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Naples, March 3.

Our Viceroy has given orders for the fitting out the Gallies of this Kingdom with all diligence. Here are likewise fitting three Spanish Men of War, who sustained some time since much damage in bad weather.

Lieutenant Admiral de Ruyter continues at *Melaz-20.*

Copenhagen, March 20. This morning the great Chancellor of this Kingdom, the Count *Griffenfels*, as he was going to Court, was Arrested, by the King's order, and carried Prisoner to the Castle, where he remains, his House being beset by a Guard, and all his Papers sealed up. We do not yet know the cause of this his sudden disgrace; a Placet has been published here for the seizing and confiscating the Goods and Effects belonging to the Subjects of the Crown of *Sueden*, that are within the Territories of his Majesty. Our preparations both by Sea and Land advance apace, and it's said our Troops have orders to be ready to march by the end of this month.

Vienna, March 15. Count *Montecuculi* continuing very much indisposed in his health, we are told that the Emperor has given the command of his Army to the Duke of *Lorraine*, yet so, as that he shall take his residence this Summer in some place which may be nearest the Army, to assist the Duke with his counsel; and accordingly it's said that he will part hence the beginning of the next month. Orders are given out to the Regiments of Foot of the Duke of *Brunswicke Wolfenbutzel*, of the Count *Massini*, and of the Count *Kaunitz*, the Regiment of Croats of Count *Palsi*, and the Regiment of Dragoons of Colonel *Wopping*, making in all 9000 Men, to march forthwith towards the *Rhine*; and at the same time the Regiment of *Caraffa* is commanded to march towards *Pomerania*, to reinforce the Body of Imperial Troops that acted in those parts the last Summer under General *Cops*, who is come hither very much indisposed, and has resigned his command to General *Keiserstein*. Several Regiments are likewise ordered to march towards *Hongry*, to have an eye upon the *Turks*, who, it's feared, may attempt something upon the Fort of *Schella*, lately built by the *Imperialists*. From *Poland* we have advice, That the Dyet had resolved to make a strict Alliance with this Court, and in order thereunto, intended to send hither a solemn Embassy.

Esslingen, March 20. The 16 instant, Prince *Herman* of *Baden*, General of the Imperial Artillery, after having taken several Posts about *Philipsburg* on the other side of the *Rhine*, caused his Troops to do the like on this, they possessing themselves of *Graben*, *Rousheim*, and other places in that Neighborhood, where they are raising several Forts and Redoubts, in order to the blocking up of *Philipsburg*, which is already so far done, as to hinder their incursions into the Dutchy of *Wirtemberg*, the Palatinate, and the Marquisate of *Baden*, which before lay open to them. It is said that the *French* of *Philipsburg* have had a design upon *Spire*, but that they were prevented in it. The 18 instant they came out

with 400 Foot, and 200 Dragoons, with intention to have surprized the *Imperialists* that were in *Rosheim*, but being discovered, they retired, without attempting any thing. The Magistrates of *Strasburgh* have prayed the Prince of *Baden* to send them 1000 Foot, for the security of their City.

Strasburgh, March 20. We are told that Monsieur *Verjus* the *French* Envoy, has demanded of our Magistrates, that they will cause several Arches of their Bridge over the *Rhine*, to be forthwith broken down, or otherwise that they will give Hostages, that the *Imperialists* shall not have any liberty to pass it this whole Campaign; to which our Magistrates have not as yet given any answer, but in the mean time have reinforced their Garrison in the Fort that guards their Bridge. The Prince of *Baden* has begun to block up *Philipsburg* as well on this as the other side of the *Rhine*, and has turned the course of the River which makes the communication between that place and the *Rhine*. The last week the *Mareschal de Rochefort* arrived at *Saverne* with 180 Waggon, laden with Ammunition and Provisions. It is believed he will endeavor to remove the *Imperialists* from the Posts they have taken to block up *Philipsburg*, or at least to put a good Convoy into it; and yesterday and this day we have news, that he is marched with 6000 Men towards *Lauterburgh*. The Dyet at *Katibonne* has written to the 13 *Suisse Cantons*, to desire them not to give any assistance to the *French* as being contrary to the Alliance they have with the Emperor and the Empire.

