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Naples, March 17.

**T**He Maistre de Camp, Don *Fernando Pauani* 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 *Scaletta* 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 40, 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 *Pomeran*. 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 *Haguonaw*, 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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