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THE Troops which are to act under the command of General *Leslie* are drawing together, their Rendezvous being near the *Drave* on the Frontiers of *Sclavonia*, and we doubt not but they will in few days be formed in a Body.

The Count *de Paradeiser* Governor of this place does likewise assemble the Troops he is to command. And the *Vicroy of Croatia* is at the same time preparing to take the Field with the Militia. We have an account that the Turks assemble their Forces near *Buda*; That they will have an Army of 60000 men, and that the *Serafquier* who commanded the last Campaign, is gone thither to take again upon him the charge of it.

Vienna, August 2. The Letters from *Croatia* tell us, that General *Leslie* was encamped the 24th of the last month at *Bellatinz*; That the Regiment of *Cuirassiers of Montecuculi* and that of *Dragoons of Erbeville*, would in few days joyn him there; and that they likewise expected a Body of *Hussars and Croats* under the command of the Count *de Budiani*; That General *Leslie* had caused a Bridge to be laid over the *Drave*, intending to send a strong Party towards *Canisfa* to destroy the Country round it, to deprive the *Garison* of the means of subsisting. We have an account from *Upper Hungary*, that Count *Teckelej* finding his affairs in a very desperate condition, was gone to *Buda* to demand Succor. And that General *Schultz* had resolved to Besiege *Esperies*.

From the Imperial Camp before Newheusel, July 26. The 20th Instant we began to fire from a Battery of nine Pieces of Cannon carrying 24 pound Ball, and to throw our first Bombs and Carcasses into the place with good success; The night following we lodged our selves on the right and the left in the Ditch, and tho' this was a very dangerous work, yet we lost only a Captain of the Regiment of *Meusernich*, and another of the Troops of *Brunswick*, besides 3 or 4 Soldiers wounded; The same night we finished the Lines of Communication along the Ditch, from one Battery to the other. And the Imperial *Dragoons* and those of *Bavaria* and *Brunswick*, making together about 5000 men, were sent under the Command of the Count *de Stirum* towards *Comorra* to cover the two Bridges which the Duke of *Lorrain* hath caused to be laid there over the *Danube*. The 21. we fired the whole night from a Battery of 19 Pieces of Cannon, and from two of 12, and from 14 Mortar Pieces, and set fire to several Houses, but it was presently quenched. That night we raised two new Batteries of six Pieces of Cannon each very near the Ditch; And 1000 men were commanded to work near the Gate of *Gran*, in order to let the Water into the River *Neutra*, which is five Foot lower than the Ditch; The same work was begun on the other side of the Town; Four men were killed in this occasion and 24 wounded. The 22. the Fire of our Cannon and Mortars was continued with that success, that the whole Town appeared for 24 hours in a Flame; The same day as well as the 23. we saw a great number of Christian Slaves on the Ramparts, and heard the noise of their Chains; We believed

they were employed to repair the Works ruined by our Cannon, or that the Turks made them appear there to excite our Compassion that so we might forbear firing. The Duke of *Lorrain* writ a Letter to the *Bassa*, to let him know, That if he did misuse those Slaves, he would not give any Quarter to the *Garison* in case the place was taken; to which he returned no answer. The 23. at night we attempted to fix our Miners, for which purpose we made a Trench to the Ditch for two covered Boats to enter into it. in which four persons were to pass with Planks and Rafter to the foot of the *Bastion* to make a Lodgement there for the Miners; but one of these Boats presently sunk, and the other on the left had no better success; And the Lieutenant of the Miners being wounded, we were obliged to quit that design; This day the Prince *de Conti* coming out of the Trenches was lightly wounded with a Musquet Bullet in the Head. The 24th the Besieged made a Sally, and surprized some of the Troops of *Suabia* in a Redoubt they had made before the Tower of *Vienna*, of whom 300 with a Lieutenant-Colonel and two Captains were killed. The 25th we finished the two Batteries on the Ditch, and began to fill it; This day we had 100 Men killed and wounded, the *Sieur Rose* Colonel in the *Bavarian Troops* being of the number of the first; The same day a Barril of Powder took fire, by which 25 Men were killed and wounded. Colonel *Heussler* and Colonel *Zabor*, who were sent out to observe the Enemy, are come back, having cut off a Party of about 30 Turks near *Gran*, and taken several Prisoners; They gave the Duke of *Lorrain* an account, that the Ottoman Army commanded by the *Serafquier Bassa* was marching towards *Gran*; And that there were 12000 Tartars at *Novigrad* ready to joyn the Turks. Prince *Waldeck* is arrived in the Camp.

Vienna, August 5. The Letters from the Camp before *Newheusel* of the 2d Instant give an account; That the 25th past they began to fill the Ditch, the Duke of *Lorrain*, Prince *Waldecke*, and the other General Officers being greatest part of the night in the Trenches; which they continued to do the night following; The 27th the Enemy made a Sally, and ruined part of our Work for the letting the Water out of the Ditch; The *Bavarians* employed the rest of the night and the day following in raising a Redoubt at the Head of their Work to cover it against the Enemies Salleys; The 28th the Besiegers carried their Gallery very near to the Walls of the place; but the Enemy with their Grenadoes and other Artificial Fire, burnt great part of it; which was repaired the 29th. The 30th the Besieged made another Salley, and thought to have quite ruined the Gallery having set fire to it, which run so swift that it got to one of our Batteries, whereupon those that were in the Trenches retired in some disorder, but the Duke of *Lorrain* hastning thither, and having with his own hand killed one or two that were running away; he himself carried back the Officers to the Posts they had quitted, and directing and encouraging the Soldiers, the Fire was put out. In this occasion his Highness was for a long while exposed to the Enemies Fire, and 10 or 12 persons were killed about him. The 30 and 31 the Besiegers repaired the Gallery and carried it to the Walls of the

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