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Naples, Feb. 13.

ON Munday last the Marquis d' Astorgas, our new Vice-Roy, made his publick entry into this place with great solemnity, being accompanied by Don Pedro d' Arragon, our late Vice-Roy, together with most of the Nobility of this Kingdom, and other persons of the chiefest quality here, who had gone some miles out of Town, followed with four Troops of Horse, to receive the said Marquis at Mileto, and to conduct him hither; since which, he hath received the Compliments of all the persons of note about Town, though as yet he hath not taken possession of the Government, which it is said, he will not do till Munday next, which done, Don Pedro intends to embark the same day for Spain, whether most of his Servants and Goods are already gone.

We are told of a Proclamation that may be very suddainly Published, for the summoning all Banditi, to render themselves into the hands of the Civil Magistrate within a certain time, who are on that condition promised pardon for what ever they may have heretofore committed. From *Palermo* they write, that through the extraordinary endeavors of the Prince de Ligne, Vice-Roy of that Kingdom, those Inhabitants had of late been relieved with several considerable quantities of Corn, imported from abroad, yet so, as to leave them, especially the meaner sort, in some want of it still.

Milan, Feb. 24. We have had several reports here, as if we were in some danger of being attacked this Summer, and though as yet we cannot much credit them, yet all possible diligence is every where used, for the reinforcing our Garrisons, especially on the Frontiers, recruiting our Forces, and for the good settling of these Countries against all accidents.

From *Turin* they write, that the Dutcheſs of *Savoie* had been somewhat indisposed, occasioned by a fright she received, at the overturning of her sled, as she was taking her Divertisement in it, together with the Duke, and several of her Court, in other sleds upon the Snow. From *Nice* we have an account, of a sad accident that had lately happened there, which was thus Twelve persons having for some great offences been condemned to the Gallies, and in the mean time committed to Prison, one of them took his opportunity, when the Goaler came to him one Evening, with Food and other necessaries, to kill him, as he was by accident stooping to the ground, with an Instrument he happened to find there fit for his purpose, after which, seising on the Keys, he goes and releases all his Companions, who the better to secure their escape, first Murder the Goalers Wife, Children, and what Servants were then in the House, which however, they could not do, but that the noise gave an alarme to the Sentinel that stood at the Prison Gate, who calling others

to his assistance, entered the Prison where they took five of these wretches, and the next Morning found the seven other dead in the Street, they having as is thought, to make their escape, leaped from a high wall, and by the fall been killed.

The Duke d' *Esirees*, Ambassador from his most Christian Majesty to the Pope, is daily expected at *Leghorn*, on his way to *Rome*; though in the mean time, here is much discourse concerning his reception there.

Vienna, Feb. 24. The 21 instant dyed here the young Imperial Princess, to the great grief of their Imperial Majesties, and the whole Court, and yesterday was privately interred in the Capucins Church here. They of the Reformed Religion in *Hungary*, have at length, as is said, obtained of the Emperor an assurance, that they shall still enjoy their antient Priviledges and Churches, for the exercise of their Religion, provided, they carry themselves peaceably, without giving any disturbance to the Government. From *Upper Hungary* they write, of several Hostilities which have been lately committed by the Turks on the Frontiers, they having plundered several Villages belonging to the Hussars, and killed many of the Inhabitants, upon which, it is said, the Emperor hath given order for the raising of more Forces to be sent into those Countries, especially considering the great preparations of the Port, which we cannot be assured, but may be designed against this Empire.

Cologne, March 8. The sixth instant arrived here the Prince of *Vaudemont* from *Brussels*, but may very suddainly return thither again with the Regiment of Foot he is raising here for the Service of those Countries, and which is now almost compleat.

The Marshal de *Crequi* is daily expected in these parts; in the mean time the French Commissaries continue to buy up great quantities of Corn and other Provisions, for their Troops in this Electorate.

Brussels, March 9. We seem here to expect nothing more than a War this Summer, and are therefore making all possible preparations to put ourselves in a good posture of defence. It is said, that the French will have about the middle of the next Month 12000 Men at *Charleroy*, and that several Troops are already on their march from the other French places thither.

On Friday last went hence the Prince of *Vaudemont* for *Cologne*, to see in what forwardness the Regiment of Foot is, which he is raising in those parts for the service of these Countries. Monsieur de *Louvoigny* is daily expected here out of *Luxemburgh*, to give his Excellency an account of the posture of affairs there; the Prince de *Chimay*, and the Duke d' *Aersbor*, are going by his Excellencies order towards those parts. His Excellency having lately caused an order to be Published, strictly commanding all the Subjects of the Crown of *Spain*, in *Flanders* and *Brabant*, to bring all their Corn and other Grain into the next Townes, where they shall receive the usual

Prices for the same; we hear that the Governour of *Charleroy*, hath by an other order charged all the Inhabitants thereabouts, as well the Subjects of this Crown, as others, to bring all their Corn thither, declaring, that in case they fail so to do, he will send his Forces to oblige them to it.

Brussels, Ditto 11. This day his Excellency the Count de *Monterey*, went hence for *Vilvoord*, to see in what forwardness the Fortifications of that place are, his Excellency intending to pass from thence for *Malines*, and there by the opening of the *Sluyces*, to set the Country round about it under water, to try of what security it may, upon an occasion, be to the Town; his Excellency has likewise thoughts of going the next week to *Ghaunt, Ipre*, and other places in those parts.

The Ordinary Courrier, who carries our Letters to *Spain*, having been of late several times intercepted in his passage through *France*, and his Letters taken from him, which hath sometimes proved of great consequence, his Excellency hath ordered, that for the future, he shall pass by Sea from *Offend*, to the first Port in *Spain*, and accordingly on Wednesday last, the first Ordinary went that way, it being thought, the Letters may have as good dispatch this way, as if the Post continued to go by Land.

