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Rome, Aug. 1. N. S.

THE Principal Business in agitation at this Court at present is, the choosing a Dean of the College of Cardinals in the room of the deceased Cardinal *Cibo*; the French Ambassador, and the Cardinals who are in the Interest of that Crown, use great Endeavours to prefer Cardinal *Barbarini* to that Dignity; and on the other side, Cardinal *Nigroni*, and divers other Cardinals, are equally Industrious to Promote the Cardinal *de Bouillon's* Interest; and the latter have prevailed with the Pope to hold a Consistory on the 3d Instant, in which 'tis believed this Matter will be determined. The Pope has renewed his former Custom, of giving Audience to all Foreign Ministers on *Fridays* and *Saturdays*, which had been laid aside for some time. The Abbot *de Casnitz*, Son to Count *Gaunitz* Vice-Chamberlain to the Emperor, is made one of the Auditors of the *Rota*.

Venice, Aug. 6. The Count *de Berka*, Ambassador from the Emperor, made his Publick Entry here the 28th past; He was received at the Island of *San Sevasio* by Signior *Carlo Ruzzini* with 60 *Venetian* Noblemen, and the next day Signior *Ruzzini* conducted him to his Publick Audience with the usual Ceremonies; after which he received the Presents of Refreshment from the Senate. Signior *Giovanni Francesco Morosini* is chosen by the Senate to be their Ambassador to the Emperor, and Signior *Aluisio Lombardo* to be Inquisitor of State in the *Mores*. Signior *Mocenigo*, General of the *Venetian* Forces in *Dalmatia*, has sent his several Draughts of the Countries and Places on the Borders of *Croacia* and *Dalmatia* in Dispute between the Emperor and this State, which by order of the Senate were immediately dispatched by an Express to Signior *Loreano*, Ambassador from this Republick at *Vienna*, who is endeavouring to adjust this Affair with the Emperor's Ministers. Signior *Ruzzini*, one of the Procurators of *St. Mark*, is lately dead, and 'tis believed Signior *Venier*, who has been Ambassador from this Republick in *France* and *Spain*, will be chosen in his room. Cardinal *Delfino* intends to go from hence in 3 or 4 days to his Bishoprick of *Brescia*.

Mittaw, Aug. 6. The Letters from the *Saxon* Camp of the 4th Instant have brought these Particulars concerning their Army's repassing the *Duna*. On the 28th of the last Month the King of *Poland* ordered 50 Dragoons and *Cossacks* on Horseback to swim over the River at *Thomsdorf*, and to post themselves on the other side, but three Squadrons of *Swedish* Horse appearing, the *Saxons* returned, 5 or 6 of their Company being drowned; Afterwards a Detachment of *Granadiers* was sent over in Boats, and the *Swedes* thinking them stronger than they really were, retired; So the *Saxons* having got footing on the other side the *Duna*, and being followed by 4000 Foot more, with 5 Pieces of Cannon, they presently fell to work in casting up an Intrenchment for their Security. The 29th, the *Saxons* laid a Bridge over the River, and the rest of the Foot, Horse, and Artillery, passed over the same, and encamped

near *Thomsdorf*. On the 30th, a Body of the *Swedish* Forces advanced within a small distance of the *Saxons*, and 'twas expected they would have attack'd them, but they retired again. While they were making these Motions, the *Saxons* plied them with their Cannon, and killed divers of their Men; the *Swedes* being returned to their Camp, a Body of *Tartars* were sent out to observe them, and brought an Account, that they had 44 Squadrons of Horse, 16 Battalions of Foot, and 18 Pieces of Cannon. On the 30th, at night, the *Swedes* moved nearer to *Riga*, and encamped at *Huckshoff*. On the 31st, the King of *Poland* marched towards them, the King chose the Left Wing, and gave the Right to the Duke of *Courland*, and General *Steynan* had the Command of the Foot; The *Swedes* observing the Motion of the *Saxons*, sent away their Tents and Baggage to *Riga*; and in the mean time the King marched on with the Left Wing along the *Duna*, while the Duke of *Courland* with the Right advanced towards a *Morass*, behind which the Enemy were posted; The King believing the *Morass* was impassable, and that the Duke would therefore be obliged to take a compass about, and being willing to give time to the Foot and Artillery to come up, marched on very slowly, and sent Orders to the Duke not to engage till the two Wings should be in a Right Line, and that the Foot and Artillery were come up in order to attack the *Swedes* all at once; but before the Duke could receive these Orders, he had already passed the *Morass* and engaged the Enemy, who, after a Dispute of about half an hour, were obliged to retire. In this Action, the *Saxons* had about 30 Men killed, among whom was a Major and a Captain; and Major-General *Plotz*, with several other *Saxon* Officers, and divers Soldiers, were wounded. The *Swedes* lost about 250 Men killed and taken Prisoners, and among them several Officers. The next day the *Saxons* continued their March, and encamped at *Jensfrenhoff*, and the *Swedes* retired under the Cannon of *Riga*. The *Saxon* Artillery, which is now here, is ordered to be sent to their Camp.

Dantzick, August 8. The Cardinal Primate is shortly expected here from *Lowitz*; And 'tis said, he intends to go from this Place to the King of *Poland's* Camp in *Livonia*, to persuade him to accommodate Matters with the King of *Sweden*. The Letters from thence give an account, that upon the *Saxon* Forces repassing the *Duna*, the *Swedish* Army retired under the Cannon of *Riga*, and that the King of *Poland* with his Army was advanced within a small distance of that Place, and intended to Besiege it. On the other hand, Count *d'Alberg*, the Governor of *Riga*, had put the Place in a very good condition of Defence.

Vienna, August 7. The Emperor and Empress went yesterday from their Palace at *Favorita* to *Luxembourg*, and this day they proceeded to *Newstadt*; The King and Queen of the *Romans*, and the rest of the Imperial Court, went thither this day, but the Arch-Duke and Arch-Duchesses are to continue at the *Favorita*. The Elector and Electress Palatine are expected in few days at *Newstadt*. The Counts of *Heyfler*, *Martinitz*, *Auersberg*, and *Straatman*, are declared of the Emperor's Privy-Council.