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Whitehall, Feb. 26.

HER Majesty has been Graciously pleas'd to Sign a Commission, appointing his Grace the Duke of Ormond Captain-General of all and singular Her Majesty's Forces, rais'd, or to be rais'd and employ'd in Her Service within the Kingdom of Great Britain, or which are or shall be employ'd Abroad, in Conjunction with the Troops of Her Allies.

St. James's, February 25. This Evening Count Sanseverini, Envoy Extraordinary from the Duke of Parma, had a private Audience of Leave of Her Majesty, to which he was introduced by the Right Honorable the Earl of Dartmouth, One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell, Master of the Ceremonies.

The same Evening Monsieur Van Borsele, Envoy Extraordinary from Holland, had his first private Audience of Her Majesty, to which he was introduced by the Right Honorable Henry St. John, Esq; One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell, Master of the Ceremonies.

Milan, Feb. 14. N. S. This Day the Chevalier Antenori, in the Name of his Master the Great Duke of Tuscany, took the Oath of Fidelity to the Emperor, which was administered to him, with the requisite Formalities, by the General Colmenero, Envoy of his Imperial Majesty; by which means the Grand Duke has obtain'd the Investiture of Pisa and Sienna, that are Feofs of the Empire. The badness of the Roads, and the sharpness of the Season, have hindred the march of the Imperial Troops out of Tuscany. Abraham Stanyan, Esq; the Queen of Great Britain's Plenipotentiary, together with Monsieur Vander-Meer Plenipotentiary of the States-General, for arbitrating and determining several Differences between the Emperor and the Duke of Savoy, do still continue their Conferences with the Ministers of his Imperial Majesty and his Royal Highness, but an Equivalent for the Vigevano is not as yet agreed upon.

Dresden, Feb. 16. N. S. Letters from Caminick of the Twelfth of January, N. S. affirm, That the Port has actually declar'd War against the Muscovites, and that open Hostilities have been mutually committed, a Body of Tartars being already arriv'd in the Neighbourhood of Afoph, where they pretend to hinder the carrying in of more Provisions, and to deprive the Fortrels of further Intelligence with his Czarish Majesty. By the last Accounts from Pillaw, situated in the Gulf of Dantzick, several Muscovite Ships were come in there with Mortars, Bombs and Ammunition, that they had been Freight'd with, by Order of the Czar, at Riga, but it is not known as yet for what Enterprize those Warlike Stores may be design'd. The King of Poland has wrote a pressing Letter to his Czarish Majesty, and to the Prince Dolhoruki, the Czarist General in Prussia, to withdraw the Muscovite Troops out

of the Territories of the City of Dantzick, declaring, that he had taken them under his Royal Protection.

Douay, March 4. N. S. Upon Advice that the Enemy had laid up great Stores of Hay at Arras, the Earl of Albemarle march'd with a Body of Troops on the First Instant, at Three in the Afternoon, towards that Place; and the Second at Eight in the Morning, the Troops having been all the Night before at Work in making the necessary Dispositions, arriv'd before it, undiscovered by the Enemy, being favour'd by a Fog; but the French having at last had Notice of our Approach, thought we came to Besiege them, and thereupon set their Suburbs on-Fire, and made a Sally upon our Men, who repuls'd them vigorously to the Palisadoes; in which Action Monsieur de Bellecent, a Colonel of Dragoons, and Nephew to the Duke of Lauzun, was taken Prisoner, with some other Officers. All Things being ready, the Second at Eight in the Evening, we began to fire with our Hawitzers, Mortars and Cannon upon the Town, and in six Hours Time, we perceiv'd that a Fire began in one of their Magazines, and encreas'd to that degree, that at Four in the Morning the Town seem'd to be all in Flames: We continu'd before the Place till Nine, when we retir'd in good Order towards Douay, where we arriv'd the same Evening, very well satisfy'd with the Success of our Undertaking.

Lisle, March 4. N. S. The Troops that were employ'd in the late Expedition are expected here this Day: We have receiv'd certain Advice, that they have not only burnt all the Magazines of Hay at Arras, but have likewise carry'd off Hostages for a considerable Sum of Money, which the Town have agreed to pay, to save themselves from a Bombardment.

Falmouth, February 23. Yesterday sail'd the Dutchess, Heroing and Beak Gallies, of and from London; with the Betty Frigate of and from Bristol; and the Flying Mercury of this Place; all laden with Pilchards for the Streights. Came in since, Her Majesty's Ships Loos and Bristol, with four Coasters from Plymouth.

Dartmouth, February 24. Her Majesty's Ships Milford and Delight, are now in Torbay, the one bound to Milford with Stores, the other to the Eastward. This Day Sail'd hence the Sorlings, for the Westward Islands, with Corn, Fish, &c. Came in here a Dutch Dogger laden with Fruit for Zurichsea in Holland, from Viana.

It being Her Majesty's Royal Intention to Touch for the Evil on Wednesday the Nineteenth of March next, and so to continue Weekly during Lent; It is Her Majesty's Command, that Tickets shall be deliver'd the Day before, at the Office in Whitehall; and, that all Persons shall bring a Certificate, sign'd by the Minister and Churchwardens of their respective Parishes, that they never have receiv'd the Royal Touch.

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