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Gran, August 15.

THE 30th past the Ottoman Army, being about 20000 strong, besides the *Tartars*, who made a Body apart, invested this place; the next day they began their Approaches, and carried them on with so great diligence, that on the 2d instant they were advanced very near to the Counter-scarp, having the day before finished two Batteries of six pieces of Cannon and four Mortars; The same day we made a Sally, and drove the Enemy from all their Works which they had made from *St. Thomas-Hill* to the Lower Town toward the Castle; They lost 200 men besides wounded. The 3d the Enemy endeavour'd to repair their Works, and to advance their Trenches; but we gave them all the opposition we could with our small Shot and Hand Grenadoes. The 4th we made another Sally, in which the Enemy lost above 300 men. The 5th at night the Enemy attackt the Lower Town, but were repulsed with considerable Loss. The 6th they Battered the Castle and the Town without any intermission, and their Workmen under the shelter of the Cannon carried on their Trenches, but at the same time we were not wanting to entertain them with Grenadoes and small Shot; The night following the Enemy lodged themselves off the point of the Covered way in the interval between the Town and the Castle, but before day they were driven from thence with the loss of many men; our Governor, though very much indisposed with an Ague, being present in this Action. The 7th, The *Turks* again attackt the Lower Town, the Covered way was several times taken and retaken, and in the end they remained Masters of it; having lodg'd themselves so deep that we could not come to fire upon them; but in this, as well as other occasions, we had the satisfaction to observe the fear they had of us, the Turkish Officers being forced very often to beat their men to make them work. The Besiegers had now six Batteries against the Castle, three of six pieces of Cannon, two of seven, and one of eight, and four Mortars, which fired day and night without intermission, and made a very large Breach in the Wall of the Castle in the same place where the Christians made theirs when they took this Town two years agoe, and dismounted most of our Cannon. They had posted 2000 men in the Island, and had made a Battery of six pieces on that side, but without doing us any great harm; And with their Trenches, which are very irregular, had enclosed all the ground on this side the Mill from the foot of the Hill of *St. Thomas* to the Gate of the Town and of the *Palanque*, where they had raised a Battery of four pieces; They had another of the same number between the said Hill and that of *St. George*, and a little higher two more of four and seven pieces, and all these were secured with deep Trenches after their manner; it being a surprizing thing to see that they had been able in so few days to make so many Works, but they carried them on with so much fear and caution, that not a man shew'd himself out of the

Trenches but when they came to make an Attack. The 7th at night we thought they would have given a general Assault to our Outworks, but they only shew'd themselves at several times, and immediately retired again, to see as we imagined in what posture we were to receive them. The 8th at night they attackt the Covered way between the Castle and the Town, but were repulsed with great loss; and at break of day we made a Sally with 300 men, and filled up part of the Works they had made at the foot of the *Glacis*, where the Enemy lost above 200 men. The 9th, they made a very great fire upon us from their Batteries, and shot above 400 Bombs into the Town, which killed us several men. The night following they continu'd their Works with so many oblique Lines that it was impossible to imagine of what use they could be to them. The 10th we easily discovered by the Enemies countenance that they had received advice of the March of our Army, for they continu'd their Works with less vigor than before, and began to post themselves on all the Hills, by which the Christians might attack them. The following night they gave us more respite than they had yet done, and our Governor made use of it to repair the Defences of the place, and to make good Retrenchments behind the Breaches. On the 11th, the Enemy gave several Assaults to the Outworks of the Castle and the Town; but without being able to Lodge themselves either on the Breaches or in the Ditch, in which they lost a great many men. This day we were certainly informed of the Approach of the Christian Army, by the Enemies motion, for they began to take their Ground to draw themselves up in Battal, the Front whereof reached from the Wood to the *Dagube*. The 12th at night they made three Assaults in order to Lodge themselves in the Breaches; but they were as often repulsed; In which we lost three Captains, two Lieutenants, and about 40 men, but of the Enemy there were above 300 killed, besides wounded. The 13th in the morning, we perceived the Enemy had drawn off most of their men from their Works; and in the afternoon they had in a manner abandon'd their Trenches, by which we judg'd that our Army was very near them. The night and day following, the two Armies stood in sight of each other; which time we made use of to repair the ruins which the Enemies Cannon had made in the Outworks of the Town and the Castle, and to fill up their Trenches, as well as we could without going too far from the Town, for fear of being intercept'd by the Enemy.

Pleina, August 20. The 20th instant at night arrived here a Gentleman from the Imperial Army, being sent to give the Emperor an account, That a Renegado *Polandt*, who for some time had served the *Turks*, coming the 14th instant into the Imperial Camp, declared, That the *Turks* believing the Imperialists were not above 20000 strong, had resolv'd to Attack them; whereupon the Elector of *Saxonia* and the Duke of *Lorraine*, who were encamped near a *Moras*, which Covered the *Turks*, resolv'd to retire that very night