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From the Duke of Savoy's Camp before Pignerol, August 14.

ON the 10th Instant we were Employed with Working on our Batteries and Mines, and had 12 Men Killed and Wounded; It Rained very hard all Night. The 11th we continued our Work, though it was much hindered by the continual Rains. The 12th our Cannon began to play to make a breach, and our Mines were finished; Several Men were killed and wounded in the Trenches. The 13th our Cannon continued to Fire to enlarge the breach, and all things were prepared for a General Assault. The Night following the Enemy, after having for some time made a great Fire with Granadoes and small Shot, abandoned the Fort of *St. Brigide*, and retired into the Town, leaving a Mine ready Charged under the Curtain of one of the Bastions, which sprang about Four this morning, but did no harm to our Troops, who are now possessors of the Fort. In my next you may expect an Account of our having begun our Attacks upon the Town and Citadel of *Pignerol*. The *Marschal de Catinat* continues Encamped near *Fenestrelles*, expecting a Reinforcement from *Catalonia*.

Vienna, August 19. On Sunday last arrived here an Express with Letters from the Imperial Camp before *Belgrade* of the 11th Instant, which bring an Account, That the *Brandenburg* Troop; joined the Army on the 9th, and took their Post in the Siege; The Turks fired at least 200 Cannon-shot at them as they passed near the Town, but without doing them any mischief; The same day 300 Janissaries, who were in Garrison at *Panzaua* (a Palank or Fort, 3 hours from *Belgrade*) Capitulated, and were Conveyed to *Semendria*, leaving in the place 9 Cannon, and some Stores of Corn and Hay. Several Frenchmen, who had Deferted or been taken Prisoners in *Germany*, and were afterwards sent among the Recruits to the Imperial Regiments in *Hungary*, having run over to the Turks since the Army passed the *Savoie*, the Duke de *Croy* caused the rest of them, for fear they should do the like, to be Disarmed, and sent them to Work on the Fortifications of *Peter Waradin*. On the 10th, part of our heavy Cannon and Mortars arrived in the Camp from *Semlin*, for want of which they had not yet opened their Trenches, but designed to open them on the 12th: The rest of the Cannon for Battery was expected in a day or two. The Admiral Van *Assenberg* was dispatched from hence by Post on the 16th, with Orders to hasten down the *Danube* with the Fleet of Barks and Gallies, to shut up *Belgrade* on the side of the Water, and to secure our Provision-Ships against the Enemies Saicks and Armed Barks. They write from *Transylvania*, That General *Veterani* was marched from *Dobra* to *Cronstar*, having Detached Major General *Polland* with three Regiments towards the Iron-Gate to defend that Pass. From *Croazia* we hear, That our Troops had made an Incurion into the Enemies Country as far as *Busim*, and had destroyed all the Corn and Forage thereabouts, and taken many Prisoners, among whom were several Persons of Consideration. This morning two Deputies from the Duke of *Gustalla* received Inveiture from the Emperor for that Dutchy.

From the Confederate Camp near Hailbrun, August 22. The French continue in their Camp on the other side of the *Neckar*; but they have sent away their Great Cannon to *Fort-Louis*, and all the Deferters agree

that the Dauphin would leave the Army the 24th or 25th of this month; and that after his departure, the French Forces would be divided into three Bodies, under the Command of the *Marschals de Lorge*, *Choiseul*, and *Boufflers*; one of which is intended for *Flanders*. Prince *Lewis of Baden*, who has been of late very much indisposed, is now pretty well again, and begins to go abroad; He has ordered a Camp to be marked out on the other side of the *Neckar*.

Cologne, August 28. The last Letters from the *Palatinate* tell us, That the French Army Decamped the 23d Instant from *Heydersheim* and marched to *Vakingen*, the Dauphin advancing the same day with 6000 Horse as far as *Pfortzheim*, from whence he would continue his march to *Fort-Louis*, in order to his return home by the way of *Lorraine*; Before he left the Army, Detachments were ordered to *Piedmont* and *Flanders*; and Directions were sent to the Governor of the Castle of *Hydelberg* to blow up the same, and to retire with his Garrison to *Philipsburg*. The same Letters say, That the Imperial Hussars had within three or four days defeated several French Parties, and taken about 150 Prisoners.

Hamburg, August 28. The Ministers of the Emperor, *England*, *Holland*, and *Brandenburg*, continue their Endeavours for the Accommodating the Business of *Ratzburg*; The Danish Infantry have in the mean time Posted themselves round that place, and have begun to Raise a Battery for 3 Mortars; and their Horse lies at *Lauenburg* near the *Elbe*: The Elector of *Brunswick*, and the Duke of *Zell*, are drawing a Body of their Troops together near the same River, and the Elector of *Brandenburg* is sending 3 or 4000 men (who are detached out of his Forces at present Quartered at *Berlin*, *Stargard*, *Custrin*, *Magdenburg* and *Spandau*) to join them. The Duke of *Holftein Ploen* arrived here this Morning, and intends to part again this Afternoon for *Holland*.

Paris, August 28. The Letters from *Toulon* of the 18th Instant tell us, That the *Marschal de Tourville* was arrived there with the French Fleet, to refit the Ships, and to supply them with such Necessaries as they wanted. The last Advices from *Piedmont* confirm the loss of the Fort of *St. Brigide*, which overlooks the Town of *Pignerol*; and tell us wishal, That the Confederates had formed their Attacks, and opened their Trenches against *Pignerol*; The Court here is much concerned at this News, and the more, for that the *Marschal de Catinat* is not in a condition to Relieve a place of so great consequence to this Crown; He was by our last Advice still Encamped with an inconsiderable Body of men near the *Col del Fenestrelles*, expecting Reinforcements, and particularly one of 7 or 8000 men from *Catalonia*; which has so weakened our Army on that side, that the Duke de *Noailles* has thought it necessary to retire with the Forces that were left with him to *Rouffillon*. The Dauphin is expected in few days at *Versailles* from *Germany*. On the 23d Instant the French King had another Fit of an Ague, and took again the *Jesuis Powder*. We are told that an Edict is coming out for laying an Additional Tax upon Salt, and upon all Liquors; and another for a New Creation of Officers. The scarcity of Corn encreases daily in all parts of this Kingdom.

Brussels, August 30. The French Army marched yesterday from *Nivelle* towards *Soignies* and *Braine le Comte*, where the *Marquis de Harcourt* has joined them with 5000 men, who had lain several days about *Sombref*. The same Evening the Duke of *Luxemburg* sent 10000 Horse to possess themselves of the Post of *Lesjard*.