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Naples, March 17.

THe Maistre de Camp, Don *Fernando Pauant* is preparing to part in few days with several Troops for *Sicily*, the Viceroy whereof uses all endeavours possible to put things into such a posture, that upon the arrival of Don *Juan*, something considerable may be taken in hand, in order to the reducing of *Messina*, where we are told, a pestilentious Distemper rages very much, and that the infection is spread into the neighboring places possessed by the Spaniards, to that degree, that at the *Scala* and *Melazzo* they are put out of a condition to defend those Posts, in case they were attacked, which its said, the French want Troops to 60, not having above 3000 Men, with which they are obliged to guard the Castles and other Posts, they have in and near the City.

Genova, March 19. By a Vessel arrived here from *Naples* we have advice, that the Spanish Armada, which had been engaged against the Duke *de Vivonne*, being refitted, was gone to Sea again, and had taken their course towards *Messina*; with a resolution to hinder the entrance of the further succors that are expected from *France*; and the rather, for that it is certainly said, that Provisions begin to grow again very scarce in *Messina*, and that without a suddain supply, those Inhabitants will be brought to great extremities; and some Letters add, as if they were greatly afflicted with the Plague, which may its thought, have been partly occasioned by their ill Dyer. By the last Orinary from *Spain*, certain Merchants here received, as we are told, Bills of Exchange for 100000 Crowns, to be remitted to the Viceroy of *Sicily*. Don *Juan* is suddainly expected in *Italy*, and from his Presence the Spaniards hope much.

Milan, March 20. The 15 instant embarked at *Final*, 8 Troops of dismounted Cavalry, and the same day towards evening set sail for *Sicily*, the 500 German Foot which parted from hence some time since, and which our Governor was in some pain for, because of a report of their having been cast away, are arrived at *Gaeta*, intending to proceed from thence with the first fair wind; Several of the Men of War and Gallies which the French fitted out at *Toulon* and *Marseilles*, for the assisting the *Messineses*, are come to *Monaco*, where they in few days, expect the rest of their company.

Copenhagen, April 8. On Thursday last our Queen was happily brought to Bed of a young Prince, who the next day was Christened by the name of *Christianus*, to the great joy of this Court. We do not yet certainly know how far his Majesty will engage himself in favor of the Confederates, though we understand, that they are very confident of the disposition of this Court in their behalf. Great quantities of Salt having been exported out of this Kingdom to *Sweden* and other parts, so that it is feared, some scarcity may be occasioned here thereby, his Majesty, has straitly prohibited the carrying out of any for the future. From *Stockholme*

they write, of great preparations that are making all that Kingdom over for War; that Commissions are daily given out for the raising of new Troops, and Vessels hired to transport them into *Pomerania*. The same Letters add, that the Count of *Oxenborne*, would suddainly begin his journey for *England*, in quality of Ambassador from that Crown.

Vicuna, April 1. The Count *de Montecuculi* continues his resolution of parting from hence the 4 or 5 instant at farthest, and will be accompanied with two Lords of the Emperors Council, who are upon all occasions to assist his Excellency with their advice. The Emperor has appointed the Colonel *Maschare*, to go to *Tirol*, to see that things be put in a posture of defence on that side. The last Letters from General *Cops*, who Commands the Imperial Troops in *Silesia*, gave an account that the Swedes continue in their quarters without committing any hostilities, but that he believed they will not remain much longer in that posture. The 15 of the next month, the *Brandenburg* Troops will quit their Winter quarters, which they have had in the Circle of *Franconia*, to the great vexation of those Inhabitants, and march towards the Electors own Territories, to oppose the Swedes.

Strasburg, April 8. The 3 instant 400 Men of the Circle of *Saxony*, who had their quarters in *Wilbadt*, under the Command of Lieutenant-Colonel *Roltaufer*, arrived here for the guard of our Fort on the *Rhine*; and to morrow we expect here 800 Men more of the Troops of the same Circle, so that we shall be then pretty well secure, and yet more; when the Troops promised by the Swissers are likewise here. The 4000 Imperialists which came from *Suabia*, under the Conduct of Major-General *Schurz* had some great designe in hand, but it misluct, for that the Bishop of *Basle* refused passage through his Territories. The French have removed the Magazine they had made at *Colmar* to *Haguinaw*, where it will be more safe. The French of *Philipsburg* do greatly infest the Palatinate with their incursions, and have lately burnt several Villages more. To morrow the old Duke of *Lorraine* parts from hence towards his Troops, with which it is said, he is to act apart this Campagne. The French Envoye, Monsieur *d' Ablancour*, seems intended to remain here all this Summer.

