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Naples, March 5.

From *Sicily* they write, that the *Messineses* are greatly encouraged since the arrival of the sutors, brought them by the Duke de *Vivonne*; and the rather, for that they observe, the Spaniards are daily forced to leave the Posts they possessed near the City, as now lately they have quitted the Posts they had at *St. Placido*, and at the *Scaletta*, on pretence, that they kept their Forces too much divided. The Marquis d' *Astorgas*, our Viceroy, though he is much concerned to see things succeed so ill, yet omits nothing on his part, which may contribute to the reducing that City to its former Obedience, and the ridding the Crown of *Spain* of an affair, which gives it so much pain and trouble.

Vicna, March 17. The four Millions of Livres, demanded by the Count de *Montecuculi*, for the defraying the charges of this next Campagne, will be now suddenly put into his hands, and in that view he has resolved to part hence the 28 instant towards the Army. The Count of *Hofkirken*, who was sent by the Emperor to take an account of the posture of the Imperial Troops, Commanded the last Summer, by the Duke of *Bourbonville*, and to inform himself of the behaviour of the several Officers, during the late actions in *Alsacia*, has returned his Imperial Majesty an ample relation, by which, several miscarriages, and the faults of not a few are laid open; Whereupon the Commissary-General parted hence on Friday last, by the Emperors Order, to make Process against all those that are found guilty, in order to their punishment, before the Army draws into the Field again. The Count of *Waldack* purposes to part hence in 3 or 4 days, on his return for *Holland*. We are told, that there will be a most exact Discipline observed in the Imperial Army this next Campagne, and that the Count de *Montecuculi* has taken it upon him, to be answerable for all the disorders and violences that shall be committed by his Soldiers for want thereof.

Strasburg, March 22. On Tuesday last arrived here the Marquis of *Baden Dourlach*, General of the Artillery of the Imperial Army, though he was very much indisposed of an Apoplexy. The French continue to exact vast Contributions of all the Villages in the Marquis of *Baden*, and upon failure of payment thereof, they pillage and burn them. It is said that they are demolishing the Castle of *Dachstein*, and that to that end, they have undermined the Walls thereof, in order to the blowing them up. From *Vienna* they write, that the Count de *Montecuculi*, will certainly begin his journey from thence, the 28 of this month, for that by that time, the Moneys which have onely retarded it, will be ready; it is generally expected, that his Excellency will take better care than has been hitherto, to keep the Soldiers within an exact Order and Discipline, and to prevent the like disorders, that were committed the last Summer.

Coblentz, March 24. The seizing of *Germshheim* by the Elector Palatine, some days since, hath afforded great matter of dissatisfaction to the Elector of *Mayence*, to whom that place belongs; on the other side, we are told, that the Elector Palatine answers, he was

forced to it, for the preventing that places falling into the hands of the French, as some others have, which likewise belong to his Electoral Highness of *Mayence*, so that it is feared this matter may create some difference between them.

Cologne, March 29. The Imperial Troops that are lodged in this Diocess, and in the Countrey of *Fuljers* begin to move nearer to the *Meuse*, on what designe we know not, unless it be to convoy the Cardinal of *Baden*, who is coming thither from *Liege*. The Imperialists have removed the Magazine they had at *Mayence* to *Bonne*; and they speak likewise of erecting one here. Our Letters from *Strasburg* bring us not anything of news, but continue to tell us of the French preparations in *Lorraine* and *Alsacia*, of which they fear, they shall ere long see the effect. On Tuesday last the Heer *Fischer*, the Emperors Ambassador parted again from thence for *Munster*, whither he is gone to hasten the Levies that Bishop is making for the service of the Emperor; and some hours after his departure, arrived here two Deputies from the Bishop, who missing the said Ambassador, are gone to *Bonne*, to confer with the Imperial Generals there, upon the Matters they came about.

