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Malaga, January 29. N. S.

TWO Vessels are arrived here this week from *Ceuta*, and bring an account, that the Moores do still continue that Siege, and give out, that they will not quit it until they are Masters of the Place; and that they shortly expect a great Reinforcement, which will enable them to push on their Attacks with greater vigor than they have yet done; On the other hand, the Spaniards have made several new Outworks, and are in so good a posture, that they are in no apprehension of what the Enemy can attempt against them. Levies are making in these parts both of Horse and Foot, to reinforce the Spanish Army in *Catalonia*.

Genova, Febr. 2. By a Vessel arrived here from *Marseilles*, we hear the French are fitting out their Gallies, and several Men of War at *Toulon*, who, it's believed, are designed to carry Provisions, and perhaps some Troops, to *Catalonia*. They write from *Milan*, that the Marquis de *Leganes*, their Governor, is gone to *Turin*, to confer with the Duke of *Savoy*, about the Affairs of *Italy*.

Venice, Febr. 16. By Letters from *Napoli di Romania* of the 14th of the last month, we are told, that the Captain-General had taken a Review of the Forces quartered in the *Morea*, had ordered a Regiment of Foot to be raised in that Country, and other Preparations to be made for the next Campaign; which he intends to begin very early, if he be enabled so to do, by the timely arrival of the Supplies that are promised him from hence; The Turks use at the same time their utmost endeavours to provide for the War, wherein they meet with great difficulties, the several Provinces of that Empire, being by its long continuance, and the Losses they have sustained, exhausted both of Men and Money; The Sultan intends to make the Campaign again in *Hungary*, and to remain in the mean time at *Adrianople*; The French Ambassador is gone thither from *Constantinople*, with intention to stay there during the Residency of the Court. Divers French Officers, who served in the Turkish Army the last Summer, are come to *Constantinople*, and make preparations to return to *Hungary*, where many others are expected from *France*. The great Preparations of the Moscovites make the Turks very uneasy, and they have therefore resolved to send a good Body of old Troops to the Assistance of the Tartars; who do very earnestly sollicite it.

Vienne, Febr. 16. The Elector of *Saxony* is expected at this Court some time the next month; No body doubts but he will command again the

Imperial Army in *Hungary*, and seeing General *Caprara* is not in a condition to go any more into the Field, 'tis believed Prince *Eugene* of *Savoy* (lately General of the Emperor's Forces in *Italy*) will be appointed in his place. The Czar of *Moscovy* has, by his Envoy here, desired the Emperor, to assist him with some Experienced Officers, to be employed in his Army the next Summer; and leave has been thereupon given to such who have an Inclination to that Service, to engage in it; The said Envoy has taken his Leave of his Imperial Majesty, and will set out in few days, in order to his return home; and the Minister, whom the Emperor has appointed to reside in *Moscovy*, will follow him very soon. The last Letters from *Essecke* say, Orders were given by the Count de *Staremberg*, who is Governor of that Place, and commands all the Emperor's Forces quartered thereabouts, for supplying Wood and other Materials to rebuild the Bridge of *Essecke*, which has been very much ruined since the beginning of this War. A Party of our Troops having made lately an Excursion as far as the *Saave*, met, and defeated 80 Turks, who had passed that River to seek Booty; most of the Enemy were killed; and the rest taken Prisoners: These gave an account, That there was a Garrison of 8000 Men at *Belgrade*, and that a new Apartment is building there for the Grand Signior, and will be finished against the time of his coming into the Field. The Count de *Harach*, appointed by the Emperor to go on his part to the Court of *Spain*, is still here, and 'tis now said, his departure may be delayed for a month or six weeks longer. The Queen Dowager of *Poland* is sending an Envoy to *Poland*, to sollicite the Payment of her Dower; though 'tis probable, the more important part of his Instructions relates to the Business of the Election.

Frankfort, Febr. 24. By the Preparations that are made on both sides, an early Campaign may be expected on the *Rhine* this year. The French provide great Magazines, and the Officers are ordered to have their Companies compleat by the end of the next month. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* has writ to the States of *Franconia* and *Suabia*, to let them know, that he will return very soon from *Vienna*, and to desire, that no time may be lost to put things in a readiness for the Campaign; In the mean time General *Thuygen* continues to visit the Troops at their several Posts; and the Circles have at their particular Meetings adjusted all Matters with relation to the Troops they are to furnish, in pursuance of their late Agreement, for the Service of the next Campaign. Here is to be a Meeting of the Deputies of the Electors on the *Rhine* in the beginning of the next month; in order to confer together about the present Juncture of Affairs.

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