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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