Liege, March 29. Things are at present here in much disorder and confusion, occasioned by the French being lett into the Citadel by the Governor of it. Yesterday about two in the morning 2500 French Foot, convoyed by several Squadrons of Horse, approached the Suburb of this City, called *St. Walburg*, and presently after were received into the Castle, which was no sooner known there, but all was in an allarm, the Inhabitants run to Arms, and marched up and down the streets in Troops, who meeting on the Market place a French Major and his Men, discharged their Muskets and killed them. Yesterday and this day the Shops and Houses, as well as the Gates, have been kept shut, except this afternoon, when the Gates were opened, to receive into the City 1200 Peasants, of the Countrey of *Franchimont*, all compleatly armed. This morning early was held a Chapter, where several persons were deputed, to go and desire the French to retire again out of the Castle, which if they do not, it is thought the Imperialists will come and help us to remove them. But after all, it is said, that though the ordinary People are so violent, yet, that most of the Magistrates are not much troubled at what has happened.

Brussels, March 29. This morning his Excellency received advice by an Express from the Count de *Chavignack*, who commands the Imperial Troops, quartered in the Countrey of *Liege*, that yesterday the French possessed themselves of the Castle of *Liege*, having been lett in by the Inhabitants, to the number of 3000; his Excellency is much concerned at it, as being a thing of great importance, and which will make easy the further designs the French may have in those quarters. In the mean time we prepare here in good earnest for the Campagne; his Excellency has Commanded the several Officers to make all the diligence possible in the raising their recruits, and care is taken to put things every where in the best posture, the present

sent state of affairs in these Countreys will permit. Our new Maître de Camp General, Don Hieronimo de Quignons, is expected here with much impatience, his Excellency desiring greatly to have his advice in several matters relating to the War, which ought to be dispatched forthwith. We do not yet hear, that the Prince of Orange is returned to the Hague, from his Conference with the Elector of Brandenburg at Cleves. It is much disputed how the Forces of the several Allies will act this Summer, whether jointly or separately. From Vienna they write, that the Imperial Army will act by it self, under the sole Conduct of the Count de Montecuculi, who has obtained of the Emperor, all he demanded concerning his said Com mand.

Ditto, April 2. The Chapter of Liege, has, as we are told, sent to the Prince of Orange, to the Imperial Generals at Bonn, and to our Governor for assistance, in order to the obliging the French, to quit again the Citadell there; and we are told that the Spanish Troops, that are quartered in Luxemburg, and the Imperialists in the Diocess of Liege, begin to march, and that the Prince of Orange will likewise send several Troops to joyn with them. On the other side, the French also draw their Forces together, to oppose the Confederates, so that we may suddainly expect to hear of some action, and the rather, for that the Matter in question, viz. Whether the French shall be possessed of the Cattle of Liege or not, may deserve it. Another great Convoy is lately arrived at Charleroy, and at Aeth we hear, the French are gathering a Body of an Army. Our last Letters from Madrid, tell us of the arrival of the Count de Montecuculi: That Count Egmont has been declared General of the Forreign Cavalry; and the Prince de Vaudemont, Admiral of these Countreys. Don Pedro de Ronquillos, who is going in quality of Envoye Extraordinary for England, on the part of the Crown of Spain, is still here, expecting his final Instructions from Madrid.

Hague, March 29. This morning his Highness returned hither from Cleves, where he arrived the 20 instant, and after having had several Conferences with the Elector of Brandenburg, parted again the 23. It is reported, that his Electoral Highness will make a turn hither, so soon as he is in a condition to travel, being at present indisposed of the Gout. On Monday last the Heer Wicquefort, Resident here for the Dukes of Lunenburg, though, as is said, a subject of this State, and at present, actually in its service, was arrested, and committed to prison, for having held correspondences, greatly to the prejudice of this State and its Allies. The 27 instant the Deputies of the several Admiralties held their last conference, at which, the Lieutenant-Admiral de Ruyter was present, for the regulating the matter of the Equipage for Sea this Summer; They have resolved, that the Squadron of Men of War designed for the Baltique, under the Command of the Sieur de Ruyter, shall consist of 12 large Men of War, of the first ranks, and 12 Fregats, besides Fireships and Gallies.

