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Venice, August 10.

THE 8th Instant arrived here an Express with Letters from Captain General Morosini of the 27th past; He was then still at Modon, thinking it necessary to see the Fortifications of that place in some measure repaired before he removed from thence, and that his Troops should have some time to refresh themselves. This week parted from hence a Convoy of 14 Ships, with several new-raised Troops, and with Provisions and Ammunition for the Army. By a Vessel from the Levant we have advice, that the Ships of this Republick, cruising in the Archipelago, have blockt up in the Port of Rhodes the Turkish Caravan bound from Alexandria to Constantinople. And that the Privateer *Manorca* had taken two Turkish Vessels, and was in pursuit of two of their Gallies.

From the Imperial Camp before Buda, Aug. 8. The fourth Instant we began to fortifie our Line of Circumvallation with Redoubts, Palisadoes, Ditches, and other Works. Several Detachements of Horse and Dragoons possessed themselves of the Hills round the place, and the Heydukes were posted near the Wall of the old Town. At the Elector of Bavaria's Attack 12 Demy-Cannon were planted on a Battery raised upon the great Rondel of the Castle; And on the side of the Duke of Lorrain's Attack we advanced our Approaches from the great Tower towards the Breach in the second Wall, and fixed the Miners in three places under the Tower, which is on the right of the Breach, and in two other places under the Courtin on the left; We made a Traverse from our Battery on the right to the inward Ditch, where our Men are intrenched, and secured our most advanced Posts with Palisadoes. The 5th we had the Confirmation of the Enemies approach, and that their design was not to hazard a Battel, but to try all ways to put Succors into the Town. One of the Enemies Bombs set fire to a Barrel of Powder on one of our Batteries, which blowing up, killed and wounded several Men. The Prince of Neuburg, Great Master of the Teutonic Order, mounted the Trenches at the Duke of Lorrain's Attack, and relieved the Count de Souches. The sixth we finished behind the great Rondel at the Duke of Lorrain's Attack a Battery of three half Camon, which ruined the Flank of the little Rondel on the left, from whence the Enemy very much incommoded our Workmen; We made a Redoubt on the great Rondel, where there was before a Battery of 12 Pieces of Cannon, and were employed in filling the inward Ditch. The Lieutenant General the Count de Souches relieved the Prince of Neuburg. Towards the Evening our Parties brought in six Turks Prisoners, who assured us that the Serasquier was advanced with 20000 Men to *Alba Regalis*, and that the Grand Visier followed with a greater Force: We were likewise informed that the Bassa of *Agria* was come with a Body of 6000 Men to *Herman*, to endeavour

to put Succors into the Town on that side; Upon these Advices the Duke of Lorrain changed the Disposition of his Camp, and posted his Troops so as that they might be in the best posture to prevent the Enemies design. The following night we had several Alarms in our Camp. The 7th all the sick and wounded Men were sent with the Boats that had brought Provisions and Ammunition to the Army, to the Isle of *St. Andrew*. Towards Noon some more Prisoners were brought in, who assured us, that the Grand Visier having understood by several Expresses the danger *Buda* was in, had the 26th of the last Month held a great Council of War at *Essecke*, to consider of the best way to relieve it. That several of the chief Officers of the Turkish Army were of opinion to attempt it on the side of *Pest*, but that the Grand Visier thought it more advisable for the Army to march on this side; That accordingly the Ottoman Troops passed the Bridge of *Essecke* the 30th, with Orders to march to *Alba Regalis*, and to expect him there. This Morning 4000 Turks and Tartars of the Enemies Vanguard came within half a mile of our Camp, on the side of the Elector of Bavaria's Quarter, upon which a detachment of Hungarians was sent out, who obliged them to retire, and took some prisoners. We finished our Line of Circumvallation, and a Bridge over the *Danube* from the Bavarian Quarter, to have a readier communication with the Garrison of *Pest*, and to hinder the Enemy from putting Succors in to the place from that side. This day the Brandenburg Major-General *Truffis* dyed of the Wounds he received in the Assault the 3d Instant; These Troops have lost a great many Officers, and are not now above 3000 strong.

Venice, Aug. 11. The Letters from before *Buda*, tell us, That the 3d Instant in the night, the Brandenburgers lodged themselves on the Rondel called *Weymesthorne*, which they found the Enemy had abandoned; the Turks thereupon endeavored to recover that post, but were repulsed. That the Duke of Lorrain had so posted the Army, and fortified his Camp, that there was little danger of the Enemies breaking through it to put relief into the Town. That they were preparing five Mines under the second wall, and if they succeeded, a general Storm would be made. Publick Prayers are daily made in all the Churches of this City for the success of the Christian Arms now before *Buda*.

From the Imperial Camp before Buda, Aug. 12. The Troops of the Enemies Vanguard which advanced the 7th Instant towards the Bavarian Quarter, having carried away some of our Cattle, a detachment of *Hussars* was sent out after them, who returned the 8th Instant, without success, having left behind them 30 of their company, who were killed in a skirmish they had with a party of Turks. The prisoners that were taken the same day, reported as the others had done before, That the Serasquier