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**T**hree Decrees have lately been Published here, whereof two are dated the 18th, and the other the 19th Instant; In the First is set forth, That the vast Expence which the King of Spain has been at during the late War, and is still obliged to sustain for the Defence of *Ceuta* against the *Moors*, has put his Revenues in such a condition, that he is obliged to have recourse to extraordinary Means, to furnish the necessary Funds for maintaining his Fleet and Garrisons, and providing for the Safety of the Frontiers of the Kingdom; That he has therefore resolved to apply to the Service of the Publick for one year, to begin from the Date of this Decree, all Pensions and Salaries of the Officers of the several Councils and Tribunals, who do exceed the Number appointed by the Establishment made the 21st of July, 1691. But the said Officers are permitted to continue the Exercise of their respective Offices. This extends to all Presidents and Governors of Councils, from whom, besides their Pensions and Salaries, divers Perquisites are also retrenched; and the King does forbid all Persons to present to him any Petition to be excepted from this General Retrenchment, unless by a particular Decree he first obtain Leave so to do. By the Second Decree 'tis ordained, That whereas the Sums to be raised by the former will not be sufficient to supply the King's present Occasions, all Pensions and Gratifications whatsoever payable out of any of the King's Revenues, except those which shall not exceed 5 Riats a day, shall be retrenched for one year. By the Third Decree, the King entrusts Cardinal *Portocarrero* with the Principal Administration of the Sums to be employed in repairing and augmenting the Fleet, and all the Officers of the Council of the Finances are ordered to attend him when ever he shall require it. 'Tis believed, that the two Decrees before-mentioned will produce a Sum of 4 Millions of Ducats. An Express arrived here this week from *Ceuta*, being sent by the Marquis *de Villadarias*, Governor of that Place, to acquaint the King, that Monsieur *de Pointis*, Commander of a Squadron of French Men of War, has made him an offer of Assistance against the *Moors*, but 'tis not yet known what Orders have been sent thereupon. This Express does likewise bring an Account, that Monsieur *Pointis* has Bombarded *Tangier*, and that the *Moors* have sent a strong Detachment of their Forces from before *Ceuta* to secure their Coasts; By which means their Army employed in the Siege of that Place is much weakened, while on the other hand the Spanish Garrison is reinforced by the arrival of 4 Companies of Foot

from *Gibraltar*. They write from the Place last mentioned, that Monsieur *de Nesmond's* Squadron, consisting of 12 Men of War, 2 Fire-ships, and 2 Tartanes, which came in there the 13th Instant, was ready to sail to join Monsieur *Pointis's* Squadron. Letters from *Lisbon* of the 13th Instant say, Count *Wallestein*, Ambassador Extraordinary from the Emperor, is arrived there.

*Rome, August 3.* The Pope has, upon account of the hot Weather, put off for a few days the usual Audiences of Foreign Ministers. Cardinal *Pamphilio* had lately a long Audience of the Pope, and informed him of the Condition of the new Works at *Port Anzo*, of which he has the chief Direction, and the Pope is so well satisfied with the Cardinals Management, that he has made him Governor of the said Port, with this Privilege, That as often as this Office shall become vacant, it shall be filled with a Cardinal or Prelate of his Family.

*Dantzick, August 9.* The Cardinal Primate is arrived here, and intends very soon to go to the King of *Poland's* Camp in *Livonia*, to represent to him the Inconveniencies that may attend his persisting in his Designs against the *Swedes*, and to endeavour to persuade him to accommodate Matters with them. Our Letters from thence give an account, that the King of *Poland's* Army being 20000 strong, has passed the *Duna*; That the *Swedish* Forces which were encamped on the other side that River, were retired under the Cannon of *Riga*; That the *Saxons* were advanced very near that Place, and intended to besiege it; And that their Train of Artillery was arrived at *Mittaw*. They write from *Coningsberg*, that the Duke *de Croy*, and divers other German Officers, were passed by that Place going to serve in the King of *Poland's* Army.

*Vienna, August 8.* The Count *de Kuefflein*, a Canon of the Cathedral Church at *Passau*, is arrived here from *Rome* with the Cap Cardinal *Lamberg*, who is to receive the same from the Emperor's hands. A considerable Sum of Money is gathering by way of a voluntary Contribution throughout the Hereditary Countries, which is to be sent to Count *Ottling*, the Emperor's Ambassador at the Port, to be employed in Redeeming the Emperor's Subjects who are Captives in *Turkey*. The Elector and Electores Palarine are shortly expected here, and the Count *de Gersdorf* is sent by the Emperor to *Passau* to compliment their Electoral Highnesses, and to conduct them to the Imperial Court: The *Venetian* Ambassador has lately been several times in Conference with the Emperor's Ministers, to adjust the Matters in dispute relating to the Boundaries of the *Dominions*

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