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Gibraltar, September 9.

HIS Grace the Duke of *Grafton* has been here these three or four days with a Squadron of His Majesties Ships, with which he is now ready to sail to the Coast of *Barbary*; Two days since the Chevalier *de Tourville*, Commander of a *French* Squadron, came into this Bay, who made his Grace a Visit yesterday, which was return'd this morning.

Venice, Sept. 20. The *Adriatique* having been long infested with the *Pyracies* of *Castlenovo* and *Dulcigno*, two Maritime Towns not far one from the other in *Aibania*, this was thought the most favourable opportunity to extirpate that Generation, by divesting them of those two Nests: And the rather, for that the Pope and *Maltese* who had been shy in suffering their Gallies to join the *Venetian* Fleet employed towards the *Morea*, left any small remainder of a Contagion might prove infectious to sound and fresh Men, readily concurr'd in this design, and the Pope, to promote it, assured the Republick of a considerable Sum of Money to be paid upon the first Advice of either of those Sieges; and it was resolv'd to begin with that of *Castlenovo*, as the most important, and which being taken, would by Consequence draw in the other. *Castlenovo* is situated in the Gulph of *Catara*, and was formerly in the possession of the *Venetians*, and afterwards of the *Spaniards* in *Charles* the 5th's time, but it has been in the *Turk's* hands ever since the year 1539, when it was taken by *Solyman's* great Admiral *Barberousse*, who, from being a Son of a poor Renegade *Greek* of the Isle of *Lesbos*, and himself an Associate of *Pyrats* by many bold Enterprizes, whereof it was none of the least the winning this Town from a Garison of 4000 *Spaniards*, he rais'd himself to the highest Dignities, and so be the most esteemed Sea Commander that that Empire ever employ'd. The Conduct of this Undertaking was intrusted to General *Cornaro*, *Proveditor* of *Dalmatia*, who appointed the Rendezvous of his Forces at the Island of *Liesin*, from whence he set Sail the 26th of *August*, with 15 Sail of great and small Vessels, the Auxiliary Gallies being compriz'd; and having met with contrary Winds, it was the 6th Instant before he got into the Gulph: The last Letters from thence are of the 6th Instant, which give an account that the *Turk* had prepared to dispute their Approaches to the Town, by fortifying the Church of *St. Veneranda* which lies in the way, but the General commanding it to be attacked, himself being present at the head of 400 Horse, it was carried after a Fight of two hours in which 70 *Turks* were killed; of which Number are said to be three *Agas*, with the loss only of a Knight of *Malta*, and 6 Men on our side, with some few wounded, this Advantage having open'd the Passage to the Town. On the 4th Instant, they began to work on the Trenches, wherein they had all the disturbance the Enemy could give them, who had posted themselves in a strong house with half Pistol-shot of our Works, from whence they kept continual Firing, as they did also with their Cannon from the Castle but to dislodge them from this incommo-dious place, there was Gattery rais'd mounted with two pieces, which was of small use at first, by reason of the great Rains that fell. The *Turks* made a Sally, with intentions to disable those Guns, but they were vigorously repuls'd by the *Dragoons* that were on the advanced Gnd. The three days between the 4th and 6th, were spent in these assaults, the Shot from the Town being return'd with those from 2 Ships, and from two *Palanders* only, there was thrown into the place above 500 Bombs, with which one of their chief Mosques, and a great Tower, opposit to the

Castle, were very much damaged. The *Bassa* of *Scanderia* march'ing with a Relief of 1500 Men, was obstructed by the *Albanes* who had oblig'd him to retreat towards *Antivari* near *Dulcigno* and were oppos'd on the way to hinder his Return; and thus far the Siege was advanc'd when those Letters were writ.

Rome, Sept. 13. We have just now Advice by the way of *Barletta* in *Apulia*, that the Commander of *Castlenovo* had offer'd to Capitulate, but insisting upon terms higher than was thought fit for their present condition, the General *Cornaro* refused them, and resolv'd to carry the place by Assault, which was so happily executed, that after a Resistance of two hours, in which 16 Knights of *Malta* fell, they entered the Breach, putting all to the Sword that were in Arms, and became absolute Masters of the Town, where were found 700 Christian Slaves whom they had taken this year, and laid them in Irons in the Castle; besides a considerable Booty, which consisted most of the Robberies they had made: And we are expecting to hear from *Venice* the Particulars of this great Victory, which is to be priz'd equal with any other of the surprizing Successes they have had this Campagne, as well from the Consequence of the place, as that it was gain'd with great difficulty and opposition, the Advantages got here being as much owing to their own Courage, as the rest were to their Enemies Fears.

Vienna, Septemb. 21. It is to be expected now, that the News from *Hungary* should decrease as the Winter draws on, but that there should be none from thence since the 7th Instant, is in part attributed to the frequent Excursions of small Parties of *Turks* and *Tartars*, that render the ways unsafe both on the side of *Pest* and *Buda*; but it is concluded, that the Duke of *Lorraine* march'd about the time he intended to *Segedin*, and having to pass through a Country quite depopulated, he was oblig'd to carry with him all Provisions necessary, as well for Horses as Men: They expect to meet on the Borders of *Transilvania*, with Supplies of whatever they may want; for it is said that Prince chooses to furnish them there, rather than they should go further into his Country to look for it. The Envoy of *Transilvania* has made his Propositions, and is now preparing to follow the Duke of *Lorraine*, from whom they are to receive their last finishing: He would have insinuated, that the *Turks* had the same Intentions of Quartering on that side; but that is not like to deter the Imperialists from taking Possession before them of what may be for their conveniency: And at all Adventures the Duke is march'd with his whole Train of Artillery, as if he had thoughts he might one time or another make use of them in those Parts. The Fatigues of these Journies, and the Severity of the Weather, have sent many sick to the Hospitals of *Buda*, where it is to be hoped that many of them will soon recover through the care that is taken of them, but in the mean time the Army is not a little diminished. They write from *Croatia*, that the Governor being desirous to recover the Body of Colonel *Voinovitz*, who was kill'd in the late Expedition to *Cosobutza*, in order to his Interment according to his Quality and Merit, offer'd the *Turks* instead of it any two Prisoners at their own choice, which yet they refused to deliver upon any other Consideration than that of a round Sum of Money, so little