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Turin, February 19.

THE Preparations are continued at *Vallence* and other Places on the River *Po*, for the Siege of *Casal*, which they say will be undertaken in the beginning of *April*; and at the same time a Body of Troops will be drawn together near this City to observe the Motions of the Enemy. The Count *de Breiner*, Commmiary-General of the Emperors Forces in *Italy*, has writ to the Princes that are Feudatories of the Empire, summoning them to send Deputies to *Milan* to treat about the Contributions they are to furnish for the subsistence of the Imperial Troops.

Vienna, Febr. 23. Prince *Lewis* of *Bavaria* is expected here about the 28th of this month from his House in *Bohemia*, and soon after his arrival it will be declared who shall Command the Emperors Army in *Hungary* the next Summer. The Prince of *Hesse-Darmstadt* is gone to *Milan*, being to command the Forces designed from thence to *Catalonia*. The Sieur *Szczecny*, Archbishop and Primate of *Hungary*, died some days ago at *Presburg*, being very old; He has by his Will left all his Estate, which is very considerable, to the Emperor, except some Legacies which he has given away: 'Tis believed that the Cardinal of *Colonniz* will succeed in that Archbishoprick. We hear from the Frontiers, that the late *Bassa* of *Gyula* was, upon his arrival at *Belgrade*, made a Prisoner by order from the Port, for having surrendered that place. General *Veterani* will shortly return to *Transylvania*.

Cologne, March 1. New Levies are making for the Service of our Elektor; and we are told that He will take into his Pay one of the Bishop of *Master's* Regiments. The *Rhine* is now open again.

Hamburgh, March 1. They write from *Warsaw*, that the Differences among the Deputies of the Dyet continuing to such a height that they could not agree about the Choice of their *Marschal* or Speaker, and the time of its continuance, according to the ancient Statutes of the Kingdom, expiring the 19th of the last month, the Dyet broke up the same day, and the Deputies were returning home. These Letters add, that the Tartars had put a Supply of Provisions into *Caminnic*, and had afterwards made a great Ravage on the Frontiers of *Poland*, some of their Parties advancing even into the Neighbourhood of *Lemberg*.

Paris, March 4. Some days ago was published here a new Addition to the Edict for the Poll Tax, by which all Men and Women Servants, and many others that were before omitted, are made liable to it; For being sensible that they were much mistaken in their Computation of what this Tax would produce, to make it up they do now include all sorts of People, contrary to the French Kings first Declaration, which imposes it only upon Housekeepers; And this occasions much murmuring in the Provinces, where the Poverty is very great. The Men of War are sitting out at *Toulon*; and 'tis said the *Marschal de Tournelle* will be going thither in few days; They talk still of sending thence some time the next month a Convey of Provisions and Ammunition to *Catalonia*; A Magazine of Powder was lately burnt at *Toulon*, and they have taken up one of the Guards *Marine*

upon suspicion of his having set it on fire. They continue to fit out several Frigets at *Rochfort* and other Ports of the Ocean, which it's believed are designed for Convoys and Cruisers. The French Kings Journey to *Compeigne* is fixed for the 6th of the next month, and is to last 3 weeks to take a Review of the Troops of the Household. They are at this Court in much pain for *Casal*, which all the Advices from *Italy* assure us, the Allies intend to besiege this Spring; and Directions have been sent to the *Marschal de Catinat* to hasten all he can the preparations for the Campagne on that side.

Brussels, March 6. The Duke of *Wurtemberg* went from hence two days ago to *Mulines*. Upon advice, of the preparations the French are making at *Namur*, several Regiments of Horse and Foot are ordered to be in readiness to march that way. The Forage that was lately burnt at *St. Guislan* by a Party of the Garison of *Aeth*, consisted of 160000 Rations, which was brought from *Douay* and other Places thereabouts, and was designed for the Magazine at *Mons*, but being stoppt by the Ice at *St. Guislan*, it was landed and laid up there till the Weather should break.

Hague, March 8. The States of *Holland* meet again to-morrow. The Sieur *Gildermast* is deputed by the Council of State to go to *Bomel* and other Places to review the Horses and Carriages belonging to the Artillery, for which purpose he will part from hence towards the latter end of this week. The news of Captain *Killigrews* Engagement with two French Men of War near the Coast of *Sicily* comes by several Letters of the 18 past from *Venice*, which though they differ in some particulars, yet do all agree as to the main of the Action, and leave no room to doubt the truth of it; and among the rest, one Letter from thence of the same date gives this account;

That Captain *Killigrew* having with him a Squadron of 7 English Men of War, had on the 27th of *January* detached 3 of them to cruise in the Channel of *Malta*, and 3 about *Cape Passaro*, while he remained with his single Ship near the *Fare of Messina*; That quickly after Captain *Killigrew* fell in with two French Men of War, one of 64 and the other of 50 Guns, and engaged them both for the space of 4 hours, when upon the report of the Guns one of the detached English Men of War came into his assistance, who so well seconded Capt. *Killigrew*, that the French betook themselves to a running Fight, and in a short time the Ship of 50 Guns surrendered and soon after sunk, and the other, having all her Masts shot by the board, yielded also, and was carried to *Messina*; There were on board the two French Men of War above 700 Men, of which almost one half were killed and wounded; Capt. *Killigrew* was likewise killed in the Fight, and about 50 of his Men killed and wounded.

Dublin, Febr. 22. We have an account from *Castleron*, that one *Marphy*, Captain of the Tories, who was named in the Proclamation lately put out by the Lords-Justices, was taken the last week and sent to the County Gaol. And one *Demen*, another great Tory, was some days ago killed on the borders of *Kerry*, by one of his own Gang, who brought in his Head according to the said Proclamation. The Letters from *Corke* of the 19th advise, that about 20 Sail of English Ships passed by that Port the same day to the Eastward, supposed to be bound home from *Cadix*.

Plymouth, Febr. 26. Yesterday sailed from hence about 20 Sail of Merchant Ships with their Convoys for the *Downes*; The same day came in a Dutch Ship called the *St. Mathias* laden with Dead Boards; and this day the *Sea-Flower* of *Amsterdam* from the *Canaries*.

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