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Naples, Octob. 7.

THE 4th instant the Dutch Men of War, pursuant to the orders they had received from the States General, failed from hence, as is believed on their way home. It is reported that the French have taken a small Town called *Melidda* near *Catania*, and that the Viceking of *Sicily* is marched thither with a good Body of Horse and Foot, to oblige them to quit the said Post before they fortifie themselves in it.

Genova, Octob. 11. By some Ships lately arrived here from *Messina* we have advice, that the French were landed at *Augusta*, with a design to besiege *Siracusa*, and that in order to it they had taken a very considerable Post near that place. That on the other hand the Viceroy of *Sicily* to frustrate the same, had ordered the General of the Cavalry to march forthwith thither with a good Body of Horse.

Legorn, Octob. 12. The Dutch Squadron of Men of War that was lately at *Naples*, was seen two days since passing by this Port towards *Caliz*.

Vicnna, Octob. 18. The 15 instant the Emperor arrived here from *Ebersdorf*, to assist at the Feast of St *Theresa*. The Count de *Coloredo* is appointed to go and complement the Princess of *Neuburg* the Imperial Bride, in the name of his Imperial Majesty; and the Prince of *Dietrichsteyn* has order to prepare for his journey to *Neuburg*, to attend the said Princess thither; but the time of his departure is not yet fixed; though we are told the Emperor has declared that he will consummate his Marriage on the 6th of *January* next at *Linz*, whither his Imperial Majesty will begin his journey from hence on the 22 of *December*. Here is arrived an Officer from *Pomeran*, sent by General *Cops*, to give the Emperor an account of the taking of *Demmin*, and of the condition the Troops under his command are in. From *Hungary* they write, that the Count de *Strassoldo*, and Major-General *Schmid*, having joined their Forces together, had obliged the Rebels to retire towards *Transilvania*, from whence they seem to promise themselves some success.

From the Elector of Brandenburgs Camp before *Stetin*, Octob. 18. Notwithstanding the season is so far advanced, his Electoral Highness seems resolved to go on with the siege of this place, in which is not onely a very strong Garrison, but contrary to what has been so confidently reported, the Inhabitants agree very well with the Soldiers, and assist them in the defence of the place, which his Electoral Highness intends to batter with above 100 pieces of Cannon, to oblige the Inhabitants that way to accept of the Conditions offered them; and to this end a very great quantity of Ammunition is brought from several parts into the Camp, and the Artillery arrives daily; and among the rest, several Mortar-pieces of an extraordinary bigness. The Troops that were employed in the Siege of *Demmin* are not yet come up; but daily expected, that is, the *Brandenburg*

Troops, for the Imperial Auxiliaries are said to be so harassed, that they cannot remain in the Field any longer, but are going into their Winter-quarters. His Electoral Highness has sent orders to the Engineers that are at *Magdebourg* and *Custrin*, to repair forthwith thither.

Copenhagen, Octob. 24. On Thursday last their Majesties arrived here, accompanied by Prince *George* the Duke of *Holslein*, and other persons of the principal quality; and the next day his Majesty received advice by Letters from the Sieur *Rostein*, who commands a Squadron of Men of War, that he had taken *Carls-shaven* from the Suedes, being the last place that remained to them in the Province of *Blekinge*, which was thought a success of so much importance, as that *Le Deum* was Sung to give thanks to God for it, and the Cannon upon our Ramparts as well as those of the Ships in the Road, were thrice discharged; which was the occasion of an unhappy accident, for one of our greatest Men of War, called the *Trinity*, took fire and was burnt, though as well the Men as the Cannon were saved. The Duke of *Holslein* will pass this Winter at his own Estate, though some speak as if he would make a step to *Vicenna*.

Francfort, Octob. 24. Yesterday the *Munster* and *Lunenburg* Troops passed the *Rhine*, the former at *Braubach*, and the other at *Rens*, over two flying Bridges, brought from *Meuz* and *Coblenz*; the baggage with 3 or 4000 Men, remained on the other side of the *Rhine* till farther order. This morning we have advice, that Major General *Dunewair* passed the *Rhine* two days since not far from *Philipsburg*, with 5 Regiments of Imperial Horse, and is marched to join the said *Munster* and *Lunenburg* Forces, to whom will likewise be added several Troops furnished by the Electors of *Meuz* and *Treves*. It is said that these together will attack *Deux-ponts*, but without any certainty.

Basle, Octob. 22. On Saturday last our Magistrates sent two Deputies to *Weil*, the Duke of *Lothraims* head-quarter, to pray his Highness not to approach their Territories; to whom, we are told, the Duke answered, That he should not have advanced so far, had he not been obliged thereunto by the motions of the Duke of *Luxemburg*. Notwithstanding there is at present very little appearance of the Imperialists passing the *Rhine*, yet the Suisse Cantons continue to have a watchfull eye, and have guarded several Passes in order to the opposing them if they should attempt it; and at the same time the Duke of *Luxemburg* has planted 16 pieces of Cannon, at a place called *Huningen* on the *Rhine*, to secure that Passage. The Duke of *Monbeillard* appears resolved to maintain a perfect Neutrality in this conjuncture, and will by no means receive any French or other Troops into his places.

Strasburg, Octob. 23. The 21 instant 400 Men came from *Haguenaw*, under the command of Monsieur de *Roy*, and demolished the Castle of *Wantzenaw*, which they themselves had fortified some time since; and the same day the Marquis de *Joyeuse*, who was marching from