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*Malaga, March 4. N. S.*

**T**HE *Portland* Man of War, Captain *Littleton* Commander, came lately into this Port with 5 English Ships under his Convoy, bound home from the *Levant*. He called by the way at *Algiers*, where he was received with much Civility by that Government, who at his Entrance into the Road, saluted him with 21 Guns, and sent him a Present of fresh Provisions. We hear, the Forces of *Algiers* have lately had a Battle with the Moors, subject to the King of *Fez*, near *Tremexen*, in which the latter lost all their Baggage, and 8000 men.

*Cadis, March 9.* Our last Advices from the *Havana* give an Account, That the Galleons and Flota from *New Spain*, which were put in there, having supplied themselves with what they wanted, would sail in few days, so they may be expected home in a short time. Orders are come from *Madrid* for fitting out the Fleet for *New Spain*, that they may be ready to Sail about the month of *June*. The departure of the Ships designed for *Buenos Aires* is put off for some time.

*Madrid, March 19.* The King of *Spain* taken ill on the 28th of the last month with a great Oppression on his Lungs, accompanied with a Fever, but upon the application of proper Remedies, his Majesty is at present much better, tho' still very weak. The Conde *d'Oropesa*, formerly Chief Minister, and the Duke *de Montalto*, who were both retired from Court by the King's Order, received his Majesty's Command on the 4th of this month to return hither, as they did the day following; And the Conde *d'Oropesa* is since declared President of *Castille*, by Virtue of which Office he is to Preside in the Assembly of the Cortes or States of the Kingdom, which there is a Discourse of calling together in the present Juncture of Affairs. The Marquis *de Harcourt*, Ambassador from *France*, has not yet been able to obtain a private Audience of the King, by reason of his Majesty's Indisposition, tho' he very much presses for it; but the Cardinal *de Toledo* is appointed to Confer with him upon what he may have Orders to propose to this Court.

*Dantzick, March 26.* Yesterday this City, according to Custom, did Homage to the King of *Poland*, who at the same time, Confirmed their Priviledges. The Deputies of the *Lithuanian* Army had last Monday an Audience of his Majesty, in which they desired the Money which the King has promised them, may be paid directly to themselves, and not through the hands of General *Sapieha*, as he would have it; And that the ensuing Diet, which continues fixed for the 16th of *April*, may be held on *Horseback*, and in the open Field; Those of the *Palatinate* of *Sandomir*, agree with them in this last Demand; but it is not believed the King will comply with their Desires in this particular, since that Assembly would thereby be made liable to much disorder.

*Vienna, March 22.* A Treaty has lately been concluded between this Court and the Bishop of

*Wurtzburg*, and the Duke of *Saxe Gotha*, by which those Princes are to send each a Body of Horse and Foot into the Emperor's Service, amounting together to about 6000 men; and it is believed the like will be done by several other Princes of *Germany*. Recruits are daily passing through this City, in their way to *Hungary*, so that the Regiments there will this year be very early compleated. Great quantities of Stores and Ammunition are gathering together here, in order to be sent by Water, as soon as the *Danube* is free from Ice; and a Train of Artillery is likewise getting ready against that time. We have little News from the Frontiers, only that a Body of Turks are gone from *Belgrade* to *Zwornich*, with a Supply of Provisions and Ammunition for that Garrison; and that a Party of Germans are sent from *Peter Waradin* to endeavour to Intercept them.

*Francfort, March 30.* The Count of *Weylburgh*, General of the Elector *Palatine's* Forces went hence last Friday to *Weylburgh*, where he will tarry a few days, being afterwards to go for *Dusseldorp*. Several Recruits are sent from this place for *Hungary*, and more will shortly follow: *New Levies* are likewise making in these Parts for the Service of the Republick of *Venice*. We hear 2000 French Foot are come to *Landau* and *Saar Louis*. The Prince of *Nassau Saarbruck* is expected here to take possession of his Estate in the *Palatinate*, which during the War, was in the hands of the French. It's said, the *Palatine* Forces which lie quartered in the *Bergstract*, and in the Country of *Juliers*, will shortly be Reviewed in the Elector *Palatine's* presence, part of them being designed for the Emperor's Service in *Hungary*, and the rest to remain in the *Palatinate*; and his Electoral Highness's Officers are raising men in the *Bergstract* to compleat their Regiments against that time.

*Hambourg, April 1.* The Duke of *Holstein* is still here, not having yet fixed the time of his departure for *Stockholm*. Our last Advices from *Berlin* say, The Elector of *Brandenborg* designed shortly to make a turn into *Prussia*, in order to which his Guards set out on the 17th of *March*, and the Officers of his Court would be going on the 29th. We hear from *Poland*, That the Queen Dowager seems much dissatisfied, and gives occasion to suspect, that she Countenances the Designs which some of the *Rokotz* carry on in favour of her Second Son Prince *Alexander*, in case they could bring things to a new Election.

*Brussels, April 3.* On the first instant the Prince of *Vaudemont* left *Nether* to go and take possession of his Government of *Milan*; and the Marquis *de Bedmar*, who is appointed to succeed him as General of the Arms in the *Spanish Netherlands*, is come hither, and Orders have been sent to the Officers in the Service of *Spain*, to Obey him as such. Monsieur *Heenskirke*, Ambassador from the *States General* to the Most Christian King, arrived here yesterday in his way to *Paris*. We hear, General *Coehorne* is at *Courtray*, and will there wait for the Elector of *Bavaria*, who intends to go hence next Friday to *Oudenarde*, and the following day