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The four Gallies that were lately sent out to clear these Seas of the Algerines, and other Corsairs of Barbary, who do greatly infect them, as likewise the three Gallies of the Duke of Tursis's Squadron, have been forced by the bad weather to put into Port Venere. We have Letters from the Morca, which give the following account of the taking of Modon. After the taking of Navarin, Cap^t. General Korsini resolved to besiege Modon, though he knew the Serasquier had reinforced the Garrison and provided them with all things necessary for their Defence. The 22^d of the last Month the Fleet arrived before that place; the same day 18,000 Men landed, under the Command of General Coningsmark; the 23^d the Town was invested, and we began to raise our Batteries. The 24th the Frenches were opened. The 25th we began to fire from our Batteries with good Success. The 26th we finished a Battery of seven Mortar-pieces. The same day the Cap^t. General sent a Summons to the Basha commanding in the Place, who answered, he was resolved to defend it to the last extremity; the 27th the Enemies Cannon did some damage to our Batteries, but it was repaired the night following. The 28th we advanced our Trenches within 50 Paces of the Ditch; notwithstanding the Enemy fired upon us without intermission, with great and small Shot. The 29, 30 & 31. we continued our Works and shot a great many Bombs into the Town. The 1st of July the Besieged made a Sally, but were presently repulsed, on our side only 2 Men were killed and nine wounded. The 2^d. we received advice that the Serasquier had promised to relieve the Besieged before the 6th of this Month, & that he was accordingly on his March. The 3^d. Parties were sent out, but they came back without hearing any News of the Enemy; the 4th the Besieged fired upon us with greater fury than they had yet done during the Siege. The 5th we began our selves on the Counterscarp, and began to fill the Ditch. We had made a great Breach in the Walls and all things were prepared for an Assault. The 6th the Inhabitants

being terrified by the Execution of four Bombs, which had lain great part of the Town in Ashes, and the promised Succours not appearing, obliged the Basha to capitulate; a white Flag was accordingly hung out, Hostages were exchanged, and the Capitulation drawn up and signed by which it was agreed, that the Turks should march out with their Arms and what Goods and Provisions they could carry and that they should be transported to Alexandria. The 7th the Town was Surrendered there marching out 3000 Men and the Captain General entered the place put into it a Garrison of 1000 Men, and caused Te Deum to be Sung in the principal Mosque. By a vessel arrived from Trapano we have advice, that the Algerines have lately taken two Neapolitan Barks, and that the Viceroy upon the News of it sent four Gallies in pursuit of them.

Genoa, Aug. 13. The 27th past Te Deum was sung in the Church of St. Mark, at which the Doge and the whole College assisted, for the taking of Modon; this Place (as well the Town as its Fortifications) though it suffered only a Siege of 13 days, in which we lost but 130 Men is almost quite demolished by our Cannon, Bombs and Carcases; there marched out the 7th instant near 3000 Men, who according to the Capitulation, were to be transported to Alexandria; in the Castle the Venetians found 31 Brass and 6 Iron Cannon & in the Town 60 Brass and 20 Iron and 13 Mortar pieces with a great Quantity of Ammunition and Provisions: The Cap^t. General having put a Garrison of 1100 Men into the place under the Command of Signior Perullis caused his Forces to embark again; and we are told they are gone to attack Malvasia or Napoli de Romania; though some Letters say, that the Captain General intended first to make himself Master of the Fort of Lepanto. The Prince of Parma parted from hence this week in a Sloop for Dalmatia where he is to Command the Fleet carrying with him 13000 Sequins of Gold for the publick Service. Last Night the 29th past, a kind of a whirlwind, which was so violent, that it threw down divers