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Leghorne, June 17. N. S.

ON the 11th Instant sailed hence the *Mazareen, Cloudestly and Sarah* Gallies for England. A great Venetian Ship of 50 Guns, called the *Sampson*, laden with Curraits for *Holland*; was some days ago driven ashore on this Coast, and lost.

Venice, June 21. On the 19th Instant sailed hence another Convoy for the *Leruant*, with Money, Proviions and Ammunition for the use of the Venetian Fleet and Army. The Captain General was by our last advices still at *Napoli di Romania*, and understanding that the Turkish Fleet was at Sea, he was using all diligence to go out with the Fleet of this State, and would endeavour to meet and fight the Enemy. The Senate having made choice of Signior *Lorenzo Soranzo* to go Ambassador from this Republick to the Court at *Vienna*, he desired to be excused from that Employment, and paid the usual Fine of 2000 Ducats; and the Senate have since appointed Signior *Domènico Tipolo* for that Station. The Cardinal *Gregorio Barberigo* died here this week.

Vienna, June 22. Letters from the Imperial Camp before *Bibartz* of the 15th Instant inform us, that they began on the 12th to batter the Town with 8 Pieces of Cannon; That they had cast up several Works to secure their Batteries, and had laid a Bridge over the River *Uuna*: The Forces of *Croatia* were not yet arrived, but expected the 17th, and after that they hoped in few days to be Masters of the Place, the Garrison being but 800 Foot and 200 Horse. There being yet no appearance of the Enemies Forces drawing together on the Frontiers, ours march the more leisurely to the Rendezvous near *Baya*, and it may be the middle of the next month before they all arrive there. The Emperor has sent Commissioners to receive the Moscovite Ambassadors on the Frontiers of *Silesia*, and conduct them hither.

Frankfort, June 30. The Confederate Forces march from *Bruchsal* towards *Philipsburg*, and Prince *Lewis* has sent Orders to the Troops posted at *Coffein* near *Mentz*, to join the Army; 'Tis believ'd they will pass the *Rhine*; The Duke of *Lorraine* arrived in the Camp 3 days ago. The Mareschal *de Choiseul* is encamped near *Osthofen*; and the Marquis *de Chamilly* with another Body of French Troops near *Wormis*.

Cologne, July 2. Two Regiments of Horse, of the *Palatine* Forces, arrived the 30th of the last month in the Neighbourhood of *Frankfort*, in their way to join the Confederate Army. Prince *Gaston* of *Tuscany* is arrived at *Duselderp*.

Hamburg, July 2. The Report of the Prince of *Cami*'s being privately at *Warsaw* is again mentioned in Letters that came from thence by the last Post; The Contention between the several Par-

ties grows every day greater; The Gentry never appeared in such numbers at any former Election, and the Heats were never greater than now; so that 'tis feared there may be a double Election; the Mareschal of the Dyet, who is look'd upon to be of the French Faction, is Fortifying a Castle that belongs to him in the Country, as if he expected an intestine War would arise upon the Election. The Elector of *Saxony* assembles a Body of 6000 Foot and 4000 Horse near *Goritz*, and it's said they are to move to the Frontiers of *Silesia*, and march towards *Poland*, if there be occasion. The last Letters from *Coningsberg* say, the Moscovite Ambassadors lay Wind bound at the *Pillau*.

Paris, July 1. The Letters from the French Army before *Barcelona* of the 17th past, tell us, the Trenches were opened in the night between the 15th and 16th; the Marquis *de Novion* Brigadier, commanding 4 Battalions and 800 Workmen, on the Right; and the Marquis *de Varennes*, Mareschal de Camp, with 4 Battalions, 1200 Workmen, two Companies of Grenadiers, and three Companies of Dragoons on Foot, at the Left; and the Trenches were carried on that Night within 150 Paces of the first Palisadoes; our Troops had possessed themselves of the Convents of the Capuchins and Cordeliers; had raised Batteries there of Cannon and Mortars, and shot divers Bombs into the Town, which caused Fires in several Places. Other Letters of the 21th say, the Spaniards had made a Sally with 800 Men, and gave some disturbance to our Workmen, after which they retired; That the Trenches were very much advanced; and that the Town could not hold out above 12 or 15 days. They write from *Port Louis* of the 25th past, That the *Sieur d'Amont*, having in Company some other French Privateers had taken and brought in there two English Ships bound to the *East-Indies*. We have no News of the Marquis *de Nesmond*. The River *Seine* overflowed two days ago, and occasioned much damage in several Places.

From His Majesty's Camp at *Cockleberg, July 4.* On Tuesday Night the Pensioner of *Holland* arrived here from the *Hague*, to give His Majesty an account of the Negotiations there, and he is not yet returned. Yesterday morning His Majesty took a Review of the Troops come from *Germany* which are encamped at *Dighem*, consisting of about 4000 Hessians, the like number of *Munsteriens*, and 5 Regiments of *Lunenbourg* Horse; The Foot of *Hanouer* and *Zell* joined our Army some days ago, and took their Post within the Retrenchments. To morrow Prince *Cerclaus de Tilly* marches with about 50 Squadrons of Horse and Dragoons consisting for the most part of the Auxiliary Troops lately come from *Germany*, toward *Namur*, and