Cologne, March 24. The report here is, that the Duke of *Newburgh* will put the Forces he has lately raised into the service of the Emperor, though with what certainty we know not. From *Strasburgh* they write, That the Imperial Troops are marching from their several quarters, and that before the middle of the next month they will be in a Body, commanded by the Duke of *Lorraine*; for according to the advices from *Vienna*, Count *Montecuculi* will not go into the Field, but if his health permit, will come to *Strasburgh*, or some other convenient place near the Army, to give the Duke his advice upon all occasions. The death of the Electress of *Bavaria*, is confirmed by Letters from *Munich*, which left that Court in great grief; she was Sister to the late Duke of *Savoie*, and Cousin-Germain by her mother to the Most Christian King that now is. The Marquis de *Grana* is not yet returned from the *Hague*.

Liege, March 24. The *French* continue to work in order to the demolishing of our Citadel, all the Ammunition and Arms they have already transported to *Maestricht*, and yesterday most of the Cannon was likewise shipped to be carried thither. According to the advices we have here, they intend to blow up the Castle of *Huy* to morrow.

Brussels, March 27. On Wednesday last, all our Spanish Cavalry that were quartered at *Louvain*, *Diest*, *Halem*, and those quarters, had orders to march with all speed to *Hassell*, the quarters of Count *Nassau*, and to obey his orders, who joined to them a considerable Body of Dutch Troops, and marched with them towards the *Meuse*, upon a design, of which we are as yet ignorant, though

though some think it may be to intercept the *French* Garrison, who was to have drawn out of *Huy* yesterday. We are told that the Governor of *Aeth* is going to build a Citadel for the farther security of that important place. We have advice from *Lijle*, of the 24 instant, that great store of Provisions had been sent from thence to *Charleroy*, to be Convoyed to *Mæstricht*, for the subsistence of a flying Army the *Marschal d'Estrades* is to have in those parts. The 29 instant, the *Marschal* sent 500 Horse and Dragoons as far as *Stracsen* in *Gelderland*: where passing unexpectedly over the *Roe*, they surprized that place, and in it two Troops of Horse. The *Sieur de Quinones* hath obtained leave to quit his command of *Maître de Camp* General of the Forces of these Countries, which will be solely exercised for the future by the Count de *Rajch*. The *French* begin again to exact Contributions from the Dutchy of *Fuliers*. We hear for certain that the Imperial Army will be 30 000 men effective, and that it will begin to march about the middle of the next month, under the command of the Duke of *Lorrain*, till such time as General *Montecuculi* arrive. We have the confirmation of the death of the Electress of *Bavaria*. From *Spire* we have Letters which say that the *Marschal de Rochefort* was marching with a Body of 6000 Men towards the Palatinate.

Ostend, March 29. On the 25 instant, about four in the afternoon, appeared off of this Harbor seven Capers of *Dunkirk*, five of them Frigats mounted from 8 to 26 Guns, and two Snaws of four Guns each. The same night they made themselves Masters of a Spanish Merchant ship belonging to, and coming from *Sebastian*, laden to the value of 40 000 Guilders, which Prize they sent with the two Snaws for *Dunkirk*; and in the mean time the other five continued Cruising on these Coasts. On the 27, within three leagues of the shore, they came up with eight Billanders of this place, and two small Vessels belonging to *Flushing*, all richly laden, under the Convoy of two Men of War of this Port, the one mounted with 24 Guns, and 90 Men, and the other with 40 Guns, and 70 Men, and another Man of War of *Zealand* of 18 Guns, and 105 Men, coming from *London*. After a short but sharp dispute, the Capers possessed themselves of the eight Billanders, and the *Zealand* Convoy, the two *Ostend* Men of War, and the two Vessels of *Flushing* made their escape, the former having sustained little damage, and lost only three or four Men.

Hague, March 27. Yesterday the States of *Holland* separated, after that the Prince of *Orange* had taken his leave of them in their Assembly, and that they had been with his Highness to return the Complement, and to wish him a happy success in this Campaign. Last night his Highness issued out orders, commanding all Officers to repair within 24 hours to their respective commands; and we are told that his Highness intends to part hence the 10th of the next month towards *Rosendal*, the place appointed for the Rendezvous of his Forces, whither they are in the mean time marching. It is said that the States have resolved to send a Man of War to *Gottenburgh*, to bring over the *Suedish* Plenipotentiaries designed for the Congress at *Nimeguen*. We have Letters from *Mentz* which advise, That the whole Imperial Army will begin to march soon after *Easter*, under the command of the Duke of *Lorrain*; and from *Essingen* they write, That the Marquis of *Baden*, and General *Schultz*, had made themselves Masters of *Graben*, *Rousheim*, and other Posts near *Philipsburgh*, by which means they held it blocked up on that side the *Rhine*, and that

