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From the Polish Embassy at Peret in Moldavia,
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THE King arrived here the 4th Instant with the Cavalry and part of the Infantry, and gave Orders the same day for the Building a Royal Fort in a very advantageous Situation near this place, which stands on the side of the River *Pruth*, from whence the Water may easily be brought into the Ditches of the said Fort; This is the fourth the King has caused to be built since he entered into *Moldavia*; the other three are in the Forest of *Buckovina*, to secure those famous Desfilés, where so much Blood hath heretofore been spilt, and thereby our Retreat, and the Passage of our Convoys, without which it will be difficult for us to subsist in these Countries, which by the continual marches and ravages of the Turks and Tartars, are now more like to Deserts than what they were in former Ages. We expect here a great Convoy of Provisions and Ammunition under a Guard of five thousand Men, and so soon as it arrives the Army will decamp and march to *Jassi*, the Capital City of *Moldavia*, which is about 12 Leagues from hence, and having put a Garrison into that place, the King intends to pass the River *Pruth*, and to advance through the Province of *Budziack* towards the *Black-Sea*. We have advice that the Seraskier and *Sultan Moradin* are marching with an Army of Turks and Tartars to oppose us, but according to the account that's given of them we have no reason to believe they will hazard a Battle. The Garrison of *Caminec* having lately made some incursions into the neighboring Country, notwithstanding all the care of the *Chastelan* of *Cheim* and General *Mobila*, who are posted in the Neighborhood of that place with 3000 Russians and Cossacks, the King has sent 2000 Horse to reinforce them. An Express is just now arrived in the Camp, with advice, that the great Convoy will be here to morrow.

Lemberg, Aug. 22. The Army of this Crown was encamped the 13th Instant near *Cezarce*, as the Letters from thence inform us. The *Sieur Rismung*, who had been sent out with a small detachment to learn news of the Enemy, was come back, having met with and defeated a party of 120 Tartars, of whom 40 were slain, and 12 taken prisoners. We have advice that the *Chastelan* of *Cheim* has possessed himself of all the small Castles in the neighborhood of *Caminec*, in order to block up that place.

Warsaw, Aug. 30. The advices from the Frontiers say, That the King of *Poland* having put a Garrison into *Jassi*, and afterwards passed the River *Pruth*, was advanced to *Mekoczemy*, with a resolution to continue his march from thence to *Budziacke*.

Vienna, Sep. 9. We have been told since our last several Particulars of the taking of *Buda* which we had not heard before, the most remarkable are; That the Prince of *Neuburg*, the Duke of *Croy*, Count *Souches*, and the Count de *Scherffenberg* Commanded at the Duke of *Lorraine's* Attack; That the Turks made at first a very great Resistance; That the *Visier Bassa*, who by his Cloaths could not be distinguished from a common Janissary, was among the foremost on the Breach, which he would not quit though he was wounded in his Right Arm, but taking his Sable in his Left Hand, continued to encourage his Men, and to give all possible proofs of his Bravery till he fell. That the Imperialists and *Brandenburgers* entered the Town much at the same time, and put all they met with in their first fury to the Sword. That the *Vice-Bassa* and the *Aga* of the *Janissaries* were not among those that retired into the Redoubt, but were taken Prisoners before. That the Turks after the Christians were Masters of the Town, set it on fire in several places, by which the Soldiers lost a great deal of rich Plunder. That the Town was hardly any thing but Ruines; but that by the care of the Count de *Rabusa*, the *Commissary-General*, the Magazines had been saved. That according to the report of the prisoners, there were in the Town at the time of the Assault, 5000 fighting Men, whereof near 3000 were killed, and the rest made prisoners, besides the Jews, who gave good sums of Money to save their lives; some of these, with several other of the Inhabitants endeavoured to escape in small Boats, but were discovered and taken by the parties sent from *Pest*. That during the Assault the Turkish Army was drawn up in battalia, with a design as was believed, to fall upon the *Bavarian* quarter, and therefore the Imperial Troops were drawn out under the command of Prince *Louis of Baden*, but after having been several hours in that posture, the Enemy retired without attempting any thing.

Vienna, Sept. 12. The most considerable Prisoners that were taken at *Buda*, among which is one of *Teckely's* chief Officers, are brought hither. Above 2000 *Masons* and *Carpenters* have been sent from hence to *Buda* to be employed for the repairing the Fortifications of that place. The Prince of *Neuburg*, Great Master of the *Teutonic* Order, the Count de *Coningsec*, and the Count de *Serini* are gone back to the Army, which is now marching towards the Bridge of *Essecke*. The Emperor has named the Count de *Scherffenberg* to Command his Forces in *Croatia*, and accordingly he is preparing for his departure to take possession of that Command. The Letters from *Cracon* tell us, That the King of *Poland* had put a Garrison into *Jessi* the chief City of *Moldavia*, and that he was marching towards *Budziacke* with a resolution to attack *Budziacke*.