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Rome, February 9.

ON Monday last the Pope held a Consistory, where he Preconised the French Bishops of *Clermont, Bayonne, Angoulesme, and Tours*, notwithstanding divers Cardinals opposed it, and endeavoured to dissuade him from proceeding in this matter till the Court of France had performed what has been promised on their part; but the French had before gained the Pope by their repeated Assurances, that the King their Master will give him all the Satisfaction he can desire, and even beyond what has been agreed on in this Affair. The Pope has named Signior *Tavera*, now in Portugal, to go in the Quality of his Extraordinary Nuncio to the Emperor; and it's believed that Signior *Lissa* will be sent, with the same Character to the Court of Spain, and Signior *Cavallieri* to that of France. The Imperial Ambassador had on Wednesday last a long Audience of the Pope, and afterwards a Conference with Cardinal *Spada* Secretary of State; The occasion of which was to deliver the Emperor's Answer to a Letter he had received from the Pope concerning the present Juncture of Affairs; and to demand Allitance against the Turks. Monsieur *Rabencac*, the French Envoy, is gone from hence for Venice.

Turin, Febr. 5. Our Troops that returned lately from the Valley of *Aost*, march towards *Coni*, to cover the Workmen employed on the Fortifications of that place, which are very much advanced. General *Caraffa* is gone to *Vinca*, and the discourse continues, that the Emperor will put the chief Command of his Forces, now in Italy, into the hands of the Duke of *Savoy*. The French have a good Garison in *Montmelian*; but no Governor is yet appointed, the Colonel of the Regiment of *Fox* commanding there for the present; They began, presently after the taking of the place, to repair the Fortifications that were ruined in the Siege, but have ceased of late from working on them. Monsieur *Chanlay*, who arrived lately in these parts from the Court of France, is still at *Figueret*, but prepares to return in few days for Paris.

Venice, Febr. 9. The new raised Troops that are at the *Lido* will embark this week. The Baron *de Sparr* is gone for Germany to begin his Levy of 1000 Men, and several other Troops will be raised against the Spring to reinforce our Army in the *Levant*, which is to consist this Campaigne of 20000 effective Men. The Advices from Turkey confirm the great Preparations of the Turks, who to appease the Murmurs and Discontents of the People, give out, that the Christians will not make a Peace but upon Conditions that would destroy the Ottoman Empire.

Warsaw, Febr. 3. We hear, that the Prince or Hospodar of *Moldavia* having discovered some secret Practices which were carried on by several of the principal Men, in favour of the King of *Poland's* design to annex that Principality to this Crown, had caused them to be seized, and 8 of them to be put to death. The King of *Poland* in his return from the last Campaigne ordered 45 Boxes of Cannon, which by reason of the badness of the Ways could not then be brought off, to be buried in the Enemies Country, where 'twas feared they would have been lost, but the King sending an Officer lately with some Troops to try to recover them, he performed his Commission very successfully, and brought off all the said Cannon, some of which are 24 Pounders.

Vienna, February 17. The Elector of *Bavaria* parted from this place yesterday towards *Munich*, where his stay will be very short; and thence his Electoral Highness will go directly for *Flanders*. The last Letters from *Upper-Hungary* say, that there came Deserters daily from *Great-Waradin*, who all speak of the great Extremities that *Gabiska* is reduced to, and that they will be necessitated in a very short time to Capitulate. The Countess of *Teckley*, who went hence some weeks ago, is arrived at *Kalo*, where she met of a Convoy to conduct her to her Husband. The Turks are drawing a Body of Men together about *Tauswar* in order to come at empt, to prevent which the Marquis *Nigrelli* has sent a strong Party of Horse to-

wards the River *Theysse*, with orders to observe and attend the Enemies motions. The Turks have of late made several Incurfions into *Croatia*, but have in all of these been beaten back with loss. The Advices from *Turkey* say, that there are great Divisions among the chief Officers of the Ottoman Army, which the Grand Viceroy endeavoured all he could to compose; and at the same time made his utmost Efforts to carry on the preparations for the next Campaigne in *Hungary*. The Prince of *Baden*, who was taken dangerously ill at *Prague* in her Journey hither, is now on the recovery, and Prince *Louis* is expected here in few days.

Frankfort, Febr. 17. We hear from *Ratisbonne*, that the Prince *de Lobowitz* is arrived there to assist as the Emperor's Chief Commissioner at the Dyer. Divers Persons are imprisoned at *Hydelberg* and *Mentz* upon suspicion of holding Intelligence with the Enemy. By an Express from *Mentz*, we understand, that some French Troops have made an Incurfion into the Country of *Rhin-gau*.

Mentz, Febr. 23. The Troops of *Hesse* are come into this Neighbourhood, and 1000 *Lunenbourg* Dragoons have joined them. The Great Master of the Teutonick Order is returned hither from *Ashaffenburg*, where our Elector has his Residence.

Berlin, Febr. 23. The Elector of *Saxony* arrived at *Potsdam* the 14th Instant, where he was received by the Elector of *Brandenburg*, and the next day made his publick Entry into this place with a numerous and splendid Attendance; The following days his Electoral Highness was entertained with Fireworks, Balls, and Excellent Music; On the 10th he dined at *Spandaw* with General *Barfus*, who is Governor of that Citadel; and on the 12th returned towards *Dresden*, our Elector accompanying him several miles out of Town.

Cologne, Febr. 26. The Elector of *Cologne* went from hence this day for *Borne*, to assist at the meeting of the States of this Diocess, who have been several days assembled there. The Letters from *Frankfort* of the 24th Instant advise, that the French in Garison at *Ebernburg* had passed the *Rhine*, and made an Incurfion into the *Rhin-gau*, where they burnt the Castle belonging to the Baron *d'Ingenheim* Nephew to the Elector of *Mentz*, with some Houses thereabouts; and after that repassed the *Rhine*, and returned to their Quarters. They write from *Ratisbonne*, that the Envoy of *Sueden* had presented a Memorial to the Dyer; by which he acquaints them, That the Marquis *de Beshune* being arrived at *Stockholme* with the Character of Ambassador from France, and having demanded a Conference with some of the chief Ministers of that Court, the King his Master, to avoid giving any Jealousie to the Princes of Germany, had commanded him to give notice thereof to the States of the Empire assembled at *Ratisbonne*, and at the same time to repeat the Assurances which he has so often given them of his good Intentions, and his Resolution not to depart from the Measures which he has observed hitherto during the course of the present War.

Paris, Febr. 25. The French King will part from *Versailles* the 3d of the next Month towards *Compiigne*, where he purpops to arrive the 4th, and to employ the 3 days following in taking a Review of the Troops of his Household, and it's said that he will return the 9th or 10th to *Versailles*. The Count *d'Estree* went from hence this morning for *Toulon*, to hasten the fitting out the Squadron of Men of War and Gallies which he is to command this Summer in the *Mediterranean*. The Privateers of *Bayonne* have leave to continue abroad, because of their convenient situation to make Prizes. This week was published an Edict for creating 40 Under Lieutenants in the several Provinces, who are to have a yearly Pension of 2000 Livers, and are to pay for their Offices 40000 Livers each; but there appear but few Bidders; nor do the Offices of Commissaries of War go off better, there being of 100 that were created some time ago, yet but 8 sold. The great Complains that are daily made of the Violence used by the Officers in forcing Men into the Service to compleat their Levies, and of the Desertion of most of them, have obliged the Court to give Orders, that they