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Rome, March 2.

THE differences between the Cardinal Patron, and the Foreign Ministers (of which you had long since an Account) have not yet been able to be accommodated, but on the contrary, their spirits seem more and more exasperated. The Pope has now made choice of certain Cardinals, approved of by the Ambassadors, amicably to determine by their Mediation this matter, which creates so much disturbance in this Court. The Spanish Ambassador, with great earnestness, solicited the Pope, to interpose in the business of *Messina*, which otherwise may, it's feared, set whole *Italy* in a flame; but this Court is unwilling to do any thing, so much to displease the Crown of *France*, and to shew any partiality during the present War between the two Crowns.

Milan, March 2. The Advices we have of late had from *Furin*, that the Duke of *Savoy* gave our Commissions for raising of Men; and made other preparations of War, have occasioned no small jealousies here; and many People are apt to fear, that his Highness has entered into some Engagement with the Most Christian King, to attack this Countrey. This has made our Governor the Prince *de Ligne* make a strict enquiry into the condition of the Frontier places, to the end the necessary Orders may be every where given for their defence and security; but his Excellency cannot provide the several Garrisons; as he desires, especially with Men; for all the Troops he can raise, are still sent towards *Savily*, to be employed against the *Messinese*, who hitherto give very little hopes of their returning to their former Obedience; but the general expectation is, that *Don Juan* of *Austria*, will suddenly arrive in *Sicily*, and by his presence, turn the course things take at present.

Warsaw, March 5. His Majesty being desirous, for several Reasons, to defer his Coronation for some time longer, the Archbishop of *Gnesna*, who in the King's absence has the chief direction of the publick affairs, and several other Senators, have advised his Majesty to Convoke the States of the Kingdom in the mean time, to the end they may raise the monies necessary for the recruiting the Army; and putting it in a posture to take the field again: At present it is, in a very bad condition, the Troops much weakened, and Provisions so scarce, that the Soldiers begin to be forced to feed upon Horses, Dogs, &c. We are told, That some of the *Tartars* who were lately taken Prisoners, have confessed, that the Cham of *Tartary* had received Orders from the Grand Signior, to march with all the Force he could bring together against the *Poles*, and a promise, that he would send a considerable Body of *Turks* to join with him; by which it seems, that neither the Grand Signior, nor the Grand Visier will head the *Turkish* Forces this Summer, but that the management of the War will be left to the Cham of *Tartary*. The Accommodation with *Dorofensko* is not yet concluded, and we have not much reason to fears, that he does not act sincerely in the matter, but only endeavors to gain time. It is reported, that his Majesty,

upon condition *Dorofensko* will join with him, and assist him to recover the whole *Ukraine*, his Majesty would afterwards give it to him in Fief, to be held by him in the same manner, as the Elector of *Brandenburgh* formerly held the *Ducal Prussia*, and the Duke of *Courland* that *Dutchy*, with an obligation to employ his Forces on all occasions against the Enemies of the Crown of *Poland*.

Venice, March 5. Signior *Delfino* being made Procurator of *St. Marks*, upon the vacancy that hapned by the promotion of the present Doge, will on Monday next take possession thereof. We are at present here without an Ambassador from the Crown of *France*, and are like to be suddenly likewise without any from *Spain*, for the Spanish Ambassador is preparing to return home. He hath on several occasions represented to the Senate, the mischiefs the affair of *Messina* may occasion to all *Italy*, if not timely prevented; and therefore that it is the part of the several Princes of *Italy* to endeavor to compose this matter, before the flame break out, and spread it self even to their doors; but hitherto the solicitations of that Crown in this particular, have not been very successful. The *Referendarium* of *Poland*, arrived here two days since on his way to *Rome*, whither he goes in Quality of Envoy Extraordinary; to pray his Holinesses effectual assistance against the *Turks* and *Tartars*, whom the *Poles* are not able of themselves to withstand.

Dantzick, March 9. The *Suedish* Troops are still Quartered in the *Hinder Pomeran*, and as yet there is not any appearance of their removal; Some days since arrived here certain Officers of that Army, who have bespoke of the Shoemakers here 2000 pair of Boots, to be ready in three weeks. We have advice that the General of *Lithuania* is drawing the Forces of that Dukedom together, with intention to march with them towards the *Ukraine*, to join the King, who has great want of them, and is highly offended with the said General, for having left him some months since.

Vienna, March 14. The Emperor has granted all that the Count *de Montecuculi* hath desired relating to this next Campaigne, and hath particularly given him power to act, as he shall think best, for the common good of the Allies, so that most People seem to promise themselves, that this Campaigne will end with better success, to the Allies than did the last, which time must shew. The Count *de Montecuculi* expects now only to have the monies he is to take with him, put into his hands; and that being done, he will immediately depart from hence towards the Army. The Count of *Hofkirchen*, who is employed by the Emperor to inform himself of the posture of the Troops which were this last Summer commanded by the Duke of *Bourbonville*, has sent his Imperial Majesty an exact List of them, with an account of the Enquiries he has made concerning several miscarriages of the last Campaigne, and how he finds them to have been. The Imperial Generalicy at *Bon* hath likewise sent hither a List of the Imperial Forces in those parts. From *Cassovia* they write, That the *Sieur Bar-*