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*A Relation of the taking of Sign in Dalmatia by the Forces of the Republick of Venice.*

**T**HE Proveditore-General *Cornaro* and the Prince of *Parma* having drawn together near *Scalona* 1000 Horse and 5000 Foot of regulated Troops, and 5000 *Morlaques* commanded by the *Chevalier Janco*, with the Artillery and Ammunition necessary for a Siege, held a Council of War, whereit was unanimously resolved to attack *Sign*. Accordingly the march was directed thither through very difficult ways, insomuch that Men were forced to draw the Cannon, the steep passages over the Mountains not permitting them to make use of Horses. The 23 of *September* they arrived before *Sign*, situated on a Rock, and fortified with a good Wall, and a strong Castle; The *Venetians* broke ground the same day, and raised three Batteries of two pieces of Cannon and one Mortar each, with which they began the 25th to batter the Wall of the Town and the Castle, and in few hours dismounted the Enemies Cannon which were planted on the great Rondel. The Proveditore-General summoned the Besieged, offering them the same conditions that had been granted to *Neurin* and *Modon*; but the Commandant who was a *Dalmatian* Renegado, answered, That he would defend the place to the last; and would lose his Life with the Town, which the Grand Signior had entrusted in his Hands; adding, that he expected speedy relief from the *Bassa* of *Aiscegovina*, who was within 12 hours march of the place. The Truce occasioned by this Parley lasted near three hours, after which the Besiegers began to fire again from their Cannon and Mortars, which they continued to do the 26th and 27th; The 28th the breaches being large enough, and the *Palisadoes* and other Defences the Enemy had made behind them, being beaten down, the Prince of *Parma* appointed 500 Foot under the command of the *Marquis Borri*, accompanied with divers *Volontiers*, and supported by a Reserve of 400 Men to give an Assault; The *Turks* seeing them approach, put themselves into a posture to oppose them, and with Grenadoes and Stones, withstood the efforts of the Assaultants above three hours, but these being encouraged by the presence of their chief Commanders, at last gained the Breach, and drove the Enemy into their second Retrenchment, and into the Castle, where they put up a white Flag, which the Commandant pulled down with his own hand; The Assaultants soon after forced the second Retrenchment, as likewise the Castle, and cut in pieces about 250 *Turks* who composed the Garison, sparing only some few Women and Children: The *Marquis de Borri* endeavoured to hinder the slaughter, but the *Chevalier Janco* to revenge the death of some of his Relations killed in the Assault, put all

he met to the Sword. Of the Assaultants about 200 were killed and wounded in this occasion. The *Morlaques* presented above 150 Heads to the Proveditore-General, who gave them 4 Sequins for each. In the place were found 8 pieces of Cannon, with a great many Muskets and other Arms, and a very good Magazine of Powder. About 100 Women and Children were made prisoners, and 20 *Christians* delivered from slavery; the Plunder was inconsiderable, the *Turks* having before the Siege removed their best Goods to other places. The 29th the Proveditore-General, the Prince of *Parma*, and the other Generals entred into the Town, and went directly to the chief Mosque where *Te Deum* was sung. The Proveditore having given the necessary Orders, and put into the place a Garrison of 5 Companies of Foot, and 3 Troops of Horse under the Command of Signior *Isolagny*, returned with the Army to *Scalona*; and if the weather continue favourable, he will undertake some more considerable Enterprize: By the taking of *Sign* the *Venetians* are become Masters of the fertile Province of *Zetina*.

*Madrid, Octob. 10.* Don *Gonzalo Chacon* General of the Galeons has since their arrival at *Cadix* been made a prisoner, and Commissioners are appointed to form his Process; He is charged with having disobeyed his Orders, which expressly commanded him to put with the Fleet into the Port of *St. Adero*, whereby the Frauds practised at the unlading the Galeons at *Cadix* would have been prevented, and the King's Duties greatly increased. The 5th Instant an Extraordinary Council was held on this subject in the King's Presence. After which an Express was sent to *Cadix* with Orders to the Commanders of the Fleet, and the Officers of the Chamber of *Sev. l. c.* It's said the King demands of the Merchants a Million of pieces of Eight, one half by way of Tax, to be freed from all prosecution for Countersand-Goods, and the other half by way of Loan. The Lading of the Galeons amounts, as we are assured, to 30 Millions; but there are not above 12 Millions and a half Registered. The King has named the Duke of *Escalona*, who served this Campaign in *Hungary* to be his Ambassador at the Emperor's Court, in the place of the *Marquis de Bynganero*, who is made Viceroy of *Galicia*.

