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Petersbourg, February 22.

ON the 20th past M. de Dieu, the Dutch Minister at this Court, had a publick Audience of Leave of the Empress, and is to set out for Holland in a few Days. It is said that M. D'Allion the French, and Baron Mardefeldt the Prussian Minister, are likewise upon their Departure, and that the first is to be succeeded by M. St. Sauveur, the French Consul now here, and the latter by M. Cagnoni who was formerly in this Service from the Court of Prussia.

Petersbourg, March 1. M. de Dieu, the Dutch Ambassador, set out last Night for Holland: The Empress has shewed great Marks of Distinction to that Gentleman, for besides the usual Present made to Ambassadors, her Majesty sent him a Brilliant Ring of great Value, in a Gold Snuff Box set with Diamonds.

Stockholm, March 7. Our last Letters from Gottenbourg say, that a great many Hands are employed there in cutting out of the Ice the Swedish Ship which is to carry the French Ambassador's Recruits, and they hoped she would be clear in a few Days.

Leghorn, March 4, N. S. Letters from Genoa of the 27th past, mention, that the Republick had receiv'd Letters from their Commissary General at Calvi, with Advice, that the Citizens of Bastia had drove Count Rivarola out of the City, and obliged him to retire to a Capuchin Convent, at a small Distance from the Town, with about 500 Men: The Citizens had taken 37 of his Partisans, and patrolled the City Night and Day, in the Name of the Republick. The Commissary General had sent 100 Men to their Assistance, and Skirmishes happened daily between the Partisans of the Republick, and the Rivarola's. The City has nominated Five of the principal Inhabitants as their Deputies, who are arrived at Genoa, to assure the Republick of their Fidelity, and to confirm their having drove Rivarola and his Adherents out of the Town. Letters of the 22d past from St. Remo, mention the Arrival and Departure thence for Oneglia and Lombardy, of the Regiment Bourbon Spanish Cavalry, consisting of 400 Men; the Regiment of Extremadura was expected there the same Day, and was to be followed by two other Regiments of Cavalry, and a Corps of Infantry in their Way

to join M. de Gages in Lombardy. A Convoy of 22 Vessels with Troops passed by in Sight of that Port, bound from Villafranca to Genoa. The Republick having raised a new Battalion, and called it La Morte, it has been ordered to march to the Pieve, on the Confines of Savoy, to oppose the Barbets, in the Excursions they make into the Republick's Territories. The Republick will not be able to send above two or three Regiments into the Field; and it is said a Resolution has been taken to keep the Remainder of the Troops for the Defence of the State. Letters from Milan of the 26th past mention, that 60 Pieces of heavy Cannon, and 18 Mortars, with a large Quantity of Ammunition, was arrived there, said to be designed for the Siege of the Citadel; but if M. de Gages should resolve thereon, it would be the Middle of this Month, before he could open his Trenches, and the Citadel being well provided with a Garrison of Three Thousand Men, and every Thing necessary, it is hop'd may hold out until the Austrians are reinforced, and strong enough to oblige the Enemy to abandon the Attempt. Letters from Mantua of the 24th past, mention the Arrival there of Lieutenant General Count Brown, and that the first Column, of Troops from the Empire are actually in the Mantuan State, so that it is expected the Campaign will be opened very shortly. The same Letters add, that notwithstanding the Enemy have got a large Train of Artillery at Milan, it is doubted whether they will undertake the Siege of that Citadel. Just now is arrived his Britannick Majesty's Sloop Spence, in two Days from Mahone, where she left Vice Admiral Medley with 16 Sail of his Majesty's Ships in that Harbour, intending to sail in a few Days. Two Days ago arrived a Vessel from Corfica, the Master of which reports, that three Days ago three of his Britannick Majesty's Ships were cannonading the Castle on the Island of Capraia.

Venice, March 11. We have certain Advice from Milan, that the Spaniards have not only desisted from their long-threatned Siege of the Castle, but are actually making Dispositions for the evacuating of that City, by retiring their Cannon and heavy Baggage: All the Troops in that Neighbourhood and City have Orders to hold themselves in Readiness to march, which they give out will be to Pizzighitone.

General