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Rome, Feb. 23.

Though the Pope has granted his Bulls to divers of the French Bishops, yet we do not hear that the Court of France has made any Steps towards the performing of what was promised on their part, in the matter of the four Propositions, and the Regale, which is like to put a stop to the dispatch of the Bulls for the rest of the French Bishops; and in the mean time justifies the advice which divers Cardinals gave the Pope not to proceed so hastily in this Business. Don *Livio Odescalchi* was two days ago a long while with the Pope, and this confirms the belief many People have that a Cap is designed him at the next Promotion of Cardinals, which is thought not to be far off. The Advices from *Naples* giving an account, that the Infection is wholly ceased in that Kingdom, the Correspondence and Commerce with it, which has of late been interrupted, will now shortly be opened again. Signior *Cavalerini*, whom the Pope has Named to be his Nuncio in France, has Orders to hasten thither, upon the News of the Death of his Predecessor Signior *Nicolini*; And Signior *Cornaro* is named to be Nuncio at the Court of Portugal, in the place of Signior *Tanara*, who goes in the same Quality to Vienna. The Popes Gallies are fitting out in order to joyn the Venetian Fleet in the Levant.

Turin, Feb. 23. Since the return of our Duke from Germany several Councils of War have been held here about Recruiting the Forces and the other Preparation for the next Campaign. The French in the mean time seem afraid for *Pignerol*, where they have a very weak Garrison; They have cut down all the Trees near it, and levelled the uneven Ground; and last Week Monsieur *de Tiffé*, the Governor, Summoned all the poor People into one of the Suburbs on pretence of a Distribution of Alms, &c when he had them there, chose out such as could bear Arms, whom he forced to take Service, and sent the rest to seek their Fortunes with 3 days Provisions. We hear likewise that they have a very small Garrison in the Town and Castle of *Nice*. The *Vaudois* had on Tuesday last another Skirmish with the French, who were sent from *Pignerol*, to the number of about 100 Dragoons, and 60 Foot, to plunder the Valley of *Lucerne*; They marched in the Night, and plundered a little, but the *Vaudois* having presently taken the Alarm, fell upon the Enemy in their Retreat and cut off about 30 of them.

Milan, Feb. 27. Our Governor the Marquis *de Leganes* has lately given out divers Commissions for new Levies, and has ordered a Train of Artillery to be got ready with all possible Diligence. Some German Recruits are arrived at *Como*, and Commanded to march from thence to *Monferrat*, and more are daily expected.

Venice, Feb. 29. The great Council have chosen Signior *Antonio Belgno*, and Signior *Vicenno Gradenigo*, to be Procurators of *St. Mark*, they paying each 25000 Ducats for that Dignity. On Monday last 800 Foot embarked on the Convoy which will Sail with the first fair Wind for the Levant. The *Sieur de Rabenac*, Envoy from France, had on Tuesday last publick Audience of the Senate, and hands so soon as he has performed the Commission he is sent thither upon, to return to Rome. Several Vessels are come in this Week from the Levant, but having been a long time in their Voyage, they bring no News, unless it be of an Earthquake which lately happened at *Napoli de Romania*, and threw down part of the old Wall of the Town.

Leuberg, Feb. 21. The King of Poland has received advice, That a strong Body of Tartars, under the Command of their ablest Officers, assisted by the Hospodar of *Moldavia*, advanced lately with several pieces of Cannon to the Fort of *Sorocze* on the *Niester*, and thought to have surprized it; but the Garrison was prepared for them, and made so brave a Defence, that the Enemy did not only fail in their Design, but were beaten off, and forced to retire with considerable loss; and among others, the Sultan who Commanded the Tartars was killed with a Cannon shot. We hear from *Moscow*, That the Sophy of *Persia* has sent a great Embassy thither, which it's believed will come on to this Court. The Tartars are preparing another Convoy of Provisions for the Garrison of *Caminiec*, and on our side several Parties are sent out to observe them.

Vienna, March 6. Prince *Lewis of Baden* arrived here on the 27th of the last Month from *Bohemia*; and this day after the Princess his Wife: He has since assisted at several Councils of War, and has given Orders for preparing his Equipage, intending to go early into the Field this Summer. We are told from the Blockade of *Great Waradin*, that the design of the Turks in the Salley they made on the 17th past, was to have surprized the Fort that covers the Bridge on the River *Kris*, but the Heydukes who guarded it, having had timely notice of their motion, and being assisted by a seasonable Reinforcement, beat back the Enemy, and cut off about 20 of them, with the loss of 10 or 12 Men on our side. The Turks continued to play their Cannon all that day with great fury, but with little damage to us. Whilst this was doing, the Bassa Commandant, with the Aga of the Janissaries, and the principal Officers of the Garrison, were got into a little Tower to consult together, but one of our Bombs falling accidentally among them, dispersed the Meeting, having killed several that were present at it; This account we have from several Deserters, who all say, That the Garrison are resolved to Capitulate if they are not relieved in a Fortnight or three Weeks. From all Parts we hear, That the Turks make great Preparations to carry on the War this Summer, and that the Grand Visier, the better to help Matters forward, intends to come betimes to *Belgrade*.

Cologne, March 14. Yesterday passed through this City an Envoy from the Landgrave of *Hess. Cassel*, to compliment the Elector of *Bavaria* upon his arrival at *Bon*, where he is hourly expected in his way towards *Flanders*. The Letters from the *Palestinate* tell us, That the French Horse which drew lately together about *Landau*, were marched towards *Flanders*, and that they were to be followed by some other Troops from *Alsace*. At the same time we hear, that two Battalions are marched from *Trier* to reinforce the Garrison of *Montroyal*; and that the French have within these few days begun to build a new Fort between *Fribourg* and *Brisac* to secure the Communication of those two Places.

Hamburg, March 14. We have an account from the Court of *Hanover*, That Prince *Maximilian* has made a Solemn Renunciation of all Pretensions to the Duchies of *Zell* and *Hanover*, whilst his Eldest Brother, or his Heirs live, which was done before the two Dukes, the most of their Counsellors, and 3 of the chief Nobles of each Duchy.

Paris, March 11. The French King arrived at *Compiègne* the 4th instant at Night; The 7th he took a review of the Troops of his Household; On the 10th he parted again from thence; lay last Night at *Chantilly*, where he stays this day, and returns to-morrow to *Versailles*; But 'tis said, that he will take another Journey towards the Frontiers of *Flanders*, about the end of this Month, or the beginning of the next, to be present at a general review of his Forces before they begin the Campaign. The Count *de Tourville* will part from hence the next Week for *Brest*, and 'tis generally believed, that the Count *d'Estree* will joyn our main Fleet in the Ocean with 16 or 18 of the biggest Ships of the Squadron fitted out at *Toulon*, which is supposed to be by this time at Sea. We hear from *Piedmont*, That the Governor of *Pignerol* had ordered all the Inhabitants of that place to provide themselves with Corn