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Warsaw, Feb. 29.

WE now hope to see very suddenly an end of the Dyet, which hath been Assembled here ever since the 15 of the last month; several of the main points being concluded, and particularly, those that relate to the Election; which they have resolved shall begin the 20 of April, and last three weeks; they have likewise resolved to raise a Fond for the maintenance of the Army, so that we hope this Dyet will have a very happy conclusion. Ambassadors are in the mean time coming hither from most of the Princes of Europe, to be present during the time of the Election. Many people here are very much dissatisfied at the retreat of our Troops from *Wallachia*, which were quartered there under the Command of the Crown Ensigne, the pretence was, that the Soldiers did live very uneasy there, the Inhabitants doing them what mischief they could, and even refusing to supply them with necessaries; but some apprehend, that the Crown General has recalled these Troops out of some particular designe.

Vienna, Feb. 26. The 24 instant arrived here Post, the Marquis *Baignasco*, Captain in the Marquis of *Grana's* Regiment, to give the Emperor an account that he and the Marquis *d'Obizzi* Major of the said Regiment, with some others, had seized the Prince of *Furstenbergh* at *Cologne*, and brought him to *Bonn*, where he continues prisoner; The Emperor has ordered that he shall be removed hither, to give an account of several matters, for that as is said here, he is Vassal and Natural born Subject of the Emperor. The Emperor hath this week received a very obliging Letter from the King of *Sweden*, in which it is said, he assures his Imperial Majesty, that he has nor any intention of taking up Arms against him in favor of *France*, but that on the contrary, he will continue his endeavors to procure a general Peace. The Turkish Aga that is here, had onely a Commission from the Visier of *Buda*, and therefore he hath only had Audience of the Count *de Montecuculi*, without being admitted to the Emperors presence, though he very much desired it. This week arrived here the *Sieur Crackau*, Envoye Extraordinary from the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, but his errand is not yet known. *Don Pedro Ronquillo*, who hath some time resided here on the part of the Crown of *Spain*, is preparing to go for *Warsaw* to assist at the Election. The *Bassia of Varadin* hath as we hear, obliged all the Rebels that were fled from *Hungary* into the Territories under his Government, forthwith to depart the same, according to the Command of the Grand Signior.

Frankfort, March 7. As well the Saxons as other Troops are on their march towards the Palatinate, to shew their readines to serve his Electoral Highness on any emergency that may happen; though we have advice, that the French having left a Garrison in *Germerstein*, are returned to their several Quarters; their designe having been only to possess them-

selves of that place lest the Elector might have put into the hands of the Emperor, and thereby greatly incommoded the French at *Philipsburgh*, as it is said, he was obliged to do, by virtue of the Treaty lately concluded between him and his Imperial Majesty.

Liege, March 8. The Deputies which were sent by this Chapter to wait upon his Electoral Highness at *Cologne*, and to give him an account of the resolution by them taken, to raise a sufficient force to oppose the grievous Taxations of their neighbors, of which resolution they prayed his Electoral Highness's approbation, are returned again, though what answer they bring, we cannot yet certainly learn; but from other hands we hear, that the Elector has written to the most Christian King, earnestly desiring him to cause *Masseyck* and what other places his Troops at present possess in the Countrey of *Liege* to be restored; In the mean time it is said, that the Baron *d'Issola* will come hither again to reside here. The fourth instant the *Mareschal d'Humieres* arrived here with a Convoy from *Masseyck*, and is passed on towards *France*. From *Mentis* our Letters confirm the retreat of the French, and that the Marquis *de Vaubrun* was already arrived at *Brissac*, having left 300 Men in *Germerstein*; however, that the Troops of *Saxony* and the Imperial Troops continue to march towards the Palatinate, under the Command of the Velt Marshal *Caprara*.

Cologne, March 16. The Letters from *Heydelberg* of the 10 instant, say, that the French having left a Garrison of 300 Men in *Germerstein*, were returned towards *Lorraine* and *Alatia*; the reason which the French give for their having possessed themselves of this place is, that having intercepted a Copy of a Treaty, concluded between the Emperor and the Elector Palatine, they found, that by virtue thereof, his Electoral Highness was obliged to put the said Town of *Germerstein* into the hands of the Emperor; though on the other side it is said, that the Elector disowns to have made any such Treaty; and therefore the French farther to justify themselves say, that the Marquis *de Bethune* the French Minister at *Heydelberg*, has Orders to declare to his Electoral Highness, that in case he will engage punctually to execute the Treaty of Neutrality, and renounce that which he is said to have made with the Emperor against the Interest of *France*, his Majesty will cause his Troops to march out of *Germerstein* and will put the place into the hands of some Neutral Prince of the Empire, as the Elector Palatine shall make choice of. The publick conferences are here wholly interrupted, the French absolutely declaring, that they cannot proceed therein, till satisfaction be given to the Prince of *Furstenbergh*. The Troops of *Saxony* and the other Imperial Troops, under the Command of the Count *de Caprara*, are marching to the assistance of the Elector Palatine. It is said that part of the French Troops are again on their march towards the *Upper Alsacia*; and that the Marquis *de Rochefort* is come with some Troops before *Keiserstater*, belonging to the Elector Palatine on the Frontiers of *Lorraine*.