The Fortifications here, though very much advanced, seeming to require yet some considerable time for the perfecting them; his Excellency has ordered all hands to be set at work, for the finishing the Countercharps round the Town, by which, as is thought, it will be sufficiently secured for the present; and the main works afterwards perfected at more leisure.

Here are arrived two Spanish Régiments of Foot, and three of four Régiments more are daily expected, to make in all 6000 Men, besides 13 Régiments, amounting to 11000 Men, we hear, are on their march hither from the United Provinces. Orders have been some days since sent to the Cavalry quartered in *Brabant*, to be ready to march upon the first warning they shall receive from his Excellency to that purpose. On Wednesday last the Duke d' *Aerschor* was commanded in much haste to *Mons*, of which place he is Governour, upon intimation, as is said, which his Excellency had received of some design upon it. This week was brought hither 40 great Brass Guns from *Malines*, where they were cast, to be placed on our Works here.

Paris, March 12. The 8 instant was held an Extraordinary Council for the nominating the chief Officers that are to Command in the Army this Campaign, the King then ordering a List to be made of all those, who have heretofore served in his Armies as Lieutenants General, and are thought to be in all about 30, amongst whom his Majesty would make choice of those, he intended to employ in his Service at this time; his Majesty hath likewise appointed the Marshalls de *Bellefontz* and d' *Humiers*, to Command his Forces in quality of Lieutenants Generals, under the Prince de *Conde*, and his Son the Duke d' *Enghien*, who is to have the Title of Captain General; The Sieur d' *Artagnan*, Captain of the first Company of the Kings Musketeers, is to Command in chief at *Lille*, during the absence of the Marshal d' *Humiers* the present Governour; the Sieur de *Nancré* Governour of *Aeth*, is likewise appointed by the King to be one of the Lieutenant Generals this Campaign; the Marshal de *Crequi*, is, as we are told, to Command a Body of Men, to serve for a flying Army, to convoy our Troops in

their passage through *Treves* towards the *Rhyn*. It is certainly said, that the Count de *Schomberg* is by his Majesty nominated to go and Command his Forces in the County of *Roussillon*, which borders upon *Catalogne*.

On Friday last the Chevalier de *Lorraine* arrived here, accompanied with the Count d' *Armagnac*, and the Count of *Marsan* his Brothers, and the same day went for *Versailles*, to pay his duty to the King, by whom he was very graciously received. Here is a report, that the Duke of *Savoy* hath offered to serve his Majesty with ten thousand Men, in case he shall desire it. On Monday last 120 Commissions were passed the Seal, for the raising 6000 Horse, which together with 27000 Horse already on Foot, and 7000 now raising, will make up 40000.

From *Thoulon* they write, that there was arrived a Vessel, the Master of which reported, that he had learned of an other Vessel he met at *Séa*, that the Grand Master of *Maltha* was lately dead, but this needs a farther confirmation. The seventh instant their Majesties gave Audience to the Foreign Ambassadors, and other publick Ministers here, of whom they received the Compliment of Condolence, upon the death of the young Princess *Marie Therese*. His Majesty hath, it is said, declared his intentions of going no more with his Court to *St. Germain*, thinking the Aire there, not so pure and healthful, as it is at *Versailles*.

Whitehall, March 6. His Majesty out of His Princely care, for the carrying on of Trade in this Conjunction of time, was pleased this day in Council to Declare, and accordingly did Order, That it shall, and may be lawful for any of His Majesties Subjects, having a Pass from his Royal Highness the Duke of *Tork*, Lord High Admiral of *England*, &c. to Saily and Navigate their Ships, with one third of their Seamen or Mariners being Forrainers, without any Let, Hindrance, or Molestation, notwithstanding the Acts for Encouragement and Increasing of Shipping and Navigation, or any thing in them contained to the contrary; whereof all Admirals, Vice-Admirals, Captains of Ships, and other His Majesties Officers whom it may concern, are to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

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The Agents for Redemption of Captives at *Saley* and *Tiuan*, have made return of about 70 Captives, redeemed out of the Stock of the Briefe, who are all now come home, or otherwise employed abroad in *English* Vessels. The Agents likewise for the Redemption of Captives at *Argier* and *Tunis*, who Landed at *Argier* immediately after the Peace was concluded, have made return of between 40 and 50 Captives, they had redeemed in 10 or 12 days space after arrival, which Captives are likewise returned home, or otherwise employed abroad in *English* Vessels; the Agents still proceeding in the Redemption, so far as the Money they have already received from the Stock of the Briefe will extend. There are likewise 50 Captives unto whom is allowed 50 l. per head, out of the Stock of the Briefe, whose Friends by subscription, have undertaken to redeem, upon the encouragement of the said allowance, according to an Order formerly Published. Since the arrival of the Articles of Peace, the Lords Committee for the Redemption, are sending new Orders and Supplies to the Agents, to proceed effectually to the Redemption of the rest; so far as the present Stock will extend; and have taken a speedy course for the Collecting and Returning into the Chamber of *London*, the Charitable Benevolence of such Parishes and Places, as have yet made no Collections nor Returns: All which is Published for the satisfaction of those that have Contributed, and for the encouragement of such as are still to Contribute to this Charitable Work, and the rather, because by the List of Captives that are still to be redeemed, lately sent over from the Agents at *Argiers*, it is much feared, that all the Money likely to come in upon the Briefe, will not be sufficient to Ranfome the whole Number, unless good Christians upon consideration thereof shall be the more bountiful in their Charity.