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Porto, July 31. N. S.

THE *Burlington*, Capt. Kerr Commander, is come before this Port, having on the 29th instant off the Island of *Baiona*, taken a French Privateer belonging to *St. Jean de Luz*, called the *Shepherdess*, carrying 8 Guns and 50 Men. The *Dolphin* is gone to *Vigo* to fetch the homeward bound Ships from thence; and the *Burlington* will sail to-morrow for *Lisbon*.

Vigo, Aug. 8. The *Dolphin* Man of War arrived here the 28th past; the 31st the Commander, Capt. *Delavall*, having notice that a French Privateer was coming into the Bay, he put his Ship in a readiness to receive him, and the Men keeping close, the Privateer taking the *Dolphin* for a Merchant-ship, was going to lay her on Board, when Capt. *Delavall* cut his Cable, and got under sail; and the Privateer finding his mistake, run up the River, and put his Ship a-shore near this Place; where the Men left her, who are sent with a Pass to the *Groynes*. The *Dolphin* is now under sail with 3 Merchant-ships for *Lisbon*.

Madrid, August 1. The Bishop of *Salzona*, who is appointed by the King of *Spain* to go his Ambassador to the Emperor, is preparing for his Departure, which he intends about the end of this month. The Letters from *Catalonia* say, the French have not only abandoned the small Places they had possessed themselves near the Sea side; but that their Army is retired towards *Gironne*, being in great want of Provisions. The *Moors*, by the last advices from *Ceuta* were still before that Place, but their Troops being very much diminished, and *Muly Ismael* having too much occasion to employ his Forces elsewhere, to be able to send them any considerable Reinforcement, we expect every day to hear they have raised the Siege.

Venice, Aug. 10. The great Convoy which sailed hence for the *Levant*, under the Command of Signior *Duodo* (consisting of several Men of War, and divers Vessels laden with Provisions for the Fleet and Army, and having on Board 2000 Soldiers) arrived at *Zante* the 21st of the last month, where the Troops were put a-shore, and after having refreshed themselves, were carried over in small Vessels to the *Morae*, in order to march by Land towards *Napoli di Romania*; and on the 24th Signior *Duodo* proceeded with the Men of War and Transport Ships, to join the Venetian Fleet at *Porto Porto*; where the Auxiliary Gallies were likewise expected about the end of the last month. The last Letters from the Captain-General give an account, That the Men of War and Gallies he had sent to change the Garrisons of *Spinalonga*, and other Maritime Places which this Republick still continue Masters of in the Island of *Candia*, were come back to the Fleet; and that some of our Men of War, who cruised in the *Archipelago*, had taken a Ship, belonging to the *Barbary* of 30 Guns, and some other small Prizes.

There are Letters from *Dalmatia* which say, That General *Delfino* had put some Troops on Board the Vessels he had ordered to be got together, and was failed from *Cattaro*, with a design, as 'twas believed, to attack *Dulcigno*, which is the Place of Retreat for the Pyrates and Corsairs of *Barbary*, that infest the Gulph.

Milan, August 10. The Army of the Allies in *Piedmont* is marched from *Mancalis* nearer to the Frontiers of this State, being by our last Letters encamped at *Chivas*; The Truce on that side is prolonged till the 20th of this month. They are at work to fortifie our Frontier Places towards *Piedmont*, and to provide Magazines.

Warsaw, Aug. 11. The General Dyet of this Kingdom is to meet here the 29th of this month; But all they are to do at this Meeting, is to agree about the time and manner of their Preceding to the Election of a new King; whether by all the Nobility to be Summoned together for that Purpose, as was practised at the Election of King *Michael Wisniowski* in the year 1669, or only by the Deputies from the several Provinces, as was at that of the last King *John Sobieski*; so that in all probability the Election will not be yet in several months. Prince *James* is come hither from *Zolkiew*, and has had several Conferences with the Archbishop of *Gnesna*, but to avoid giving any Jealousie, as if he would endeavour to influence the Dyet by his Presence; he intends to remove three or four miles from hence, while they are sitting. In the mean time the Crown-General has put a strong Garrison into the Castle of *Zolkiew*, and has placed a particular Guard to secure the Treasure of the last King, which remains there.

Vienna, Aug. 15. The Armies in *Hungary*, according to the last advices from thence, may be supposed to be at this time not far asunder, if there has not already been a Battle; for the Grand Signior passed the *Danube* on the 5th instant with his whole Army, between *Belgrade* and *Semlyn*; and the Imperialists, upon the Information they received of the Enemies moving that way, decamped the same day from before *Temeswar*, and marched to meet them. A Body of Men had been sent some days before from *Belgrade*, to attack a small Place on the Frontiers called *Moruz*, but returned without effecting their Design. The report we had lately here of the taking of *Asaf* by the *Moscovites*, is not confirmed; but the last Letters from those Parts give a further account of the Defeat of the great Convoy that was designed thither, and make the Loss to the Enemy so considerable, that 'tis very reasonable to believe it may hasten the surrender of the Place.

Hydelburgh, Aug. 21. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* has ordered a great many Boats and small Vessels to be brought together on the *Neckar*; and 'tis believed they are intended for the making a Bridge over the *Rhein*, and that the Confederate Army, which