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Naples, February 16. N. S.

THE Squadron of Spanish Gallies commanded by the Duke of *Tursis*, are now in this Port, where they are refitting in order to return to *Catalonia* in the Spring; and it's said, that some Troops will be sent from hence, to strengthen the Spanish Army there. The Gallies of *Malta* are expected at *Messina* in the beginning of *April*, to join the Pope's Gallies, and proceed together to the *Levant*. Our Viceroy has ordered several Vessels to be fitted out, to clear these Coasts of the small Corsairs of *Barbary*, who have lately taken several Tartanes that were bound hither; and have landed, and carried away several People that lived near the Sea side.

Rome, Febr. 23. There being now several Places vacant in the College of Cardinals, the Pope is very much pressed by those who have either Pretensions themselves, or for their Friends, to make a Promotion, which they sollicite the more earnestly, because of his great Age and frequent Indisposition. Cardinal *Fourbin* prepares for his return to *France*; and Cardinal *Borillon* is coming hither, to supply his place in managing the Interests of the French Court. The Count *d'Altamira*, Ambassador of *Spain*, intends to go the next week to *Loreto*, but this is thought to be only a Pretence; and that his Intention in taking this Journey is to meet the Marquis *de Leganez*, Governor of *Milan*, and to confer with him about the Affairs of *Italy*. The Pope's Gallies, designed for the Assistance of the Venetians, are ordered to be in a readiness to sail in *April*, and there will be Embarked on them 800 Land Soldiers: The Galley taken from the *Turks* the last Summer, and presented by the Republick of *Venice* to the Pope, is refitting at *Civita Vecchia*, to be one of this Squadron.

Genova, Feb. 24. Complaint being made to the Senate, that two small French Privateers, who cruise on these Coasts, have mo-

sted the Subjects of this Republick; and Plundered their Ships, Orders were given for the *Genuese* Gallies to go to Sea, and protect our Navigation; but the said Gallies, after being abroad 4 or 5 days, were forced by bad Weather to return into Port: In the mean time the French Minister residing here has disowned the Proceedings of the said Privateers, and has promised to represent the same to his Master in such a manner, that he doubts not but the Republick will receive Satisfaction. We have an account, that several Gallies are fitting out at *Marseilles*, which are said to be designed to *Catalonia*.

Milan, Febr. 24. The occasion of our Governor's late Journey to *Turin*, was to adjust with the Duke of *Savoy* how to oblige the Princes of *Italy* to satisfy the German Forces for what remains unpaid of the Money they were to give them, upon their quitting the *Milaneze*. The Officers in the Service of this State are ordered to repair to their several Garisons, a review being appointed of all the Troops at the places where they are at present Quartered.

Venice, March 2. They are Shipping here great quantities of Provisions and Ammunition to be sent with the next Convoy to the *Levant*; and the Soldiers who are now at the *Lido* will begin to Embark in a day or two; they will be in all about 2000; and the rest of the Levies that have been made in *Italy* and *Germany* for the Service of this Republick, are expected here in a short time, and will be sent away as fast as they arrive; The Venetian Army in the *Morea* with these Reinforcements, will be made up to above 20000 Men, which is a sufficient force to attempt something considerable against the Enemy on that side. The last advices from *Constantinople* say, divers Gallies were fitting out, to be employed in the *Black Sea* against the *Moscovites*, and that the Captain-Bassà was ordered to go himself upon this Service. A Persian Ambassador was arrived there, but had not yet had Audience of the Grand Signior: 'Twas said his Business was to

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