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Edenburgh, August 22.

WHat apprehensions soever may be had of these Countreys, all things are upon inquiry found to be in a quiet posture, and the Militia in so great readines and so well setled, that no disturbances can in probability be wrought amongst us; this day all our Militia are to be drawn up together, and a view to be taken of them at their Rendezvous.

Edenburgh, Aug. 24. Yesterday arrived here two ships of this place from *Croytick* in *France* laden with salt, telling us that the Sickness raging with much violence at *Rouen*, all trade and intercourse is at present forbidden with that City.

Lisbonne, Aug. 10. The last week arrived here a man of War from *France*, with Orders to Monsieur de *St. Roman*, to take upon him the Quality of Ambassador from His most Christian Majesty. The Baron de *Batteville* is suddenly expected from *Madrid* under the same Character from His Catholique Majesty.

This week arrived an English ship from *Bristol*, which off at sea met with four Turkish men of War, which civilly dismissed her. This day is heard great firing of Guns at sea, and 'tis much feared that these Corsairs may have met with some Genious ships which are daily expected upon the Coasts bound for this Port.

Galiz, Aug. 12. Several Ships arrive daily here from *England*, *France*, *Biscay* and *Holland*. Several Privateers are abroad with Sally Commissions, which somewhat disturb our Trade, and have of late taken two or three English Ships; but 'tis hoped the appearance of some English Men of War upon these Seas will easily reduce them to reason. His Excellency the Earl of *Sandwich* is suddenly expected here from *Seville*.

Alexes, Aug. 14. This week put in here two ships of *Drepan* with a lading of Salt, telling us that they had discovered four Caravels of the Corsairs of *Barbary* which were flying about these seas.

On Friday last the Evening, put to sea 9 Gallies of the 1st and 2^d Squadrons of *Naples* and *Sicily*, under the Command of the Duke de *Ferrandina* for the assistance of the Venetians in the defence of *Candia*. The Captains Gally, with the General Seigneur *Gianettino Voria*, and one other still remaining in Port. The German Foot continue still in their Quarters; some Companies of Italians are to be sent into *Spain* to fill up the Tertia belonging to *Don Dominico Pignatelli*, and several vessels are hiring for their transportation.

Two Gallies belonging to the Great Duke of *Tuscany* passed this last week by this Port for *Messina*.

Venice, Aug. 17. A Ship lately arriving here from *Corsu*, the Master thereof gives us intelligence, that it was there commonly reported that the Turks had drawn together twelve thousand men in *Morea*, with intention to embark them with the first opportunity for *Canea*, for which end many large Saichs and Bregantines lay ready in those parts, and particularly at *Napoli di Malvata*, and were to pass over under the convoy of several Galleots, and Ships of *Tripoli*, which for that intent were by the Grand Signours Order cruising upon those Coasts.

He farther tells us that the Admiral had order'd his Fleet in several Squadrons, to continue constantly cruising about

the Isle of *Candia*, to watch every motion of the Enemies Ships, and if possible to engage them. One Squadron of them had met with some Ships of *Barbary*, laden with Men and Ammunition from *Constantinople*, for the succour of the Visier, who were accordingly attempting their passage; but our Men of War interposing, gave them so warm an entertainment with their Canon, that they were forced with much damage to give off their attempt, and retire themselves to *Rhodes*.

Later intelligence arriving by the way of *Otranto* and *Rome* informs us, that the Turks having for several days together plaid hard upon the Fort *Sabianera* with their great Guns and Mortar-pieces, had afterwards given a furious assault to it, which they for some time continued with much resolution, but by the extraordinary valour of the besieged, were forced to give over with exceeding great loss of men; and that in Revenge of this storm, Monsieur *St. Andre Montbrun* had made a stout sallie upon them, in which he had slain near upon 2000 Turks; and moreover, that there was so great a dearth and scarcity of provisions in the Turkish Camp, that a pound of bread was sold for forty Aspers, and other provisions at proportionable rates, by which means great numbers of them perished for want of food, and about 1500 had in few days left the service.

The Popes Gallies under the command of *Francisco Vincenzo Rospigliosi* have joyned with our Fleet, together with a considerable number of other Auxiliary Gallies; at his arrival he made an excellent Treat aboard his Gally for the Venetian Admiral and many of the principal Officers, whom he complimented in the Popes name, and made them several Presents, distributing likewise a considerable summe of moneys amongst the Soldiers of our Fleet.

Rome, Aug. 18. On Thursday morning last the Duke de *Chaulnes*, Ambassador from His most Christian Majesty, received advice by an Exprels from *France* of the Queen his Mistress safe delivery of a second son, of which he gave an account in his yesterdays Audience to the Pope; he has now made all his visits, and may in few days depart hence on his return for *France*.

By the way of *Otranto* we have advice, that on the 9th past, the Popes Gallies under the command of General *Bailly Vincenzo Rospigliosi* joyned (together with those of *Maliba*) with the Venetian Fleet, where a Council of War being called, they resolved in case of danger, that all the Generals should with the Soldiers of the Fleet put themselves into *Candia* for its defence.

Madrid, Aug. 22. *Don Juan* is retired to *Consuegra*, and not to come within 20 leagues of *Madrid*. 'Tis said dispatches are already sent to the Countable of *Castille*, who is with all the speed he is able to transport himself into *Flanders*.

The Conde de *Miranda*, Ambassador from *Portugal*, hath been these eight dayes at *Camara del*, a mile from this place; for whose reception is taken up the house which formerly entertained the French and Muscovite Ambassadors, but intends not to make his entry till the Baron de *Battaville* shall begin his journey under the same Character for *Lisbonne*.

Paris, Sept. 2. On Tuesday last the Muscovite Ambassador had his first Audience from his Majesty at *St. Germain*, to whom he presented several excellent Fables with a rich Cimeter and Dagger. Yesterday he returned again to *St. Germain* for his second Audience, in which he intended to open the business of his Negotiation.