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At the Court at St. James's, February 18.

P R E S E N T,

The Queen's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

S H E R I F F appointed for  
Northumberland; Sir John Middleton.

*Vienna, February 12. N. S.* Frequent Conferences are held at this Court upon the present situation of Affairs, particularly those of Spain, and the Emperor seldom fails to be present at them himself. The Recruits design'd for the Imperial Forces serving in Spain, which amount to three thousand Men, have been rais'd in Bohemia, and are marching towards Italy through the County of Tirol. Letters have been writ to the Republick of Venice, desiring that those Troops may have a free Passage through their Territories, which the Venetians have not seem'd inclin'd to grant, alledging by way of Excuse, their Apprehensions of the Plague. However, the Venetian Ambassador here has declar'd, that his Masters will be contented with a Quarantain of no more than fourteen Days, which does not give entire Satisfaction to this Court, who think the Succours for Spain will be too much retarded by those scrupulous Formalities. Mr. Palmes, the Queen of Great Britain's Envoy, has had an Audience of the Emperor, and deliver'd to his Imperial Majesty a Letter from the Queen, pressing earnestly, that all possible Care may be taken to send timely Reinforcements to King Charles; and we hear that some Troops have been order'd from the Kingdom of Naples to Catalonia, besides those which are to be sent from the State of Milan, so that there will be about eight thousand Men drawn down towards the Coast of Genoa, to be in a readiness to be transported to Spain, when Sir John Norris arrives with the Fleet. The Emperor has been pleas'd to write with his own Hand to Count Staremberg, to let him know how necessary he thought his Presence wou'd be in Catalonia; and at the same time his Imperial Majesty sent that General his Picture set with Diamonds, and valu'd at between two and three thousand Pounds Sterling, as a Mark of his Approbation of his many great and signal Services. The Conferences upon the Affairs of the Duke of Savoy began on Sunday last, being the 8th Instant, and are order'd to be continu'd four times a Week for the greater Dispatch, in so essential a Point as the satisfying his Royal Highness. This Conference is compos'd of the Count de Windisgratz, Count Schonborn Vice-Chancellor of the Empire, the Baron Zeilem Chancellor of the Court, and Lieutenant-General Count Konigsbeck, who was appointed to be his Imperial Majesty's Commissary and Plenipotentiary at Milan, in case the Conferences had been held there. Monsieur de Mella-

rede, the Duke of Savoy's Minister, applies himself with great Diligence to support his Master's Pretensions, and seems well satisfied with what has hitherto pass'd upon that Subject. The British and Dutch Envoys use their utmost Endeavours to promote the happy Accomplishment of this Negotiation; and the Earl of Peterborough is soon expected here to join his Instances in that Matter. The States-General have writ to the Emperor, to represent to him the Necessity of having the Prince of Savoy early in the Low-Countries, in order to begin the Operations of the next Campaign in those Parts. They have likewise writ to the Prince himself, to hasten his coming, but we have not yet heard of any time fix'd for his Departure, his Highness being at present much employ'd in the important Affairs under Consideration here.

*Dresden, February 17. N. S.* The Cardinal of Sax-Zeitz has been for some time at this Court, and tho' it has been reported that he was charg'd with a Commission from his Imperial Majesty to the King of Poland, it doth not yet appear, that he has taken upon him to Negotiate any Publick Affairs, but is only transacting some private Concerns relating to his Brother the Duke of Sax-Zeitz, and some other Princes of the House of Saxony. Count Wackerbaert, who was heretofore the King of Poland's Envoy-Extraordinary at Vienna, is speedily to return thither in the same Character. Yesterday this Court receiv'd Letters from Monsieur Fitzdome, his Polish Majesty's Envoy to the Czar of Muscovy, importing, that the Duke of Courland died in his way from Petersburg to Riga; and that his Czarish Majesty was set out for Moscow, where he propos'd to make but a short stay, intending to proceed from thence to Asoph; that he might be the better able by his Presence to hasten the Naval Preparations in those Parts. These Letters add, that his Czarish Majesty had appointed General Czeremetoff to act on the Frontiers of Ukrania with a Body of seventy thousand Muscovites; and that all the Tartars, Calmuques and Cossacks that are subject to the Czar, have receiv'd Orders to be in a readiness to take the Field. Our Letters from Dantzick of the 4th Instant advise, that the Grand Treasurer of the Crown had made a Demand of three hundred thousand Rix-Dollars, to be rais'd on pain of Military Execution by the Dependencies of that City. The General Diet of this Electorate is assembled, and it is thought the Business that lies before them will be dispatch'd in a Month's time; after which his Majesty will return into Poland, where the present Conjuncture of Affairs has made his Presence highly necessary. Baron Leeuwendaal is speedily expected here from Copenhagen, for which Place Major-General Armstedt, formerly the King of Poland's Minister to the Czar, set out yesterday; but it is not yet known if he has any publick Character from his Majesty.

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