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Florence, May 10.

THe Letters from Rome give an account of the great Preparations that are making there for War, more Men being daily Lifted, Ammunition provided, Places fortified, Garrisons reinforced, &c. and that the Cardinals *d'Este* and *d'Este*, and the Duke of Savoy's Minister were upon their departure from thence. But the greatest news is, That the Pope has now thrown his weightiest Thunderbolt, Excommunicating in the severest manner all Persons of whatsoever Degree or Dignity that shall usurp, possess or separate from the State of the Church any part of its Lands, Dominions, &c. or that shall seize upon any part of its Revenues; or shall interrupt or hinder the Commerce on the Coasts and Seas of the Ecclesiastical State; as likewise those that shall attempt the calling or appealing to future Councils, or shall write against the Pope or Church. This Bull was affixed in all the usual publick places at Rome, and will be sent to France, that that Crown may not pretend ignorance.

Warsaw, May 12. The King continues his resolution of taking a Journey to Prussia, where he intends to stay till towards the middle of the next Month. The Tartars have made an Incurfion into Russia, from whence they have carried a great number of People into Slavery; having defeated some Troops that got together in haste, and without order, to oppose them. We have likewise advice, That 2000 Tartars have put a Convoy of 500 Wagons laden with Provisions and Ammunition into *Caminiec*.

Stockholm, May 14. On the 8th Instant we had the news here of the death of Queen *Christina* of Sweden. The Fleet of this Crown is almost ready to put to Sea. The King intends to be the 30th Instant at the Head of his Army in *Schonen*. We are expecting with some impatience the success of the Conferences concerning the restitution of the Dutchy of *Silesie*, upon which seems to depend the Peace between these Northern Crowns.

Nuremberg, May 20. The Imperial Troops that were quartered in *Franconia* are on their march towards the general Rendezvous near *Frankfort*; from whence the main Army will march to *Coblentz* to pass the *Rhine* there. The French having laid a Bridge over the *Rhine* near *Philipsburg*, some German Troops are posted at *Bruchsal* to hinder their Incurfions on that side.

Munich, May 24. The 22d Instant the Electors of *Bavaria* was brought to Bed of a Prince, to the great Joy of this Court. His Electoral Highness will part from hence to morrow, intending to be the Eight and twentieth at the general Rendezvous of his Forces. We have advice that Four thou-

sand French advancing to *Bruchsal*, to attack that place, the Germans in Garrison there, being timely reinforced, had repulsed them, and forced them to retire with considerable loss. The French Soldiers desert in great numbers.

Cologne, May 31. The Cannons of this Chapter, who have taken part with the Cardinal of *Furtemberg*, viz. the Counts *de Ribberg*, *Reiberm*, *Melkiken* and *Lewenstein*, and the Sieurs *Quene's* and *Mering*, not appearing upon the summons of the Official, they were this day by publick Sentence deprived of their Benefices and Ecclesiastical Dignities, and will be farther proceeded against in order to the Confiscation of their Goods. The Duke of *Lorraine* arrived at *Frankfort* the 28th Instant, where he found the Dukes of *Saxe Gotha*, and *Saxe Cobourg*, the Bishop of *Wirsbourg*, and the Generals *Soutbes*, *Commercy*, *Lippe* and *Fleming*; and the Elector of *Saxony* and the Landgrave of *Hesse* are daily expected. The Imperial Troops and those of *Hesse* which were Encamped about *Frankfort*, marched the 29th towards *Mentz*: It is believed they will pass the *Rhine* at *Coblentz*, except a small Body which is to remain on the other side of that River over against *Mentz*. The General Rendezvous of the Troops of *Bavaria* is appointed between *Breime* and *Bruchsal*, within three German Miles of *Hydelberg*. The Confederates have put Garrisons into *Mayen*, *Hallesheim*, and *Saffenbourg*, by which means they have cut off the Communication between *Mont Royal* and *Bon*. Our Bridge over the *Rhine* will be finished in two days; and a great Chain is laid cross the River; to hinder the French from sending any Succors by Water to *Keserwaert*. The Troops of *Munster* were to Encamp this day on the *Roor*. The Duke *de Duras* is preparing to take the Field; He will form his Army between *Mentz* and *Philipsbourg*.

Cologne, June 3. The Duke of *Lorraine* parted from *Frankfort* the 29th of the last Month towards *Hochst*, and took his Head Quarter at *Hochheim*, about a German Mile from *Mentz*; He went the next day with 400 Horse to observe the place; and advanced within Cannon Shot of the Fort of *Cassel*, which is over against *Mentz*; The French fired a great many Shot, one of which killed two Persons very near him. The 31st Ten Imperial Regiments, five of Horse and five of Foot, Encamped between *Wisbaden* and *Morbach*, his Highness having his Quarters near *Costheim*. The Troops of *Hesse* were quartered from *Hochheim* as far as the *Rhine*; and those of *Wolfenbuttel* marched the same day to *Wisbaden*. And four Imperial Regiments with the Artillery were expected at *Costheim* by Water. The Troops of *Munster*, being about 5000 Men, under the Command of General *Selmartz*, are now Encamped at *Rutingen*, within two German Miles of *Keserwaert*. Upon Advice that a Party of French had appeared not far from this City, a Detachment