*Vienn, Octob. 17.* The Duke of *Lorraine* was according to our last advice encamped with ten Regiments not far from *Pest*, having sent some Troops as we told you in our last, to possess themselves of *Hatvan* (where they found 17 pieces of Cannon, which the *Turks* had been forced to leave behind them) and a detachment to reinforce the Garison of *Buda*, which was weakened by the departure of the *Brandenburg* and *Saxon* Troops that were put into the place presently after it was taken. The Express that arrived here the 13th Instant from the Camp before *Seguin*, parted from thence the 6th; and brought an account, that the day before the

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Insensible Forces invested that Fortress; That Lieutenant-General *de la Vergne* who commanded the Attack was shot with a Cannon Bullet as he was viewing the place, several of those that were with him being killed and wounded at the same time; That Lieutenant-General *Souches* had thereupon taken upon him the Conduct of the Attack, which was carried on with all the vigor imaginable; and that three great pieces of Cannon for battery had been brought from *Zinocke* to be employed in this Siege, which it was hoped would not last many days.

An Officer is arrived here from Prince *Louis of Baden* who informs us, That in his march by *Cappwar* he had taken the Town where the *Riscians* lived, which the Soldiers plundered and burnt, but that he did not think fit to attack the Castle, by reason he wanted great Cannon for battery: That from thence he continued his march to the *Drava*, where he joyned the 9th Instant with the Forces of *Croatia*, commanded by Lieutenant-General *Scherffenberg*; and that they intended to begin their march the next day towards *Five Churches*. We have advice that the Ban of *Croatia* having on the 21 Instant detached 2000 Men under the command of Colonel *Joanowich*, to make an incursion into the Enemies Territories, they took their march towards *Five Churches*, and arriving before that place the 25th by break of day, immediately attackt it, and though the *Turks* made a very good defence, yet the *Croats* (part getting over the Walls and opening the Gates to the rest) made themselves Masters of the Town, and forced the *Turks* to retire into the Castle, but minding more the Plunder than their own security, the Enemy sallied upon them from the Castle, and obliged them to quit the place; However, above 700 Christian Slaves recovered their liberty in this occasion, and the *Turks* lost above 400 Men, and some of their principal Officers. The *Croats* had, about 1 do killed and wounded, and returned to their Camp with 2000 head of Cattle. They write from *Upper Hungary* that Count *Teckley* had desired 800 Men of the *Passa* of *Great Wirradin*, which he intended to put into *Mongatz*, but had, received an absolute denial. The Forces of *Brandenburg* and *Saxony* are marching home.

*Hamburg*, Octob. 25. The differences between the King of *Denmarke* and this City seem to be in a great tendency to an accommodation; His Majesty has by a Proclamation commanded, that the Ships and Effects belonging to the Inhabitants of this City shall be forthwith releas'd; and thereupon the Auxiliary Troops of *Brandenburg* and *Lunenburg* have Orders to return home, and will begin their march to Morrow. This day the *Sieur Croloviz, Selin, and Vander Linde*, who are accus'd to have been of the Conspiracy with *Jastram* and *Schmiger*, were brought before the Court of Justice; and after the Fiscal had made his Demand, that they should be proceeded against as Traytors, were remanded to prison. They write from *Stockholm*, that the States of that Kingdom who were assembled there, had resolv'd to pay all the Debts of the Crown. We have no fresh News from *Poland*.

*Hague*, Octob. 29. The Deputies of the Admiralties of the *Maerze* and *Amsterdam* have had this week several Conferences with those of the States-General, about fitting out some more Ships for the security of our Commerce against the *Ageezes*. The Letters from *Vienna* of the 21st Instant tell us, that the *Imperialists* had taken *Segadin*. They continue from *Hamburg* the account we had from *Holstern* of the King of *Denmarke's* having given Orders for the releasement of their Ships and Effects, of the 20th Instant. Yesterday sail'd out of the *Denmark King's* Fleet, having on board Sir *Edmond*

*Andros* His Majesties Governor of *New-England*. *Bath*, Octob. 18. The 14th Instant being His Majesties Birth-day, was observ'd at the Queen Dowagers Court, as likewise by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Inhabitants of this City, with extraordinary demonstrations of joy, the day concluding with Bonfires, and ringing of Bells; and several Hogs-heads of Wine were given to the People by Her Majesties Command.

