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Naples, Sept. 3.

FROM Sicily we have an account that Monsieur de Lauvigny had taken possession of the Government of *Messina*. The Alarmes we had of the great preparations of the Turks prove groundless, for we are assured they have not thirty Gallies together at Sea.

Dantzick, Sept. 4. We are expecting to hear by every Post, That the difference between the Poles and the Turks, concerning the Limits, is adjusted, for things seem to take a fair way towards it; and though the behaviour of the Turks, according to their custom, is very high and Imperious, and that they often talk of the formidable Forces which the Grand Signior can in a moment bring into the field, yet it is apparent that they desire to determine amicably the Points in controversy between them and the Crown of *Poland*, and if they can, to put an end to the War they are now engaged in with the Moscovites, who on the other side are not unfeisible of it and therefore seem resolved not to make a Peace upon the Terms the Turks hitherto insist upon.

Rome, Sept. 7. Prince *Radzeville*, Ambassador from *Poland*, has frequent Audiences from the Pope concerning the Affairs of that Kingdom, which it's said he declares is unable to enter into a War against the Turks, unless the Princes of *Christendom* will contribute both Men and Money towards it, and that in such case the King of *Poland* will not be wanting to do his part, who otherwise must take care of the safety of his own Country, and endeavour to preserve it in Peace.

Madrid, Sept. 5. This Court having received advice from the *Indies* of the proceedings of the Portuguese on the *River de Plata*, where they have established new Colonies, and built Forts for the security of them; an Express has been sent to *Lisbon*, to know whether the undertakings have been by Order of the Prince Regent, and to demand satisfaction. Two days since passed through this place an English Officer, who came from *Tangier* and was going with all diligence for *England*: We understand from him, That he left that place in a Posture not to fear the attempts of the Moers, in case they should renew them, when the Cessation, that was concluded between the Earl of *Inchiquin*, the late Governor, and the Alcayde, expires, which it does towards the latter end of this Month. By the way of *Barcelona* we have an account, That the Duke de *Vivonne* had been with 18 French Gallies at *Majorca*, That he had demanded restitution of certain French Ships taken by the Ships of that Island since the Peace; That the Common people thereupon grew very disorderly, would not obey the Viceroy, because of the Civilities he shewed the French Officers, and threatened to Fire the Cannon upon the Gallies if they did not immediately

retire, which the Duke de *Vivonne* thought fit to do.

Lintz, Sept. 17. The Emperor received, some days since, advice by different Expresses, of the death of the Elector Palatine and the Elector of *Saxony*, for which this Court is going into Mourning: The Archbishop of *Pesbourg* continues his Negotiation with some of the chief of his Malecontents of *Hungary*, and in his References to the Emperor seems to give some hopes of his success in his Endeavours, for that Count *Teckely*, who is a principal man among them, has of late shewn a great disposition to a Composition, but we have been too often entertained with these kind of advices that we cannot make any account of them. The Earl of *Middleton*, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of *England*, continues to have frequent Conferences with the Ministers here.

Strasburg, Sept. 20. The 18th Instant arrived here Monsieur *Monclar*, Monsieur *Schomberg*, and several other persons of Quality, and yesterday they went down to *Germshelm*, which place the French took from the late Elector Palatine, and as is said intend to Build a Fort there, to cut off the Communication with *Philipsburg*. This week 12 French Soldiers were hanged at one time at *Brisack*, for deserting. There happen continual quarrels between the Country people and the French Soldiers, the latter being insatiable, and the others unwilling to part with any thing; Wherefore Monsieur de *Monclar* has ordered the Provost to go through all the Villages in *Alsace*, to receive such Complaints, as either side shall make, and after having examined them; to punish those that are in fault.

Hamburg, Sept. 24. From *Sweden* the write that several Salt Pits have been discovered there which will be of great use to that Kingdom, which was before neglected to make use of foreign Salt: They tell us farther, That they have discovered great Quarries of black and white Marble, and several Wells of Mineral Waters. They were this preparing at *Stockholm* for the publick reception and Coronation of the Queen.

Ghent, Sept. 27. The late proceedings of the Nations at *Brussels*, and the Tumult that happened thereupon, put people into some fear of the ill consequences that might have followed; for we were informed that Orders were dispatched for the drawing together out of several Garrisons, 1000 Horse and 4000 Foot, and that if those disturbances had continued they were to have marched to *Brussels*, to suppress them; but God be thanked things have been composed: However there is a discourse as if our new Governor, to mortify the Burghers of *Brussels*, would remove his Residence from thence, and for the future keep his Court here.

Amsterdam, Sept. 28. We understand that the Directors of the *West-India* Company have received a Letter from the Sieur *Raulé*, who Commands the *Brandenburg* Frigates now at Sea, Dated at *Corningsberg*