Brussels

Brussels, March 16. The Sieur de Louvigny, whom his Excellency had sent out with 7 or 8000 Men under his Command, with Orders to surprize *Binch*, having as we told you in our last, been prevented by the extremity of the weather, is returned hither again: and at the same time it is reported, that the Marechal d' *Humieres* is passed with 600 Horse from *Maastricht* to *Charleroy*. Madam de *Coconnas* is brought hither from *Antwerp*, and is at present lodged in the English Monastery, being there under a Guard, and in the manner of a prisoner. The 5 Infant the Prince of *Vandermont* arrived at *Cologne*, and the 7 parted thence again under a Convoy of 20 Horse towards *Francfort*, to confer with the Duke of *Lorraine*, and arrived there the 10. Our Letters from *Vienna* tell us, that the Count de *Montecuculi* had delivered up into the hands of the Emperor his Commission of General of the Emperor's Forces, excusing himself on account of his great age; but that after all, it was believed, he would be persuaded to receive it again; the Emperor having a high opinion of his great Experience and good Conduct, and looking upon him as the fittest to Command his Forces. It is very confidently reported that the Chapter of *Liege* hath actually declared war against us, and that already acts of hostility have been committed, and prisoners taken, but those that know the exhausted condition of that Countrey, cannot imagine it is a capacity to maintain a War. That the French are about quitting *Courtray* and *Outward*, seems now without doubt, they having demanded of the Inhabitants of the first place 300000 Guilders, and of the latter 200000, to save them from being plundered upon their marching out.

Brussels, March 19. We are told of a conspiracy which hath been discovered at *Namur*, for the delivering that place up to the French; whereupon strict search hath been made in all houses there, and publick Proclamation for the discovery of the Accomplishes, promising a reward of 16000 Guilders to the person that shall bring them to light. We expect with much impatience till the waters be clear of Ice, for then the Prince of *Orange* will send several Forces to be put in Garrison in such places as his Excellency shall think fit; besides which, the Prince will send a Body of an Army at the opening of the Campaign to our assistance, but will not come in person.

Amsterdam, March 16. Our preparations for War both by Land and Sea, begin to be in some posture; The Captains of the several Ships are very busy about raising of Seamen, in which they promise themselves they shall meet with very little difficulty, the people in general since the conclusion of the Peace with *England*, seeming to have taken new heart, and with much more readiness put themselves into the service. The Admiralty here hastens the Equipage all they can, and have very pressing written to the other Provinces to do the like. We seem here to be very confident that the Crown of *Sweden* will not declare itself in favor of the most Christian King, though the French say otherwise.

Hague, March 16. The States of *Holland* being some days since in debate concerning the raising of Moneys for the maintenance of the War this Summer; it was proposed, that a Sum of 15 Millions of *Livers* should be raised by way of Loan, the State paying interest for the time, after the rate of 4 per Cent; but that none be permitted to pay in less than 500 Guilders, but more, according to their several Estates; the matter having been long debated, it was at last agreed, that eight Millions should be forthwith raised, with

which sum the Prince of *Orange* is at present content, the States promising, that they will farther supply him, according as the publick occasions shall require. It has been for some time very confidently reported, that the Bishop of *Munster* was sending privately hither one Doctor *Han*, to discover the inclination of this State, in order to an accommodation; and that he was to bring with him an offer to restore all places taken during this War, and at present in his possession, and to put his Troops into the service of the Emperor; besides which, it is said, this State pretends that the Bishop shall demolish several Fortresses which he has raised of late years, and that for the future after the Peace is concluded, he shall only keep in his service 3000 Men for the necessary defence of his Garrisons; and farther, the Prince of *Orange* for his particular, demands satisfaction of the Bishop, for the Wood he has caused to be cut down in the County of *Lingen*, belonging to his Highness, which was at least worth 200000 Guilders: What the Bishop will resolve hereupon, we expect impatiently to hear. The Baron *Spar* is still here; but will shortly part hence for *England*. The States of *Holland* are separated for some more time.

Ditto, March 22. On Saturday last arrived here an Envoy from the Count de *Montreux*, to demand succors from hence, for that his Excellency greatly apprehends the French will attempt something very suddenly; the Prince of *Orange* has promised to send five Regiments of Foot and four of Horse, some of which be already to march. It is said that the States of *Holland* in consideration of the great services of the Prince of *Orange*, are going to make his Highness a Present of two Millions of *Livers*, and besides that, they will take upon them the discharging the Debt of two Millions owing by the Prince to the City of *Amsterdam*; being Moneys which the late Prince borrowed of them. The Sieur *Rabenharp* is marched from *Gronningen* with several Troops under his Command, to make, as is said, an incursion into the Bishop of *Munster's* Countrey. The Heer *Odyke* and the Heer *Van Beuningen* are to go Ambassadors into *England*.

Paris, March 19. We have advice here that the Marquis de *Beauquiere* his Majesties Ambassador at *Stockholm* hath lately concluded a farther Treaty with that Crown. The Count de *Scombergh* continues still very much indisposed so that he is obliged to deferre his departure for *Roussillon*, where he is appointed to command the Kings Forces. The King having granted the *Franche Comte* a Neutrality the Duke de *Navailles* is is returned to *Dyon*, and the Troops to their several Quarters. The Ministers of *Sweden* labor hard to bring the warring Parties to a general Peace; we are told, that this is the present business of the Baron *Spar* at the *Hague*; and that on this account he goes for *England*, to pray His Majesty of *Great Britain* that he will please to joyn with the King his Master, in order to the procuring a general Peace. Our Letters from *Holland* and *Flanders* speak very high of the preparation which they are making for the Campaign, and as slightly of those that are in hand here, though we doubt not, but we shall e'r long convince them, that his Majesty will be as powerful in the Field this Summer, as he has been at any time during the present War. Monsieur d' *Humieres* is parted from *Nimègen* to come to *Grave*; and thence to *Maastricht*, where he will receive the Kings Orders how farther to proceed, which according as is said, will direct him to return forthwith hither. The Popes Nuncio has frequent conferences with the chief Ministers of this Court; and presses with great zeal a general Peace.