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Madrid, February 15. N. S.

THE King of Spain is perfectly recovered of his late Illness, and his Physicians are dismissed from their constant Attendance; A Voluntary Contribution is not only demanded of the Grandees, but also of all the Knights of the Three Orders, towards the Expenses of the War; The Spanish Army in *Catalonia* will be considerably reinforced against the next Campaign, for which purpose new Levies are making in all parts of this Kingdom. We have an account from *Ceuta*, by Letters of the 25th of *January*, that the Spaniards had made two Sallies, with good success, beating the Enemy from some of their Works, and killing divers of them.

Milan, Febr. 23. Our Governor is returned from *Turin*, and has appointed a general Review of the Forces in the Service of this State. The Letters from *Piedmont* say, the French have quite demolished the Fortifications as well of the Citadel as Town of *Pignerol*, and the Troops that were in Garrison there, are marched away.

Genova, Febr. 24. By Vessels come in here from *Marseilles* we are informed, that the French are fitting out several Ships at *Toulon*, which are said to be designed for *Catalonia*, to carry Provisions and Ammunition thither for the use of their Army.

Leghorn, Febr. 25. The 7th Instant arrived here the Prince Sloop, Capt. *William Garkand*, from *Alexandria*, having been 2 month in her Voyage; and this week arrived in this Road the *Charles* Privateer, Capt. *Pickering*, from cruising, who left the *Panther* and *Revenge* Galley off *Tunis*. The *Sarah*, Capt. *Fowler*, is come in from *England*; and the *Upton* Galley in 15 days from *Ireland*. The Great Duke of *Tuscany* is now with his Court at *Pisa*; and is expected here this week. The French have several Men of War and Privateers abroad from *Toulon*; Two of the former (one of 44, and the other of 36 Guns) came the last week into this Road, and soon after went out again to cruise.

Venice, March 2. There are come to the *Lido* about 1200 new raised Soldiers, and 1000 more are expected in few days, who will be sent to the *Levant* with the Convoy that is now preparing here, and may be ready to sail by the middle of this month. The rest of the Troops, that are raised in *Germany* and *Italy* for the Service of this Republick, will be likewise sent away as fast as they arrive here, and with these Reinforcements 'tis proposed the Venetian Army in the *Morcia* will be made up to 20000 Men: The last Advices from thence say, Signior *Contarini* was cruising in the *Archipelago* with a Squadron of Men of War. They write from *Rome*, that the Pope has ordered his Gallies to be fitted out with all expedition, in order to return to the *Levant*, for the assistance of the Venetians, and that he has writ to the Great Master of *Malta*, to hasten the departure of the Gallies of that Order for the same Service.

Vienne, March 6. Frequent Consultations are held at this Court about the Affairs of the War; and 'tis resolved to reinforce the Imperial Army in *Hungary*, that it may be in a condition to Act Offensively the next Summer. The Officers are called upon to have their Troops compleat by the end of the next month; and Magazines are provided in several Places near the *Danube*. The Letters from the Frontiers give an account, that 400 Men of the Imperial Garrison in *Brod* on the *Sava*, had made an Inursion into the Country near *Belgrad*, and had taken a Convoy of 120 Wagons laden with Provisions, after defeating 300 Turks that guarded them. They write from *Transilvania*, that 4000 Valachians had assembled together, with a design to fall upon some of the Imperial Troops quartered near the Frontiers of that Country, but finding the Germans (who had notice of it) in a posture to receive them, they retired without attempting any thing. The Envoy of *Moscovy* who has resided some time at this Court,

is gone home; and the Minister the Emperor intends to send thither, will set out very soon; The Advices from those parts assure us, the preparations for the War against the Tartars are very great; and that the Czar intends to take the Field in the beginning of *May*. Letters from *Constantinople* of the 5th of *January*, give an account, that the Sultan was come to that City from *Adrianople*, and that soon after his arrival he was taken dangerously ill, but was recovered; That 'twas expected there would have been Publick Rejoycings made for the Birth of his Son, as is usual, but the want of Money had obliged that Court to avoid such an Expence at this time: The Turks are much alarmed by the preparations of the Moscovites; and the Caprain-Bassi was gone into the *Black-Sea* with a Fleet of Gallies and other Vessels, having on board 8000 Soldiers, and a great quantity of Provisions and Ammunition, to supply the Turkish Garrisons on that side. The Emperor has named the Bishop of *Passau* to go his Ambassador to *Poland*, and he will begin his Journey thither about the beginning of the next month; That he may be there before the Election which is appointed for the 15th of *May*. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* has been indisposed, but is very well again, and intends in few days to return to *Germany*. General *Caprara* is still expected from *Hungary*.

Frankfort, March 14. All things are preparing for an early Campaign on the *Rhine*; The French Troops, whose Winter Quarters are more remote, begin to move towards *Assace*; And the Forces of the Allies are ordered to be in a readiness to march by the middle of the next month. The Rivers *Main*, and the *Rhine*, which were frozen during the Winter, are now open again.

Cologne, March 16. A General Meeting of the Circle of *Westphalia* is appointed to be held here; The Occasion of it, is, to settle the Quota's of Men that are to be furnished by each Member for the Defence of the Empire, as well in time of Peace, as during the War; Some of the Deputies are already arrived; and the rest expected in 2 or 3 days. The *Brandenburgh* Forces quartered in this Diocess, are preparing for their march towards the *Meuse*. The Elector *Palatin* has ordered a Review of his Troops in the Dutchies of *Bergs* and *Juliers*.

Hamburgh, March 16. They write from *Berlin* of the 4th, that the Elector of *Brandenburgh* was gone for *Prussia*; The last Letters from *Poland* say, the Prince of *Conis* Interest seems to decline, and that several Bills of Exchange sent to the French Ambassador, had not been accepted by the Persons upon whom they were drawn, which had given him a great Disappointment. The Duke of *Holfstein* came to this place on the 8th Instant, and stayed here till the 10th, when he returned to his House at *Reijsbecke*. The Treaty about the *Holfstein* Affairs is at a stand at present, by reason of several of the Ministers being absent, who are shortly expected here again.

Paris, March 15. The Count de *Crecy* parted hence the 4th of this month, and Montieur de *Harlay* the day following, intending to meet at *Lille*; To their Character of Plenipotentiaries the French King has added that of Ambassadors Extraordinary, and a Commission to this effect has been sent after them. On the 7th there was a Review in the Plain of *Ouille* of the Regiments of the French and Swiss Guards in the Presence of the French King, the Dauphin, and many Persons of Quality; The Marechal de *Boufflers* appeared at the Head of the French Guards as then Colonel; and yesterday he returned to *Flanders*; all the Officers are commanded to repair forthwith to their respective Regiments, and preparations are made for an early Campaign, both in *Germany* and *Flanders*. There are arrived at *Port-Louis* 3 Ships from the *East-Indies*, and 2 at *Brest*, and a 6th called the *Falcon*, is still wanting, having been separated in bad Weather, in which they suffered much damage; They are all come home empty, the great Mogul having torbid all Commerce as well with the French as the other Europeans, on the account of several Piracies committed upon his Subjects; One of these Ships took on the 21th of *January*, in the Lat. of 32, a Spanish Ship of 22 Guns, who came from *Vera Cruz*, with 17 order Ships,