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Naples, May 19.

THe Spanish Fleet lies now ready to Sail. We have an account from *Messina*, that a Vessel was come in there, the Master whereof reported, that off of *Malen* he saw about 16 Sail, which he took to be Men of War of *Algiers* and *Tunis* that were going to join the Ottoman Fleet in the *Levant*.

Rome, May 23. On Monday last was held a private Consistory, where several Bishopricks were proposed, but nothing was said about the French Bishops, that matter being wholly at a stand till an Answer comes to the last Project that has been sent to the Court of *France*, of a Letter to be written to the Pope by all the Bishops who were present in the Assembly of the Clergy in 1682, and signed the Four Propositions; The said Project is to this effect; *We do solemnly declare to Your Holiness, that our Intention never was to decree or do any thing to the prejudice of the Holy Apostolick See, or against the Rights of the Bishopricks; and whatever was done in that Assembly, which may be thought to be prejudicial to the Apostolick See, we do esteem the same to be Null and Void, as also whatever was Deliberated or Resolved on against the Rights of the Bishopricks; Besides this another Project has been formed, and already accepted by the French Bishops, about the Four Propositions; and there is a third upon the Anvil for revoking the Declaration by which the French King claims the Right of Regale over all the Bishopricks of France; This they think here the French King will at last agree to, and that instead thereof he will content himself with a Concession from the Pope of the Regale over those Bishopricks that were not before subject to it, he shewing a great desire at this time to put an end to the Differences that have continued so long between him and this Court; and having withal a design, as 'tis very confidently said, to procure the Popes Leave to alienate a Sixth part of all the Ecclesiastical Revenues within his Dominions for the use of the present War. The Differences about the Inquisition of *Naples* are not yet adjusted.*

Venice, May 29. The 24th Instant being appointed for the Doge's departure, he came, accompanied by the Foreign Ambassadors, the whole Body of the Nobles, the Patriarch and other Persons of Quality from the Palace to *St. Marks Church*, where *Te Deum* was Sung, and the Great Standard was blessed by the Patriarch, after which

they went in a solemn Procession round the Place of *St. Mark*, (which was richly adorned and filled with a vast number of Spectators) and so returned to the Palace, the great Guns being fired from the Ships and Castles, as they were before at his setting out. At the Palace was provided a very splendid Banquet, and the Doge designed to have Embarked towards Evening, but by reason of the bad Weather deferred it till next Morning, when he went to the *Lido* in the great Galley called the *Bucintawe*, attended by several other Gallies, and a great many Galeots, Gondoles, &c. and having taken Leave of the Ambassadors and Nobles that accompanied him, Embarked with the two Senators, *Augustin Sagredo*, and *George Benzon*, (who are to assist him with their Advice during the Expedition) on the *Ducal Galley*, which is new built, and very richly Gilded. His Serenity continues still at the *Lido*, waiting only for fair Wind and Weather to sail for the *Levant*, whither he will be attended by 8 Gallies, and 6 Ships of War, with a great many other Ships and Vessels laden with Soldiers, Provisions, and Ammunition. The whole Fleet of this State, when joined together, will consist of 6 Galeasses, one Bastard Galley on which the Doge is Embarked, 28 other Gallies, 24 Ships of War, 20 armed Vessels of several sorts, 4 Fireships, 4 Ketches or Palanders carrying Mortar Pieces, and 6 Bregantins; besides which there are 4 Gallies, and 12 Galeots in *Dalmatia*; The Land-Forces of the Republick are computed to be of Horse, Foot, and Dragoons, 22000 in the *Morcia*, and 8 or 10000 in *Dalmatia* and *Albania*. The General Officers under the Doge, are *Francisco Mocmigo* Lieutenant General, *Bastian Mocmigo* Captain or Admiral of the Gulf, *Imperiale Contarini* Captain of the Ships, *George Foscarini* Captain of the Galeasses, *Anthony Zeno* Proveditore or General of the *Morcia*, *Count Trautsmansdorf* General of the Land-Forces, *Prince Cesar d'Este* General of the Horse, but his place is supplied by *Count Ferdinand de Saltzburg* who is Lieutenant General of the same.

Turin, May 30. The German and Spanish Troops are upon their march to join the rest of our Forces, who are now encamped between *Viggon* and *Pignerol*, and when they are all joined, will make an Army of 40000 Men. We hear little of the French on this side; They have some few Troops about *Pignerol* and *Susa*, and their whole care at present seems to be to defend their Frontiers. The *Vandois* continue very much to annoy