they were endeavouring to turn the course of the River which makes the communication between *Philipsburgh* and the *Rhine*. Besides the eight Men of War which we formerly told you were sailed out of the *Texel* with a secret Commission, there are six more said to be gone out from *Zealand*, mounted each with 20 Guns, upon the same design. There are Letters from *Copenhagen* of the 8th instant, which inform us, That they had there already complete for this Campaign 42 Regiments of Horse Foot and Dragoons, ready to march; and that a Squadron of 16 Men of War, well provided, would be ready to sail in 8 or 10 days: And from *Stockholme*, of the first instant, we have advice, That there lay 12 ships ready to sail with Provisions for *Pomeran*, so soon as the weather would permit.

Marseilles, March 14. We have advice here by a Vessel come in from *Palermo* of a great Conspiracy that had been discovered at *Messina*, for the burning the *French* Fleet in Port there, and the destroying the Duke of *Vivonne*, and all the *French* that are there, and that it was gone so far, as that 500 Spanish Soldiers had by the Conspirators been privately brought into the Town, when the whole matter was discovered to the Duke of *Vivonne*, who caused the Authors to be seized, and afterwards punished with death; but we know not how far we may give credit to all these particulars, seeing our advices from *Naples* of a very fresh date, only say, that the Duke of *Vivonne* understanding that the Viceroy of *Sicily* was marching towards *Messina*, had thought fit to change the Garrisons that were in some of the Outposts, for fear of some intelligence the Enemy might have formed among them.

Paris, March 28. The *Marschal de Crequi* is parted for *Flanders*, and the *Marschal de Montmorency* for *Germany*. On Monday next the whole Court will remove to *Versailles*, where it will continue till the Kings departure. Here has been much discourse as if the Duke of *Crequi* was to go in a solemn Embassy to the Elector of *Bavaria*. It is said that the Kings Army in *Alsacia* this Campaign, will be composed of 22 Battalions of Foot, each Battalion consisting in 800 men, besides Cavalry. From *Marseilles* we hear, that the Men of War and Gallies designed with a farther supply for *Messina*, lie ready there and at *Toulon* to sail with the first orders.

Advertisements.

Flown out of *St. James's Park* on Thursday night last, a Goose and a Gander, brought from the River *Gorabo* in the *East-Indies*; on the head, back and wings, they are of a shining black; under the throat, about the eyes and the belly white; they have spurs on the pinions of their wings about an inch in length, the beak and legs of a muddy red, they are shaped like a *Muscovy* Mallard, but larger and longer leg'd. Whoever gives Notice of them to Mr. *Chiffings* at *Whitehall*, shall be well rewarded.

Lost the 22d instant, a little young Spaniel, brown coloured, with a white belly, and a white spot on his side, as also his legs molt white, his taylor long and most white, and a white spot near the rump, a white ring also round his neck, his ears long. Whoever gives notice of him at the Dutchess of *Falcks* Lodgings, shall be well rewarded.

Taken out of the Right Honourable the Earl of *Roscomons* house in *St. James's Park*, on Tuesday or Wednesday in the morning, two Silver Candlesticks, with an Earls Coronet, and a Cipher *Roscomons*. Whoever give notice of the said Candlesticks at the Earls house aforesaid, shall have 40 s. Reward.

Stolen from the Honourable Mr. *Eanastre Maynard*, living in *Great Chelsey*, on Sunday night, the 12th instant, Two Silver Tumblers. Six Salts. A Sugar Caster. A Pepper Caster. A Mustard Pot. Two Candlesticks. Two Chafindishs. All these had the Arms upon them in Palle, first a Chevron, between three Left hands, the second Barre of Six, three Tortauxes in Chiefe. Twenty three Silver Spoons with the Crest a Stag. A Silver Lacle, with a Lork at the other end. Whosoever gives notice of these things to Mr. *George Perjer* at the *Sun* in *Coastbury*, or to Mr. *Robert Blinckard* Goldsmith within *Temple-bar*, shall have Ten pounds reward.