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Messina, June 12. N. S.

THE Pope's Gallies came into this Port yesterday, and will depart again in two or three days to join those of *Malta*, which lie now at Anchor near Cape *Spartavento*, making provision of Wood and Water; that they may proceed together to join the Venetian Fleet in the *Levant*.

Madrid, June 20. Yesterday were performed the Ceremonies of the Interrment of the Queen Mother; at which the King was present, but the Queen was not: 'Tis said Her Majesty is with Child. Don *Francisco de Velasco* intends to go hence in few days, to his Government of *Catalonia*, and will take with him a Sum of Money for the Payment of the Army. The Almirante of *Castile* is recovered of his late Illness. Letters from *Centa*, of the 6th Instant, give an Account, That the Governor ordered a Sally to be made the night before with 400 Men, commanded by a Serjeant-Major and 8 Captains; who attacked the Moores with such good Success, that they beat them from their principal Works, demolished the same, nailed up several Pieces of Cannon, and killed many of their Men; with the loss only of 5 Men killed, and 10 wounded of the Spaniards. They write from *Cadix* of the 16th Instant, that the *Resolution*, Captain *Eshington* Commander, was arrived there from *India*; she came from *Batavia* the 16th of *January*, and from the *Cape* the 9th of *April*. They are lading Goods on board the *Flota* designed for *New Spain*.

Coronna, July 9. Yesterday arrived here the Spanish Alliance Pacquet-boat, in 4 days from *England*. The Conde de *Palma*, our late Captain-General, went hence the 6th Instant to *Madrid*; and his Successor, the Marquis d'*Afforgas*, arrived here the day following. We have Advice this day, that the *O-Ports* and *Lisbon* Ships, under Convoy of the *Burlington* and *Dolphin*, are safely arrived there.

Legborne, July 2. The bad Weather has put into this Port 8 Spanish Gallies, who came from *Naples* under the Command of Don *Vincenzo di villa Reale*, having Soldiers on board, who are to land at *Genoua*, and march thence to the State of *Milan*. The King *William* Galley lies ready here, to sail for *Scanderoon* with the first fair Wind.

Venice, July 6. The Duke of *Mantua* came hither 3 days ago, with intention to remain some time in this City. The Convoy designed for the *Levant*, is detained here by contrary Winds: 'Tis believed our next Letters from those Parts will bring an Account of the Captain-General's being at Sea with the Fleet of this State, in order to make some Attempt upon the Enemy. All is quiet in *Dalmatia*.

Turin, July 6. The French Army decamped on Tuesday last from *Rivolta*, and advanced nearer to

Pignarol; they lie at present between *Orbassan* and *Volterra*; and the Confederate Forces continue on the other side of the *Po*. Several Letters have passed lately between the Marechal de *Catinat*, and the Marquis de *St. Thomas*, the Duke of *Savoy's* Chief Minister; and His Royal Highness has demanded 40 days, to acquaint his Allies with the French Proposals, and to receive their Answers. The Forces of the Allies that were posted within the Lines of this City, are marched to join those encamped at *Moncalier*; and the Troops of His Royal Highness, who were there, come hither.

Vienna, July 7. The Imperial Army was, by the Letters of the 30th past, still encamped at *Chonad*, on the River *Maresch*, expecting the Forces from *Transylvania*, who were come within two or three days March of them: The Elector of *Saxony* marched from the Camp the 29th, with 4000 Horses, towards *Temeswar*, to view that place, though there seems to be no Intention of attacking it at this time: He had received Advice of the Grand Visier's Arrival at *Sophia*, with part of the Ottoman Army; and that the Grand Signior followed with the rest; being expected in the Neighbourhood of *Belgrade* about the 20th of this month. The Cham of *Tartary* has sent his Son with a Body of his Troops, to join the Ottoman Army.

Francfort, July 14. The German Army decamped the 12th instant from *Flekingen*, and marched nearer to the *Rhine*, their Head-Quarters being at *Zeitheren*: The French seem apprehensive of their passing that River, by the Care they have taken to cast up several Works, and to Post their Troops on the other side. In the mean time, Prince *Lewis* has ordered a great many Boats to be provided, and has caused Bridges to be laid over the *Neckar*.

Cologne, July 17. The Troops of the Elector *Palatin*, to the number of 4000 Men, were mustered two days ago, and are since marched towards the *Upper Rhine*, to join the Army commanded by Prince *Lewis* of *Baden*.

Hamburgh, July 17. The last Letters from *Warsaw* say, there seemed to be very great likelihood that the several Parties would unite in setting up Prince *James*, eldest Son of the King deceased; so that 'twas thought there would be very little Opposition against him at the approaching Election. The Treaty for adjusting the Differences between the King of *Denmark* and the Duke of *Holftein* is at a stand at present.

Paris, July 16. The Advices from our Sea-Coasts tell us, that all possible Precautions are made use of, for their Security against any Attempt from the Enemy's Fleet. Several Frigats are fitting out at *Bress*, to be commanded by the *Sieur Pouti*; and the general Report says, they are bound to *Guinea*. The last Letters from *Germany* give an Account, that the Marechal de

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