Ditto, April 2. We are here extremely troubled, at the news we receive of the French having made themselves Masters of the Citadell of Liege, by means of the correspondence they held with the Governor thereof, which is a great blow, and of infinite ill consequence to the affairs of the Allies; though we seem to flatter our selves with the hopes of getting it again out of their hands; for it is said, that the Imperial Troops quartered in that Diocess, do already begin to draw together; that some Forces will be forthwith sent from hence, to joyn with them, and that they, together with

the assistance of the Inhabitants of the City of Liege, who encline for the Emperor, will endeavor to force the Enemy to surrender it again into the possession of the Liegeois. It is confidently said, that the Elector of Brandenburg will make a step hither *inognito*, in order to the holding a farther Conference, for the concluding several Matters, which were left unfinished at Cleves, because the Emperors mind in them was wanting, which has been since communicated: and the Marquis de Grana, who arrived here this day, will assist at this Conference on the part of the Emperor. The States of Holland have made a Déclaration in their Assembly, Copies of which they have ordered to be given to all the publick Ministers here, containing the reasons that have obliged them to imprison the Heer Wicquefort, and farther to proceed against him, as being their natural born Subject, and at this present, in their actual pay, &c. His Highness has for a day or two been indisposed, and obliged to keep his Chamber; but is at present much better, and yesterday his Highness gave publick Audience to the several Forreign Ministers. From Liege they write, that that City was in great disorder and confusion, that the Inhabitant shutting up their Shops and Houses, were continually in Arms, that several who declared for the French had been killed; and that a Message had been sent from the Magistrates to the French in the Citadell, to pray them to retire again, and that if they thought good, they should demolish it, but that they could not suffer they should continue in it.

Paris, April 3. The good news we have of late received from several parts, makes us promise our selves all success this next Campaign, which will now be begun very suddainly. From Sicily we have daily an account of considerable advantage obtained by the Messines, through the assistance of our Troops, over the Spaniards, who have been forced to quit St. Placido, and the Scaletta, the two most considerable Posts they possessed about Messina, where they had laid up great stores of all kind of Provision; besides which, the Duke de Vivonne has made a Descent in Calabria, and by that means, amongst other purchase, taken great quantities of Provisions; and farther, to add to all these successes, we have advice that Catania and Trepary in Sicily, have likewise revolted. On the other side, our affairs in these parts, advance likewise much to our satisfaction: and yesterday we had news of the Count d'Esprades, Governor of Masfrichi, having received himself Master of the Castle of Liegi, and put 3500 Men in it, though we hear it has occasioned some disturbance amongst the Inhabitants of the City. It is said that Orders have been sent from hence, to assemble forthwith a Body of an Army, about Masfrichi, to secure the said Citadell in our hands.

Advertisements.

This is to give notice, that George Dupuy, formerly Steward to her Grace the Duchesse of Cleaveland, charged of some miscarriages in her Grace's service, mentioned in the Gazettes of the 20 and 24 of August last past, is returned, and hath justified himself towards her Grace, who hath given him leave to have it inserted in this Gazette.

Lost above a month since, near St. Martins in London, out of a Gentleman's pocket, a Clock Watch, Enamelled Green; the outside Flowers, the inside a Landscape; the name on the Watch, *Ovalon & Paris*; a Budded Case, a brass Key tied to the Watch with a Ribbon; If any one can give tidings of the said Watch, to Mr. Richard Cross, a Goldsmith, at the Bear in Foster Lane, right against Goldsmiths Hall London, they shall have in reason, what any man shall judge it worth, that understands it; or if bought or disposed of, their Money again, with content.

Stolen out of the Pasture of Henry Werden of Derby, on Monday night being the 22 of this instant March, one Bay Mare, with a Star in the Forehead, all her paces, 14 hands high, about 14 years old, with a whisk Tail. Also a high coloured Bay Nag, with a blaze down his Face, a Swine Back, one white Foot, and all his paces, 6 years old, between 14 and 15 hands high. Whoever shall give notice of either of them, to the said Mr. Henry Werden at Derby, or to Mr. William Walker, Ironmonger, next door without Newgate, London, shall have 20 s. reward.