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Venice, Nov. 6.

Yesterday arrived here a Felucca, which was dispatched on the first of October from Scio, with Letters from the Captain General to the Senate, to acquaint them that their Forces were become Masters of that Island; and by this opportunity we have received the following Relation of the Proceedings of our Fleet this Summer.

On the 3d of August, the Popes Gallies, and those of Malta, joyned the Venetian Fleet in the Road of *Napoli di Romania*. The same day the whole Fleet sailed, with about 12000 Land Forces, whereof only 600 were Horse. At their Entrance into the *Archipelago* they met with a violent Storm, which dispersed them, and several Ships received much damage: But being all come together again at *Andros*, (the place appointed for their Rendezvous) and refitted, they set sail from thence on the 7th of September, and arrived the same day in sight of the Island of *Scio*; where, according to the Resolutions that had been before taken at a Council of War, the General Count *de Steinau*, landed with the Forces on the 8th, being favoured by the Cannon of our Men of VVar and Galeasses, which obliged the Enemy who were posted on the shore, to retire within their Fortifications. The 10th they began to batter the Castle with 4 pieces of Cannon and 4 Mortars, which had such good effect, that they set it on Fire in several places. The same day they took a Fort which covers the Harbour, as also the Arsenal, and 3 Gallies commanded by the Bey of *Rodes*, with several other Vessels that were in Port. The 11th, 12th, and 13th, were employed by the Venetians in carrying on their Approaches, and in playing their Batteries. The 14th they sprung a Mine under the Counter-scarpe, which had not the success that was desired, and killed 200 of our own Men, notwithstanding which the Enemy were so discouraged by the execution of our Bombs and Cannon, that upon the Summons sent them, the 15th by the Captain General, they resolved to Surrender, and Hostages being given on both sides, it was agreed, and the Capitulation signed, to this effect. That one of the principal Gates should be immediately delivered up to the Venetians; That the Garison should march out the 18th with their Arms and Baggage, and be conducted to *Smirna*. That all the Christians, as well Slaves as Freeman, and all the Jews, Moors, and Renegadoes, should remain on the Island; And that all the Artillery and Magazines should be delivered up to the Venetians. These Articles were executed accordingly, there marching about 4000 Turks out of the Castle; into which the Captain General put a Garison

of 2500 men. We found in the Island 230 pieces of Cannon, whereof 200 were of Brass, with a great quantity of Provisions and Ammunition. The 19th, the Ottoman Fleet, consisting of 20 Men of War, 23 Gallies, and 10 Gallies, appeared off Cape *Calaberno*; whereupon the Captain General ordered the rest of the Forces to Re-embark, and failed towards the Enemy; But they having notice of our approach, retired towards the *Dardanells*, and our Fleet returned to *Scio*. This is one of the most considerable Islands in the *Archipelago*, and being in the Hands of the Venetians, cuts off the Communication by Sea between *Constantinople* and *Egypt*, and the rest of the Turkish Dominions on that side, or at least renders it very difficult. It is chiefly Inhabited by Greeks, but the Latins have also several Churches there, and the Jews, a Synagogue; 'Tis very fruitful in Corn, Wine, Figs, and other excellent Fruits, and brought a great yearly Revenue into the Grand Signiors Coffers: Is about 30 Leagues in Circuit, with a large Town of that Name on the East side, where is a very good Port and strong Castle. The Genouetes took this Island from the Greeks in 1346, and it continued under the Form of Government they established there till the year 1566, when the Turks made themselves Masters of it.

Venice, Nov. 12. The Senate have in Consideration of the good Services of the Captain General *Zeno*, made him a Knight of *St. Mark*; And have ordered a Present of a Sword set with Diamonds to the value of 3000 Crowns, for the General Count *de Steinau*. There is a Report, That the Venetian Fleet is failed towards *Metellin*.

Turin, Nov. 8. Our Troops are all in their Winter-quarters: The Prince *de Commercy*, is, upon the Death of General *Palfi*, gone to Command the Imperial Forces that are quartered in the Dutchy of *Mantua*.

Vienna, Nov. 13. We have now certain advice of the Grand Visier's departure from *Belgrade* on his return to *Adrianople*. The Turks have supplied *Temeswaer* with Provisions for this Winter; and are preparing to conduct a Convoy to *Giula*, without which this Garison will not be long able to subsist; and therefore General *Veterani* continues to have a very watchful Eye upon their Motions. The Council of War here meets frequently to consult about the Preparations for the next Campaigne.

Francfort, Nov. 21. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* has had several Conferences with the Deputies of *Suabia* and *Franconia*, concerning the subsistence of the Confederate Forces in their Winter-quarters; and 'tis still said, that so soon as these matters are regulated, he will go to the Imperial Court at *Vienna*.

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