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Swanzy, Feb. 28.

Last night arrived here the *Hester* of this place laden with Salt from *Brest*, the company aboard this ship tell us, that Eight men of war of the largest rate lie there fitted up, and as many more in the *Charante* intended for the *Streights*, with whom may joyne Eight other men of war from *Thoulon*.

There are lately put into *Milford* by contrary winds the *Appeal* of *London* from *Bayonne*, laden with Wines, homewards bound, the *Anne* of *Bristol* from *Cales* laden with Wine, Fruit, and Salt, bound for *Ireland*, and the *Lion* of *Liverpool* intended for *Barbados*.

Madrid, Feb. 12. The *New-Spain* Fleet arriving safely at *St. Lucar*, has filled all people with joy, the publick as well as private persons having a great share in those ships; four of their number were, left behind at *Havana* which intended within a Month or Six weeks after to set sail in company with the Gallions.

The *Comde de Hernan nunez* is the person designed and nominated to be sent Envoye Extraordinary first to His Imperial Majesty at *Vienna*, with Compliments of Congratulation upon the recovery of his health, and with other Compliments both to the Emperour and Empress Dowager upon the Marriage of the Arch-Duchess to the King of *Poland*; and to go thence to *Poland* with the same Character and Errand to Compliment the King upon his Alliance with the House of *Austria*.

Here are some days since arrived two Couriers one after another from the Viceroy of *Naples*, by the way of *Barcelona*, which inform, that the said Viceroy, has been Treating with the most principal Merchants of *Naples* for the return of 500000 Crowns for the service of *Milan* and *Naples*.

That he had sent a considerable force for a Guard to the Frontiers, and had ordered all his Officers of the Militia under his Government to have their forces in readiness to obey such Commands as they should receive from him; and that he had ordered three of his Gallies to be fitted up for the transportation of some Companies to *Sardinia* to the assistance of the Viceroy of that Island, to enable him to keep the people under obedience.

The Duke d' *Ossuna* being not yet embarked at *Barcelona* for his Government of *Milan* gives some cause of suspicion to this Court, that he may yet change his resolution and wave the employment.

Warsaw, Feb. 14. The 16th instant His Majesty intends to depart hence for *Czenstochow*, whither part of his Train is already gone, the Marriage not being like to be solemnized before the end of this Month, the Arch-Duchess having been detained longer at *Vienna* than she intended, by reason of the ill weather.

The Nobles have laid aside much of their heat, finding that the Match is too forwardly advanced to be now opposed, but that which most hath wrought upon them, is the danger which threatens them upon the frontiers. Letters from *Ukraina* informing, that all things there are in great disorder; that the *Bassa* of *Silistria* has sent a message to the Governour of *Biala Cierko* in the name of the Grand Signior, offering him their friendship and protection upon the delivery of this place, and submission to the Ottoman power, otherwise threatening him with all the calamities that can be expected from an incensed Enemy. The said *Bassa* has given order for the fortification of four

places upon the frontiers, of which two are already much advanced and rendered terrible, in one of which the *Bassa* has placed a Garrison of 4000 Janisaries, and in the other 3000; that he has advanced his forces farther then ever this way, encamping them in several places, amongst whom are considerable numbers of Cossacks and Tartars; but a greater Army of the *Turks* is also expected, and tis believed the Grand Signior has a design to appear in person at the head of them this Spring, if not strongly diverted by some more powerful enemy.

Most of the lesser Diets are ended peaceably, His Majesty's Circular Letters having no small influence upon them, in which he gave them some account of the advantages they would receive by so powerful an Alliance: the greatest discontent appeared at *Wisogrod*, where they proceeded so high, as to vote against the settlement of a Joynture upon the Queen, because the Marriage was concluded without the consent of the States. Those of *Sandomir* sent also to desire his Majesty to defer his *Matrimonia* till the assembly of the States in *March*, threatening upon refusal of their desires, to get on horseback to oppose it, and in that heat, broke off their meeting without concluding the Election of their Deputies to be present at the Grand Diet: but those and some others tis believed will submit to the present necessity of affairs, and having received his Majesty's Gracious Letters to enable them to meet again to choole their Members, will proceed with more calmness.

Venice, Feb. 21 The Grand Visier, having finished the Fortifications of *Candia*, and repaired the Ruined buildings, and by the great Immunities and Exemptions, granted to such as should inhabit it, drawn great numbers of people into the City, has left there a Garrison of ten thousand Men, and has at last obeyed the Grand Signiors importunities, and with his choicest Souldiers is layed for *Mores*, the Emperor intending upon his arrival to march to *Constantinople*, and to inquire into the authors of the former tumults, amongst the people and Janisaries, and to punish severely such persons as he shall find to have been operative in assisting or Encouraging the *Suljanels*, to dispute the Commands given by him for the Execution of his Brethren.

Legorn, Feb. 17. The 10th instant arrived here the *Portsmouth* Fregat, and the next day the *Saphire* with the remainder of the *Herring* Fleet, so that we have now in Port 26 English Merchant ships and 6 men of war, The *Falcon* and *Speedwel* may sail with the first fair wind with the *Phenix* and several ships from *Puglia* bound for *England*.

Letters from *Messina* and *Malta* advise us that Captain *Cardi* in company with a ship of *Malta*, has taken a Turkish ship belonging to *Bassa Assan*, passing from *Alexandria* to *Constantinople*, with a lading to the value of near 70 thousand pieces of Eight, having on board 110 *Turks*, whereof 84 survived the dispute, and are with the vessel sent away to *Malta*.

Genova, Feb. 19. We have had lately ill weather which yet continues, and has much damnify'd the ships in the Port, where has been also cast away two Barks, one of them richly laden and bound for *Spain*.

Yesterday arrived here a Spanish man of war with Goods belonging to the Duke d' *Ossuna*, who is in person daily expected with the Gallies on his way to his Government of *Milan*.

From *Marseilles* we are told, that three Gallies are there sitting up and are to be joyued with four others which