Cologne, April 12. Greatest part of the Imperial Troops, that were quartered on this side the *Rhine*, are on their march; on Monday next they will pass the River at *Bonne*, and being joynd with the Troops on the other side, take their way towards *Gobients*; It is said they designe to go and attack *Treves*, but the general opinion is, that they will march towards *Francfort*, to meet their General the Count *de Montecuculi*, who will bring about 10000 Men with him. The States of this Diocess are still assembled, without being able to come to any resolution, about the raising the Moneys demanded by the States General of the *United Provinces*; though in the mean time they have written to Monsieur *Fariaux* to desire him to forbear execution for three days longer. The 10 instant arrived here the

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Cardinal *Baden* from *Bonne*, it is thought his Eminence will remain here most of the Summer. From *Metz* they write, of the 3 instant, that the French convey great quantities of Corn from thence, by the *Moselle*, to *Treyes*, the Garrison whereof is likewise to be reinforced, for that it is apprehended the Confederates will attack it. We are told of a Project that hath been drawn up at *Vienna*, for the acting with five Armies this Campagne, on the part of the Confederates; the one to be Commanded by the Count of *Montecuculi*, the second, by the old Duke of *Lorraine*, the third by the Elector of *Brandenburg*, the fourth, by the Duke of *Zell*; and the fifth, by the Prince of *Orange*.

Brussels, April 16. The Spanish Ordinary, that ought in course to have arrived here on Thursday last, came not in till yesterday, having been stop't some days in *France*, for that the Imperialists had done the like to a French Courier; it brought, as is said, the final dispatches for Don *Pedro de Ronquillos*, which he hath long expected here, so that in 8 or 10 days, he will set forwards on his journey for *England*; here is much talk of the Duke of *Lorraine* coming with his Troops into these Countreys, to act with them about *Luxemburg*; and our Letters from the *Rhine* say, that the Imperialists are going to besiege *Treves*, but all this is without any certainty. The Marquis of *Dynse* has completed his Regiment, consisting of 1200 Men, and three days since they mustered at *Triemont*, where they have their quarters. Things continue at *Liege* in great quietness; the French in the Citadel are at work on the Fortifications, which they intend to mend in several places they were faulty; We have advice that the *Marschal de Crequi* is at present with 16000 Men, between *Avesnes* and *Cambray*; we at first apprehended, he had a design to invest *Cambray*, but we since understand, that he expects a Convoy, which he is to conduct to *Charleroy*.

Amsterdam, April 16. According to our advices from the *Hague*, their Electoral Highnesses of *Brandenburg* may arrive there yet this week; they will come incognito; but however, the States have given Orders for the receiving them in all places they pass, with all possible Honors and Respect. We are told, that the Confederates will have this Campagne, five Armies in the field; the one consisting of the Imperial Troops, will be Commanded by the Count of *Montecuculi*, which is to act in *Alsatia*, and on the *Rhine*; the second, to act under the Conduct of the Duke of *Lorraine*, between the *Muse* and the *Moselle*, and to serve as a flying Army; the third, to oppose the Swedes, and to be Commanded by the Elector of *Brandenburg*, and composed of his and the Imperial Troops at present in *Silesia*; the fourth, is to be made up of the *Lunenburg* Troops, and those furnished by the Bishop of *Osnabrug*, and the Bishop of *Munster*; the first being, as is said, to send 16000 the second 6000, and the last 10000 Men; and the fifth Army, is to be Commanded by the Prince of *Orange* in *Flanders*; besides which, we reckon the King of *Denmark* will act with 16000 Men, so that we are in great expectation here of doing considerable Matters this Campagne. The Intended Equipage for the *Baltick*, is wholly laid aside, that being, as is said, to be left to the King of *Denmark*; and the States have onely resolved, to set out 18 Men of War, to serve for the guard of our Coasts, against the French Capers, which very much infest them.

