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A Decree of the Senate has lately been Published, promising a Pardon to all Persons banished out of the Territories of this Republick upon any account whatsoever, except Criminals of State, upon condition they pay a certain Sum of Money into the Publick Treasury, to be fixed with regard to every ones Ability by Seven Noblemen appointed for that purpose; And there being a great number of the Subjects of this Republick now under Banishment, it's believed a very considerable Sum will be raised this way. A Man of War failed from hence last week for *Spalero*, with some Dispatches from the Senate to General *Mocenigo*, and 20000 Ducates to pay the Venetian Forces in *Dalmatia*. The Convoy of Provisions for the *Mores* is not yet failed; Orders being given for their taking on board 800 Men of the Forces quartered in *Terra-firma*, which are to be sent as Recruits to the Venetian Troops in the *Mores*. The Cardinal *Santa Croce*, who lately came hither from *Vienna*, where he resided with the Character of the Pope's Nuncio, has continued his Journey to *Rome*; and we hear the Pope has ordered him to be welcomed at his arrival with a Pension of 2000 Crowns.

Danzick, Feb. 12. The Ratifications of the Treaty for the Restitution of the City of *Elbing* having been exchanged at *Mariembourg* by the Castellan *Wratzlewsky* and the Starost *Visky*, Commissioners from the King and Republick of *Poland*, and the Baron *Ouerbeck* and Monsieur *Werner*, Deputies from the Elector of *Brandenburgh*; The Commissioners of *Poland* did, in pursuance of the said Treaty, deliver to the Ministers of *Brandenburgh* several Jewels, as a Security for the Payment of the 300000 Dollars the Republick is to pay his Electoral Highness in full Satisfaction of all his Pretensions upon the Crown of *Poland*; And on the first Instant the City of *Elbing* was evacuated according to the said Treaty. The Commissioners of *Poland* having taken Possession thereof, summoned the Magistrates and Burghers to the Town-Hall, and told them, That by their having surrendered themselves to the Elector of *Brandenburgh* without making any Resistance, they had justly forfeited all their Privileges, but that the King and the Republick considering their Circumstances with great Tenderness, were willing to pass this over upon certain Conditions, one of which was, That they should receive a Garrison of the Troops of the Republick; This the Burghers shewed a great unwillingness to comply with, and after several Conferences between the Commissioners and the Magistrates, an Agreement was concluded, the principal Points of which are, That the King and Republick of *Poland* upon their Submission are willing to receive the City again into their Favour, and to continue to them the Enjoyment of their Liberties and Privileges; That towards the Payment of the Money to be given to the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, the City shall contribute 50000 Dollars; That whereas their Garrison formerly consisted only of 200 Men, they shall for the future maintain 300 Foot and 30 Horse, and in case of any apparent Danger, shall increase their Garrison to the number of 2000 Men; That the same shall be commanded by an experienced Officer, to whom the City shall allow a sufficient Salary, and who shall take an Oath to be faithful to the Republick; And that besides the Oaths usually administered to the President and chief Magistrates at their admission into those Offices, they shall swear, That if the City happens to be Attacked by any Foreign Power, they will defend the same till the last extremity. Thus the Business of *Elbing* which has created much uneasiness in these Parts, is brought to a happy Conclusion. The Letters from *Warsaw* say, the Cardinal Primate with the great Officers of the Crown and the other Ministers of State, were preparing the Matters to be laid before the General Diet, which is to meet soon after the King of *Poland*'s return from *Saxony*. The Gentlemen of *Lithuania* had sent Deputies to the Cardinal, Complaining that the *Saxon* Forces that were employed in building the new Fortifications at *Polangen*, have taken Quarters in that Duchy, which they look upon as very unreasonable, there being already besides their own Forces several other Regiments of the King's *Saxon* Troops quartered upon them. To which the Cardinal replied, That as soon as the King is returned, he will represent this Matter to him, adding that they should be gratified in any rea-

sonable Request; so that these Deputies are returned home very well satisfied.

Vienna, Febr. 10. There is yet no time fixed for the Publick Audience of the Turkish Ambassador, and it's very probable 'twill be deferred till the Court receive an Account of the Arrival of Count *Oetting*, the Emperor's Ambassador at the Port, and of his reception there; The Turkish Ambassador has brought several Presents to the Emperor from the Sultan his Master, and among others, a Tent very richly wrought and adorned, and several fine *Barbary* Horses. The Bishop of *Gimolinsky*, Envoy from the King of *Poland*, being recalled from that Employment, left this Court two days ago in order to go to *Rome*, and after some short stay there, will return to *Warsaw*, to take Possession of the Office of Vice-Chancellor of *Poland*, lately given him by the King his Master. Monsieur *Hop*, Envoy from the States-General, was preparing to return home, to take Possession of his new Employment of Treasurer-General of *Holland*; But he has received Orders to continue some time longer at this Court.

Hamburgh, Febr. 19. Very little Progress has hitherto been made in the Negotiation for accommodating the Differences between the King of *Denmark* and the Duke of *Holstein*, the Danish Ministers still insisting, that the demolishing of the Duke's new-built Forts be agreed upon as a Preliminary Article, before they proceed to the further adjusting of this Matter; This the Duke of *Holstein* seems resolved not to consent to; and some of the Mediators themselves have expressed their Dislike of it; by declaring they would look upon that Side as the Aggressor who should reject the Project of a Preliminary Treaty they drew up some time ago, the foundation of which is, That all Things should remain in the condition they are in at present; while the main Treaty is Negotiating. In the mean time our Letters from *Copenhagen* say, the King of *Denmark*'s Ministers are frequently in Conference with Monsieur *Viereck*, who resides there on the part of the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, and with the Swedish Minister at that Court, upon the Affairs of *Holstein*, and that divers Expresses have lately been sent from thence to the Courts of *Sweden* and *Brandenburgh*, from which 'tis conjectured, the adjusting of these Differences is negotiating there. However these Advices add, that the Preparations in those Parts both at Sea and Land are continued with great diligence; And we have the like Account from *Sweden*, the Letters from thence advising, that new Levies are making in that Kingdom, and that a stout Squadron is fitting out at *Carelskroon*, which will put to Sea very early in the Spring under the Command of Admiral *Scioblat*. The King of *Sweden* has made Vice-Admiral *Rosenvelt* an Admiral, and Captain *Siofterne* Vice-Admiral. They write from the Duchy of *Holstein*, that all things there continue very quiet, the Weather being so bad, and the ways so much spoiled by the great Rains, that the Danish Forces can have no thoughts of attempting any thing at present. They write from *Hanover*, that the Elector of *Hanover* was gone from thence to *Cel* to confer with the Duke of *Cel*; but would return in a very short time. The Letters from *Dresden* say, the Count of *Clerg* was arrived there with the Character of Envoy from the Emperor, and had Audience of the King of *Poland* on the 14th Instant, and that the King had given Orders to his Servants to prepare every thing for his Journey to *Warsaw*, intending very soon to return thither; 'Tis said, the Queen will

