Dardanelles*; which encreas'd their Animosity against the Vicer: The Aga of the Janisaries executed his Promise, by the Death of *Tetfagi* on the 29th of February, of which, being accompanied with a great many Officers; and between a and 3000 Janisaries, he carried himself to the News to the Grand Vicer; but coming afterwards into the Market place, where the *Turks* and Janisaries were assembled, he began to murmur, and being abused by the *Turbahs*, fell upon their Aga, and kill'd him, charging him with the Death of their former Aga the immediate Predecessor; and at the same time chose one of the *Turbahs*, *Alim*, Aga, to be Aga of the Janisaries, with a resolution to cut off the Vicer, and the new Sultan, and to set up in his place *Mustapha*, one of the Deposed

Mahomet; which under hand was promou'd by the *Seraglio*, Mother of *Arifshah*, with a promise of a Donative of 2000000 Lires. In this heat they went to the House of the Grand Vicer, who fearing their Insolence had run before to the *Captain Bassa* to come with a good number of the *Lieutenants* to his assistance: The *Bassa* came alone, his men being discomfited, and advised the Vicer to retire into the *Seraglio*, which he would not consent to; And now the Janisaries began to force the Vicer's House, who at first made some little resistance, and with his own hands kill'd one of two of the Rebels, which only serv'd to provoke the rest the more, who at last rais'd the Vicer, wounded his Wife the Daughter of *Yold Capery*, and plunder'd his House; after which they went to the house of the Treasurer, and other rich men, and to the Chief Shops, which they likewise plunder'd. They continued their Violence all Murther the *London* of *Mischi*, which the *Inhabitants* not being able to bear, on Tuesday morning they went in a Body to the *Seraglio*, at which the Grand Signior was at last greatly affrighted, believing they came to take away his life; but being assur'd that they demand nothing but the suppressing of the *Turbahs*, and that the Rebels should be punished according to their desert, he caus'd the great Standard of *Mahomet* to be planted before the Gate of the *Seraglio*; whereupon, in less than three hours time, there assembled together above 100000 armed men, who fell upon the *Turbahs* and their followers, and slew a great many of them, and continued in Arms till Wednesday evening. When the Standard was again taken in: Since that time till the writing of this Letter, there have been every day several put to death, and many discomfited, and it cannot be known which of these disorders will end. *Mahomet Bassa* is declared Grand Vicer, but being a man of 75 years, of little spirit, and incapable of managing the Affairs of the War, it is believed he will not long hold that Employment, but that it will be given to the *Caiman Capry*, if he will accept of it: To this Account the Master of the Vessel, who came from *Constantinople* the 21st of March adds, That at his departure the City was on fire in several places; That above 4000 Houles, with the Custom-house, and several Magazines of Provisions, brought from *Alexandria*, and designed for the War, had been burnt: That in this confusion a great many Slaves had escap'd, and that above 500 were got into the house of the French Ambassador; That 20000 new raised men being sent towards *Belyade*, a great part of them had desert'd in their march; That the new Impression of abundance upon every Chimney, occasioned a great Dissatisfaction among the people; And that 4000 Horse under the command of a *Bassa*, were advancing towards *Constantinople* with a design to place *Mustapha* the Son of *Mahomet* upon the Throne.

By a Vessel arriv'd from *Cyprus*, we are inform'd, That the Affairs of that Island are likewise in great confusion, and that the *Inhabitants* had made themselves Masters of *Nicosia*, a place of considerable strength.

The Nobility have been talk'd of since Tuesday last, in order to the Election of a new Doge; and it is not doubted but they will choose the *Captain General*.

Another Letter from *Constantinople* of the 6th of March, 1688.

THE News we can send you from hence by the Opportunity of a Vessel that's now going towards your Parts is, That the Janisaries have insist'd again upon kill'd the Grand Vicer, sacked his House, and taken from thence a very considerable Sum of Money, which was to have been employ'd in the Preparation for the Campaign: That the Aga of the Janisaries, and the Capilign (who is the Introducer of Ambassadors) have run the same Fortune; but the Treasurer whom they likewise sought after, made his Escape: The Grand Signior, seeing this Confusion, caus'd the great Standard of *Mahomet* to be exposted before the Gate of the *Seraglio*, and Publication to be made, That all who repaired to it were Friends to God and *Mahomet*, and that those who did not should be esteem'd as *Enemies* to both: Whereupon there was an innumerable Company of armed People, who presently declar'd the Rebels were *Infidels* and worthy of Death, and out to be pursued as such, and many of them were accordingly kill'd: During this Confusion,