*Whitehall*, Octob. 21. This day the Queen Dowager returned to *Somerjet-House* from the *Bath*, Her Majesty having been met and attended by the Sheriff and Gentry of the several Counties through which she pass'd, with all the Testimonies of Duty and Respect.

*Whitehall*, Octob. 22. This day *William Bridgman* Esq; was Sworn one of the Clerks of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council in Ordinary, in the place of Sir *Philip Elph* deceased; and at the same time *William Black* Esq; was also Sworn one of the Clerks of His Majesties said Council in Ordinary.

*Whitehall*, Octob. 22. His Majesty was pleas'd to confer the Honour of Knighthood upon *Richard Albon* of *Wiltshire* Esq; and to make him one of His Council at Law.

Advertisements.

A Medal of the Duke of Lorraine, with a Reverse representing the Figure of the Christian Religion triumphing over the Crescent, is sold by *George Bowers* at the *George* in Fleet-street, and by most other Goldsmiths.

Lost lately at *Exton* in *Rutlandshire*, a Gold Watch with a studd'd Case, a Gold Pouch set with little Rubies and Diamonds, two *Cornelian* Heads set in Gold, a Mourning Heart with Hair in it, and a Death's Head in it, a Barons Cockey with a *Cypher* Enamell'd on the back side, with *S. Lord Digby* obitit the 19th of January round a Gold Ring set with Hair under Christall, with F. D. under it in the inside; Whoever gives Notice thereof to *Aloemas Rogers* at *Stamford*, or to *Mr. Anthony Segar* in *Benets Court* *Chappel-Row*, *Westminster*, shall have 5 Guineas Reward.

These are to give Notice, that if any Persons have occasion for Tables, Table-men, Chest-Boards, and Chess-men; they may be furnish'd with all sorts at the best rate, by *John Gough* at the Sign of the sugar-loaf and Tables, near *St. Julians* Inn in *Chancery-lane*, who both makes and mends them at reasonable rates.

Lost the 7th Instant out of the Castle and *Falcon Inn* near *Aldersgate*, *London*, a Deal Box, as which was two Commissions under the Great seal, and several other Writings, with a light coloured Camlet Cloak, an embroidered Vest, and several other things, the Box was directed for *Mr. Jabez Fry* at *Newport* in *Shropshire*; Whoever can give Notice thereof to *Mr. George Halley* Goldsmith at the corner of *Buckingham-street* in the Strand, or to *Mr. J. Fry* at *Newport* aforesaid, shall have 20 s. Reward.

Whereas Notice hath been set up at *Chesham* for a Dividend to be made amongst the Creditors of *Benjamin Hinton*, on the 2d day of November next. These are to give Notice, that the said Dividend will not be made until the 2d of December next. But such Creditors as have not fully proved their Debts, are desired to meet for doing at *Guildhall* at 3 of the clock in the Afternoon on the said 2d day of November next.

Whereas *William Hogg*, Son of *William Hogg* Merchant, of *Dalkeith*, went from *Scotland* to *London*, and from thence to *Virginia*, a seaman about 2 years ago; Whoever gives an account where he is, either alive or dead, to *Mr. James Sutherland*, at the *Dolphin* in *Crooked-lane*, shall be well Rewarded.

There was a Mastaken from *Robert Lered* at his Mealing-Croft, as he stood at the Door, a brown Gelding with some white in his Forefeet, having a mealy Nose, and Q in the middle of the near Hip, Tails and Gall up above 14 hands high; Whoever gives Notice of the said Gelding to *Robert Lered* aforesaid, shall have a Guinea Reward.

Lost the 4th Instant on the Road between *Brayford* and *Leamington*, a spaniel Dog of an indifferently good breed, smaller than large, spotted brown and white. With long drawn Bars very much curl'd, the hair of his Ears white and very long, about 5 years old and very fat. Whoever brings him to *Sir William Barker* the Dean of *Windsor*, or to *Isaac Brown* at his Coffee-house in *New-Queens-street* shall have 20 s. Reward.