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Naples, February 12.

**O**N the 6th Instant a grand Council was held in his Majesty's Presence, in order to consider of the State and Condition of the Forces of this Kingdom, and 'tis imagined that some Resolutions will shortly be taken for compleating and augmenting the same.

Rome, Feb. 14. The Inhabitants of this City were greatly alarmed on the 8th Instant in the Afternoon, by a sudden Shock of an Earthquake, which was soon after followed by another not quite so severe; however, they both went off without causing any considerable Damage. And we have learned since, that the same Evening and the following Night they had several Shocks at Frascati, Albano, and Tivoli; which Shocks, although represented to be much more violent than ours, also did but little Damage. On the 11th Instant Cardinal Bichi was seized with a Fit of an Apoplexy, of which he died the next Day, in the 82d Year of his Age. On the 12th the Archbishop of Brindisi, and the Bishops of Bitonto and Aquila, arrived in this City; as did likewise a few Days before General Count d'Olonne, in his Way from Germany to his Post at Naples, the King of Poland, as Elector of Saxony, having lately appointed him his Minister to the King of the Two Sicilies. Yesterday we received Advice of the Death of M. Sampayo, the Portuguese Minister at this Court, who was gone to Civita Vecchia to embark some Cannon which had been cast there for the Use of the King his Master.

Florence, Feb. 14. The Count de Richcourt is returned hither from Leghorn, where he has settled the Project for establishing a Company of Commerce to the Levant.

Leghorn, Feb. 15. We learn from Algiers, that the Regencies of Barbary have equipped a great Number of Vessels to cruise against those Christian Powers with whom they are not at Peace; which Vessels will certainly put to Sea as soon as the Season will permit.

Parma, Feb. 17. The Pregnancy of her Serene Highness the Dutchess of Parma and Placentia has been declared at Court. We are informed by Advices from Lombardy, that the Frost is set in there so very severe, that the like has not been known for several Years past.

Genoa, Feb. 18. The Master of a Ship just arrived from Marseilles says, that a Corsair of Barbary, with 50 Men on Board, had founder'd off the Isles of Hieres. Letters from Cadiz say, that the Squadron of Don Antoine Spinola is soon expected there from the Havanna, and is the richest they have had for a long Time. The

Northern Lights, which have lately appeared in this Country for several Nights together, have greatly surprized the Inhabitants of this City as well as those of Polsevera.

Vienna, Feb. 21. The Baron de Franckenstein, Minister Plenipotentiary from the Prince and Bishop of Wurtsbourg, received, on the 19th Instant, from the Hands of the Emperor, the Investiture of the Temporalities of that Bishoprick.

Dresden, Feb. 26. The King's Journey to Poland seems at present fixed for the 20th of April next. His Majesty has ordered a Reduction to be made in his Forces, in Consequence of which, 24 Men out of each Company will be discharged.

Dusseldorp, March 4. The Elector Palatine has appointed Lieutenant Colonel la Roche to be Governor of the City and Fortrefs of Juliers, with the Rank of Colonel. The Count de Guebriant, Minister from his most Christian Majesty to the Elector of Cologne, arrived at Bon on Thursday last.

Hague, March 5. Yesterday the States of Holland and Westfrizeland opened their Assembly. His Excellency the Earl of Hyndford set out this Morning for Helvoetsluys in his Way for London.

Tower of London, Feb. 19, 1749.

The Principal Officers of His Majesty's Ordnance do hereby give Notice to all Persons whatsoever, who are willing to undertake the Masons and Bricklayers Work for the New Fort intended to be erected at Ardersfer Point, near Inverness in Scotland, that they may leave Proposals in Writing, sealed up, at the Office here, on or before Friday the 30th of March next, when they will be duly considered; and those contracted with, who will engage to execute the same with the best Materials, in the most substantial and workman-like Manner, and on the cheapest Terms.

By Order of the Board,  
Charles Bush.

Tower of London, Feb. 23, 1749.

The Principal Officers of his Majesty's Ordnance do hereby give Notice to all Upholsters who are willing to supply Tents for Horse and Foot, with Pins, Poles, and Mallets compleat, also Barrack and Hammock Bedding, according to the Patterns which may be seen here, and all other Goods belonging to that Trade, which may be wanted for his Majesty's Service, that they may leave their Proposals in Writing, sealed up, at the Office here, on or before Friday the 9th of March next, when they will be taken into Consideration, and those accepted which shall appear to be the cheapest.

By Order of the Board,  
Charles Bush.