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Walmouth, Mar. 25.

THe 19th instant went out from hence divers English and Dutch Merchant ships, some bound for several Ports of *France*, and others to the Southwards.

The next day put in here the *Antelope* to repair her Mast, and is again gone out to sea. Yesterday came in a French man of War of 8 Guns, about a week since taken by an Ostend man of War of 24 Guns.

Hull, Mar. 27. Here are newly put into this place two ships of this Town from the Eastern parts, one Swede from *Gottenburg*, her lading Flax, Iron, Pitch, and Tarre, &c. This week also went out from hence, one ship for *Gottenberg*, and two for *Holland* laden with the Commodities of these parts.

Plymouth, Mar. 27. Sir *Thomas Allen* with his Squadron, continues still about the *Lizard*. Some vessels lately passing by from *Rochel* speak much of the French preparations as well for Sea as Land, that they are fitting up their whole Fleet with all the speed and diligence that may be used, and that Monsieur *de Beaufort* is gone out to sea with a Squadron of 10 men of War of considerable force with 4 Fire-ships, and other attendants.

Rome, Mar. 17. About 3 days since arrived here an Express from Cardinal *Cosini* the Legate of *Ferrara* informing the Pope that he had according to Order taken with him the Militia of the Countrey, with some Companies drawn out of the Garisons of *Ferrara*, and the Fort *Urban*, and had with their assistance thrown down the Dampse lately made by the Venetians to turn the waters of the *Po*, to the prejudice of His Holinesses territories.

Since which another Courier arriving from the said Legate informs that the Venetians had again with a considerable Number of Souldiers and Pioneers repaired what was before ruin'd; which His Holiness ill resenting, assureth the Venetian Ambassador in a late Audience, that, as he should not hastily be induced to withdraw his assistance, lest for the opposing the Common Enemy, yet he should be obliged to oppose them with all his strength, if they continued these violent proceedings so much to his dishonour, and the prejudice of his people.

On Monday last the Pope held a private Consistory in the Quirinal, wherein divers Vacant Bishopricks, were by the several Cardinals Protectors proposed and disposed of according to Custom. The same day in the afternoon arrived here from *Florence*, Cardinal *Leopoldo de Medici*, Brother to the Great Duke of *Tuscany*, having been met seven miles from the City on the way by divers of the Cardinals, and almost all the Roman Princes, making his Entry in Cardinal *Rospigliosi's* Coach, with the Spanish Ambassador, the Segnors *Baylivo*, *Vincenzo*, and Cavalier *Tomaso Rospigliosi*, followed by a Train of about 100 Coaches with six Horses, and was afterwards conducted to kiss his Holiness Foot. The two following dayes he received the private Visits in his own Palace, of all the great Persons. On Thursday was held a Publick Consistory in the Quirinal, to which the Cardinal with a great Train of the Nobility on Horseback and above 20 Cardinals, was conducted with extraordinary state, introduced to His Holiness by the Cardinal Deacons, with the usual Ceremonies on such occasions, taking his Oath, and receiving his Cap, and afterwards honourably entertain'd at dinner by Cardinal *Rospigliosi* and has since began his publick Visits to the sacred Colledge.

Yesterday the Cardinal Orsino Protector of *Portugal*, by Order from the Prince Regent *Don Pedro*, gave His

Holiness an account of the Peace lately concluded between *Spain* and *Portugal*, desiring his Benediction for himself and his people, assuring him of his respects to the Roman See, and 'tis believed that matters of Creation of Bishops, and other Ecclesiastical Affairs will be soon offered to the satisfaction of the Crown of *Portugal*.

Madrid, Mar. 23. The 15th instant, the Ambassador from the Great Duke of *Muscovy*, had his Audience, desiring in the name of his Master, 1. Peace and firm Alliance with the Emperour and Crown of *Spain*.

2. That his Catholique Majesty would endeavor to encourage the proposal of a match between the second son of the Grand Duke and one of the Sisters of his Imperial Majesty.

3. That he would together with the Emperour favour the Election of that young Prince to succeed to the Crown of *Poland*.

4. Offering, that in case the Turks should invade *Poland*, or break with the Emperour, his Master would be willing to take upon him the management of that War.

5. That he would be ready upon any occasion to assist the Crown of *Spain* with 40000 men.

6. That to avoid all disputes in point of Religion, the Grand Duke would be willing that his son should be instructed in the Catholique Religion, and that free exercise thereof should be permitted in all his frontier Countreys; offering likewise sufficient security that the Kingdom of *Poland* should not be annexed to that of *Muscovy*.

Don Juan 'tis believed will in few days begin his journey for the *Netherlands*, the most part of his Family being already on the way thither, and him self in few days intending to set forwards from hence.

Letters of the 11th instant from *Cadix*, inform us that the Vice-Admiral of *Holland*, with 25 ships under his Convoys, is now under sail returning homewards, and that the Vice-Admiral of *Spain* was embarking himself with about 14 Men of War, to attend the Transportation of the Spanish forces into *Flanders*.

They also tell us that for four or five Nights together hath been seen there, about 7 in the Evening to the Westward a great Comet, the time of his appearance being about 2 hours.

Brussels, Mar. 21. Yesterday returned hither from *Antwerp* the Marquis de *Castel Rodrigo*, and the same day passed by this City a Trumpet sent to the Governour of *Charleroy* with Orders for the instant union of *Quenep* as being taken by the French during the time allotted for a Cessation from all acts of hostility.

A Letter has been lately sent from Her Majesty the Queen Regent of *Spain*, directed to the States of *Flanders*, *Brabant*, and the other countreys subject to the Crown of *Spain* in the *Netherlands*, assuring them of the great care taken by her for their defence, by the time of sending to them considerable succors of Men and Monneys, and that *Don Juan* would in little time be with them with a strong Army; with all, encouraging them to improve all their power for their own preservation, and to continue in their Duty and Obedience to His Catholick Majesty as their Rightful Sovereign.

From *Paris* we are flatter'd with great hopes of a good success of the intended Treaty, but the great preparations made by the French against the approaching Campaign, encourage our jealousies, that the War is still like to continue in these Countreys. *Tournay* is now made a vast Magazine for their Military provisions, whither large quantities of all sorts have been lately sent from *Lille*, and this week