Hague, April 16. We are here extremely joyed to see his Highness so well recovered of his illness; This day he changed his Linnen for the first time, since the Small Pox came out; To-morrow he intends to appear out of his Bedchamber, and by Friday next, it is ho-

ped his Highness will be in a condition to go abroad, For which, publick thanks have been given to Almighty God in all our Churches. The States of *Holland* are separated, without setting any certain time for their coming together again. On Sunday last arrived here, *Mrs. Kettin*, and *Mr. Aston*, on the part of His Majesty of *Great Britain*; and his Royal Highness the Duke of *Tork*, to compliment the Prince of *Orange* on occasion of his indisposition. This week will be held a general review of the Forces of this State, in order to their going into the Field, which we are told, will now be very suddenly, and that they will together make up 36000 Men, besides the Spanish Troops which are to be joyned with them. The Count of *Waldeck* is arrived at *Cuylenburg*, and is every hour expected here. The Elector of *Brandenburg* having given our several Commissions against the Subjects of the Crown of *Sweden*, by way of Retarison, as is said, for the damages sustained by his Subjects, through the quartering of the Swedish Troops in his Countreys; divers Swedish Vessels by vertue thereof have been taken and brought into *Zealand* and this Province, which by order of the States have at the instance of the Ambassador of that Crown, been released again. And now lately 12 other Vessels have been brought up into *Zealand*, taken by vertue of the said Commissions, and amongst them, a very rich Ship laden at *Lisbonne*, for *Stockholm*; the Elector hath, as we are informed, written a very large Letter to the States in this Matter, and as yet we know not what will be farther done in it.

Paris, April 16. His Majesty hath, as we are told, put off his journey to *Flanders*, till the middle of the next month; in the mean time, several Conferences are held by the Prince of *Conde*, and *Monseigneur de Turenne*, concerning the approaching Campagne; and its said, that these two Generals will suddenly part hence towards the Armies they are to Command, which will be very numerous, and composed of the best Troops. The Emperor hath likewise accepted the Mediation of the Republick of *Venice*; but in the matter of Prince *William of Friesland*, nothing farther is yet done, so that there appears hitherto no great likelihood of beginning the Negotiations at *Nimwegen*. The Marquis of *Villeroi* is made Duke and Peer of *France*; upon which he hath received the Compliments of all the persons of quality about Court.

Advertisements.

These are to signify to all Noblemen, Gentlemen, and others, who have subscribed to Dr. *Morison's* Book of Plants; being a new Herbal, and have paid down their Money, that he already hath 128 Plates (of the five Sections to be delivered) cut in *Taille Douce*; notwithstanding he wanteth the payment of 10 Plates from the Subscribers, he continueth to go on with the Gravers; yet those who have subscribed long ago and have not as yet paid, are the cause the five Sections are not finished ere now; therefore they are desired with all speed, to pay in their Money, as others have done, according to their Subscriptions.

Stolen from Mr. *de Fours*, next door to the French Apothecaries in *Pall-Mall*, 43 pounds in silver and gold, and a large silver Cup, with a Cover, value 10 pound; by a Lodger that lay there three nights, who goes by the names of *Harvey* and *Smith*, a Full-faced man, with grey Eyes and a light Perry-wig, turned yellow, in sad coloured Cloaths, of a middle stature, about 30 years of age; he had a Woman with him when he did the Fact. Out of another Room he stole a Drugget Sute lined with green, and silver Plate-burtons, and some Linnen marked S. If any of these things are offered to be sold or pawned, pray stop them and the party, and give notice to Mr. *de Fours*, aforesaid, and there shall be given Ten pound Reward.

Stolen Saturday the 3 instant, from Mr. *Joseph Saunders* of *Neather Walk*, in the County of *Southampton*, a black Brown Nag, about 14 hands high, with a Star in the Fore-head, a light brown mealy Mouth, white on one of his hinder Legs; to the Letter-lock, about 5 years old. Whosoever shall give notice of him to Mr. *Joseph Saunders* aforesaid, or to Mr. *Thomas Palmes*, living in *Balwain's Gardens*, near *Grays-Inn*, *London*, shall have 40 s.