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Portsmouth, July 19.

Several Merchant ships are this week arrived from the Downs, all of them outward bound, expecting the opportunity of a safe Convooy. Yesterday came in the *Victory*, a Fireship, and this Evening the *Garland* Fregate to Spithead. On Thursday last the Carpenter and two other persons belonging to the *Francis* Fregate, were by Sentence of the Court-Martial towed ashore at a Boat Stern from aboard the *Mary* to the Point without the Town, for promoting false Accusations against their Captain.

Venice, July 14. From the Levant we are with much confidence informed that the Turks before *Candia*, growing almost desperate that all their endeavours have been hitherto with so little success for reduction of the City, resolved to summe up all their strength, and at the same time to make their Assaults upon four severall parts of the Town, which they accordingly put into execution, and with great cries fell upon the Outworks at the Forts of *St. Dennis*, *St. Andrew*, the *Sahouera*, and the *Panigra*, but were received with infinite courage by the Defendants in all places, and forced off again with great slaughter: their greatest assault was made upon the Fort *Panigra*, where they came on with such violence and numbers, that they possessed themselves of a small Work or Redoubt a little without the Fort, and continued therein all the night, but the next morning by break of day, the Defendants made a brave rally upon them, commanded by Signior *Carbonaro*, an excellent Soldier, and Ingenieur, who in white Armour fell so vigorously upon the Enemy, that after a few Hours sharp dispute, they dislodged them in sight of all the succours that were sent to assist them; but at their departure, the Enemy sprung a Mine under the Work, which hurt several of our men, killing many of their own people, and about 30 of ours, amongst whom was the Signior *Carbonaro*, who had in this days services, as in several other encounters, given excellent proofs of his courage.

In this Assault, the Turks lost above 1000 men; in revenge whereof, they have since played with much fury upon the Town with their Cannon and small shot, by one of which latter, the General *Barnardo Nani* has received a hurt in his head, and some Soldiers have been shot upon the walls.

Our Admiral has divided the Fleet into four Squadrons, which lie cruising upon the Coasts of the Island, and has ordered the Commanders of each Squadron to engage any part of the Ottoman Fleet which shall endeavour to succour the Viceroy. The Seas between *Scio* and *Tenorio* are filled with the Christian Privateers, who daily meet with considerable prizes, bound either for the Island, with provisions for their Armies, or from *Constantinople*, with a supply for that place; which by reason of the long continuance of the War, and the frequent intercepting of their ships, is reduced to great wants. The Turks still give out that the Grand Seignior continues his resolution of coming in person into *Morcia*, to encourage the Siege by his nearer approach.

They farther tell us that our five ships which some time since took in men and provisions at *Zante* for the supply of the Garrison at *Candia*, were attended in their passage by 14 ships of *Barbary* employed in the Turks service; but that a Squadron under the Command of Signior *Cassaro Cornaro*, having timely joyned with them for their Convooy, had prevented them in their design; these Barbarians upon sight of them burning the *Encourtes*, and leaving them to pursue

their intended Voyage: To that this Convooy is safely arrived, to the great satisfaction and encouragement of that Garrison.

On Sunday last arrived here an Expreffe from *Rome*, dispatched hither by our Ambassadour *Grimani*, to inform the Senate that the Pope had lately received Letters from the Queen Regent, by which she had shewed much readiness to comply with His Holiness desires for assisting us in the Defence of *Candia*, and had ordered a Thousand Foot to be employed in the Service, and 50000 Crowns to be advanced by the Viceroy of *Neples* for their pay, and that the Gallies of *Sicily* and *Naples* should be sent into the *Levants*, to joyn with our Armata.

Hambourg, July 24. Some Companies of Foot lately raised in the neighbouring parts for the Spanish service, are within few days arrived here, and may from hence in little time be transported for the *Netherlands*. The body of the lately deceased Count *Dhona* was the 17th instant with much state attended to *New-Cloyster* by the Field-Meer with his Guards, and a Squadron of Horse and Foot, besides a great number of the principal Officers of the Army.

From *Vinna* we are told, that the Capuei *Balla* lately sent thither from the Viceroy of *Offens* has had an Audience from His Imperial Majesty, in which several Ceremonies and Complements passed, and a Discourse was delivered to the Emperour of *Spain* by the Grand Signior, wherein he principally discoursed of the better maintenance of the peace, and continuance of a good correspondence between both Empires, care might be taken to hold the bounds and limits of their Countreys, by which means the frequent Complaints on each side might be prevented. Secondly, that His Imperial Majesty would give Orders to all His Officers, that no disturbance might be given to these forces, which he designed to lend for the reduction of *Candia*. And Thirdly, since the Grand Signior was inclined to hearken to an accommodation between himself and the Venetians, he would be contented, the Emperour should interpose therein as a Mediator.

The Governour of *Neuhauzel* has made complaints against the Hussars, particularly affirming, that since he had possession of the Command, above 700 of his men have been killed by them on several occasions; and that if a timely remedy be not applied, they shall be obliged to put themselves into a posture of defence, few days having of late passed without some Encounters.

From *Stockholm* we are advised, that the Heer *de Groot*, Ambassador from the States General of the *United Provinces*, had made his solemn and publick Entry, since which, he has been honourably received and entertained, and admitted to his publick Audience; wherein he complemented His Majesty upon the late Alliance, and the next day was introduced to his Audience from Her Majesty.

The States of the Kingdome continue their Assembly, and are now endeavouring to ease the people from those Monopolies which have of late years been established amongst them, with which the Nobility seem willing to comply.

From *Eavaria*, they write, that they are still continuing their Levies there; and 'tis believed that Elector has some intention of sending a considerable force to assist the Duke of *Savoy* against the City of *Geneva*, in case the Negotiation that has been long on foot take not that effect which is desired.

Hague, July 17. The Sieur *Borstad* Envoy from the Swiss Cantons, is departed hence, much satisfied with his Negotiation with the States-General, who have resolved