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BRUSSELS, March 22.

PRIVATE letters from Lille affirm, that the noted spy Fontauban was hanged there about three weeks ago, and that he obtained this sort of death as a favour; since, by the sentence of the grand provost of Lille, he should have been burnt alive, and drawn in quarters by four horses, according to the sentence of the French court; so that those gazettes must be misinformed, which gave out that he had been pardoned, at the intercession of the prince of Conti and marshal Saxe.

Hague, March 27. If we may credit some private letters from Paris, the marquis de Puyfieux, who has great influence with the king, seems to be strongly inclined to keep peace in the North; and his most Christian majesty has sent a nobleman to London with a secret commission, and another to Switzerland with a secret commission also; which the public may suppose to be as important as they please, and admirably calculated to preserve peace in the North, and elsewhere.

Moscow, March 1. The college of war have notified the performance of all the orders lately received with respect to recruits. A great conference was lately held at the apartment of the high chancellor count Bestucheff, at the rising of which three couriers were dispatched, one with orders to count Lieven; a second to Vienna; and the last to the governor of Riga. The Turks are making great military preparations in the neighbourhood of Constantinople; and it is thought the old pretender to the crown of Persia will be sent for from Rhodes, in order to be put at the head of that army which is to be transported to Asia.

Vienna, March 16. It is now looked upon as a thing certain here, that the camps formerly mentioned, will be formed early in the spring; particularly that in Moravia, which will consist of between 30 and 40,000 men.

Berlin, March 22. The diversions of the court are regularly continued, and nothing is talk'd of there but operas and entertainments. It is however known, that two famous horse-couriers at Hamburg have entered into a contract to furnish 6000 horses for his majesty's service, by the middle of April. All licenses of absence are recalled. The great officers of artillery have received their instructions. We are assured from Mittau, that the states of Courland will proceed to the choice of a new duke, by the 15th of next month. The military list lately published, demonstrates our army to consist of one hundred seventy seven battalions, and two hundred and seven squadrons.

Warsaw, March 15. General count Lieven, upon his arrival here, will find orders which he is not to open till the army shall be 15 miles beyond this city. What the nature of these orders is we know not, and yet we cannot help fearing that whenever the secret is disclosed, it will not prove very acceptable to us, or favourable to our views.

Extract of a Letter from Leghorn, March 9.

"The French troops have lately by a stratagem seized upon St. Fiorenzo, and turned out the Corsican garrison. They have since landed 800 men there, and several chests of treasure amounting in the whole to about 62000 livres. It is judged there are about 3500 regular troops in the island, and a good train of artillery; so that if the malecontents are not wile enough to make a good peace, they may run the hazard of being roughly handled at the very beginning of a new war.

Peterburg, March 8. Orders are issued for raising 3000 more seamen to man the fleet, which is to put to sea as soon as the season will permit. Our troops in Finland consist already of 36000 foot, and 9000 horse, and reinforcements are daily sent thither. The commandant of Riga has received orders to get a great number of ships in readiness on the Duna, for an embarkation of his majesty's troops, in case of a declaration of war.

Dantzick, March 21. By letters from Riga we learn, that they have erected large magazines in that place, for the Russian troops that are destined to form a camp on the frontiers of Courland.

Ratisbon, March 25. Letters from Vienna advise, that general count Schulemberg is set out for Moravia, in order to assemble a body of troops there, which they assure us will be taken into the service of the empress of Russia.

Venice, March 17. A treaty has been concluded by the powers in Italy for reducing Algiers, in which the king of the Two Sicilies engages to send six men of war under Spanish colours, to prevent giving umbrage to the Porte.

Rome, March 15. An express is arrived here from Avignon with letters, by which we learn that the chevalier de St. George's eldest son, on the representations made to him, had resolved to quit that city; but we hear nothing about the place which he has chosen for his future residence.

Paris, March 23. A Levantine has lately brought hither three oltriches from Africa, which are seven feet high, and carry a man on their backs, as a horse does, with whom they will run 12 or 15 miles in an hour. Their daily allowance of food is between 35 and 40 pounds of bread, fruit, or greens and pulch, but they never drink. They even eat wood, bones, iron, and steel, tho' some doubt the last.

Cologne, March 27. Letters from Westphalia advise, that great quantities of corn of all sorts are buying up there, to fill the magazines belonging to the king of Prussia.

Madrid, March 11. His catholic majesty has at last been prevailed on, through the pressing instances of several persons of the highest distinction, to release M. de Macanas from this late place of confinement, and has sent orders accordingly to the governor of the castle, not only to dismiss him, but to hire what apartments he thought proper, in any part of the city.

Petersburg, March 16. There daily arrives here a great number of recruits, charged with the care of large quantities of ammunition; and we continue, without intermission, our armaments both by sea and land, to be in readiness at all events; as our neighbouring powers are on their side making vast preparations for war, without our being able to guess at their motive.

Copenhagen, March 29. A few days since five ships sailed by this pace, laden with arms and ammunition for the king of Prussia's magazines at Konigsberg.

Stockholm, March 28. It has been resolved to augment our squadron with 40 new galleys, and orders are issued for that purpose.

Mittau, March 25. All our advices from Dantzick, Berlin, and Hamburg, seem to threaten the approaching encampment of two or three armies in Courland.

Hamburg, April 1. Letters from Moscow advise, that the 30,000 recruits which the empress had ordered were already raised, and gone to their destination.

Those from Berlin are full of the great preparations making in all the dominions of his Prussian majesty, the troops having orders to encamp the beginning of this month.

Moscow, March 15. The general officers actually in this city, having received the empress's last order to join the corps in which they are to command on the frontiers of Finland, most of them are preparing to set out the 22d of this month at farthest.

Warsaw, March 22. The Russian troops continue their march with all possible diligence: They have already left Cracow behind them, and some detachments of them are arrived in the neighbourhood of this city. They observe the strictest discipline, and pay ready money for every thing furnished them, except lodging, fire, candle, and straw.

Leghorn, March 12. A letter is said to be on foot for the king of Prussia, in case of a declaration of war.