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St. James's, February 14.

Yesterday in the Evening the Marquis Viali, Envoy-Extraordinary from the Republick of Genoa (introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Sunderland, and conducted by Sir Charles Cottrell, Master of the Ceremonies) had a private Audience of Her Majesty, to condole the Death of his Royal Highness.

And this Evening, at seven of the Clock, the Baron Ranizau, Envoy-Extraordinary from the King of Denmark, (introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Chamberlain, and conducted by Sir Charles Cottrell, Master of the Ceremonies) had a publick Audience of Her Majesty, to condole the Death of his Royal Highness.

Brussels, February 14. N. S. The Garrison has received, during the Severity of the Cold, a double proportion of Wood for Fires, to preserve the Men in Health. The Rivers and Canals are still frozen up, which hinders the Transportation of Forage for the Troops in Briabant. In the mean time the States have ordered all the adjacent Villages to supply the Horse with as much Hay and Straw as they shall want, till the Rivers are Navigable. On the 8th Instant the Count de Tilly, who is to Command on the Meuse, set out from hence to Liege. Count Oxenstiern commands here at present. The Hereditary Prince of Hesse-Cassel is preparing for his Journey to Cassel, where he designs to be present at the Marriage of the Princess his Sister to the Prince of Nassau. They write from Liss, that the Prince of Holstein-Beck, Governor of that City, had commanded all of the French Nation, whether Deserters or others, who are not settled there, to appear before him within three Days, and give an Account of the Occasions of their Abode in that Place, as well as Security for their good Behaviour during their stay. They add from thence, that the Enemy make all the Preparations possible for an early Campaign, but that their Troops are in a very ill Condition. The Walloon Forces are so extremely shatter'd, that it is said they design to break one Regiment into another, to form a Body consisting of the whole which remains, without attempting to Recruit each Regiment, and preserve it distinctly. This disposition has created great Dissatisfaction among the Officers. They write from Mons, that part of the Reinforcements which the Enemy expected out of Germany were arrived in French Flanders, and part between the Sambre and the Meuse. It is reported, that Count Bergeick was very ill satisfied with his Reception at the Court of France,

and that there has been no regard had to his Representations. The Exchange of Prisoners is retarded by reason the French refuse to pay such Debts of certain Officers, as they have contracted during their Confinement. The Prussians who were taken Prisoners near Furnes, and conducted to Normandy, are not yet returned, tho' it is said they left those Parts on the 22d of the last Month; those for whom they are to be exchanged are detained till their arrival. The French Prisoners here have lately attempted to break out of Prison, and found means to undermine the Wall of it; but their Design being discovered, their Confinement is since more strict. The Palatine Regiment of Haxhausen is marched from Mastricht to the Sluyce, to reinforce that Garrison, and six Companies of Steinhausen have marched through that Place to Ostend.

Hague, February 15. N. S. Letters from Cologne say, that the Nuncio residing there had presented a Memorial to the Magistracy of that Place, wherein he protested against the Treaty of Accommodation with his Majesty of Prussia, and that City; he asserts, that the Exercise of the Protestant Religion in the House of a foreign Minister is prejudicial to the See of Rome, and consequently to the Roman Catholic Religion: But this Application to the Magistrates has produced no other effect, than that it is declared a severe Penalty shall be inflicted upon any who shall print or disperse the Remonstrance of the Nuncio. The same Advices add, that the Palatine Horse, which were commanded to march towards the Palatinate, have received contrary Orders, and are at present appointed to take their Winter-Quarters in the Dutchy of Bergues, in order to be in a greater Readiness for Service in the Low-Countries. We hear from Frankfort, that the Palatine Foot was arrived in the Neighbourhood of that City, with design to pass the Meins, and march into Quarters in the Palatinate. There were many Officers come into those Parts, to raise Recruits for the ensuing Campaign.

Bristol, February 12. This Day sailed her Majesty's Ship the Bridgewater, and under her Convoy several Vessels bound for Ireland: Her Majesty's Ship the Hastings is still in Kingroad, waiting for the Virginia Fleet, and other outward-bound Merchantmen belonging to this Port, who will be ready to sail next Week.

Cowes, February 12. On the 10th Instant passed through this Road to the westward her Majesty's Ship the Crown, bound, it's said, for Plimouth, with three Ships under her Convoy for the Canaries. The Wind has blown very hard all this week N. E.