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Gensua, Aug. 7. N. S.

Yesterday arrived here from *Marseilles*, a Squadron of 10 French Gallies under the Command of the Bailly de Noailles; and 'tis said they will put to Sea again in 2 or 3 days, designing to pass along this Coast as far as *Messina*. The two Spanish Gallies of the Duke of Turf's Squadron, which came some days ago from *Naples* with Soldiers to relieve the Spanish Garrisons on this Coast, are returned to *Naples*.

Riga, Aug. 3. On the 26th past, Count *Welling*, who with the Swedish Forces was encamped within half a Mile of this Town, having notice that the King of Poland's Army were going to repass the *Duna* near *Thomsdorf*, marched thither to oppose them; but the Saxons passed the River without much difficulty, and the Swedes not being strong enough to keep the Field against them, they returned on the 31st at night to their Camp near this Place, having lost about 3 or 400 Men in their Retreat, and suffered great Inconveniencies from the want of Forrage and Provisions, and from the Weather, which, during the 5 days they were in motion, was very bad and rainy. The first Instant the Saxons advancing nearer to this City, Count *Welling* thought fit to separate his Army; He put 3000 Foot and 1000 Horse into the Town to strengthen the Garrison, and with the rest of his Forces, being about 4000 Horse and 1000 Foot, he marched into the Country to secure the Passes, and hinder the Enemies Excursions. And yesterday the Saxons approached in sight of the Town, wherupon our Governor caused the Suburbs to be burnt, which might be prejudicial to us in a Siege; And he has likewise made a strong Intrenchment before the Town, which reaches from the River to a *Morass* that lies on the other side of us, and some other Works which 'tis believed will hinder the Saxons from approaching near enough to the Town to bombard it; and our Garrison being very numerous, and well provided with all Necessaries, we doubt not but we shall be able to make a very good Defence.

From the King of Poland's Camp near *Riga*, August 7. We are making Preparations to besiege *Riga*; and to secure a Communication with the other side of the *Duna*, a Party was sent in Boats to take the Island of *Lutzenholme*, upon whose approach the Swedes that were there retired in their Boats to the Town; We have since made a Bridge from this side of the River to the said Island, and our Bridge of Boats is ordered to be removed from *Thomsdorf* thither. On the first Instant the Swedes set fire to the Suburbs of *Riga*, which are burnt down for the better Defence of the Town; And a Body of their Forces, consisting chiefly of Horse, retiring towards the Country, the Duke of *Courland* was sent by the King on the 5th Instant with a Body of Horse to observe them, but he returned without coming to any Action. Yesterday we advanced within a quarter of a German Mile of the Place, and the King gave Orders that our Forces should be posted so as to encompass it round, which in part is already done. We took 24 Swedish Wagons which were carrying Provisions into the Town, and in a day or two shall be able to prevent their receiving any farther Supplies: This morning the Garrison of *Riga* made a Sally, but with little Success, several of the Swedes being taken Prisoners; And some of them being Burghers, they were permitted to return into the Town, and were bid to tell their Fellow-Citizens, That if they would surrender without suffering a Siege, the King would grant them very favourable Conditions, and if they neglect this Offer, they must expect to see their Town entirely ruined; But we do not find the Inhabitants disposed to entertain these Proposals, and the Burghers are observed to be equally industrious with the Garrison to make the necessary Provision for their Common Defence.

Mittau, Aug. 13. The Letters from the King of Poland's Army near *Riga* of the 11th Instant give an Account, that they were posted within a quarter of a German Mile of the Town, and were preparing to bombard it. The King of Poland has chosen *Rauterhof*, a Place about half a League distant from the Town, to be his Head Quarters. The Swedish Army is separated; about 1000 Horse and 4000 Foot entered into the Town to reinforce the Garrison, and 4 or 5000 Horse with 1000 Foot marched towards *Perau*, and secured the Passes near that Place, in

order to prevent the Saxon Parties from making Excursions; But when these Letters came away, Major-General *La Forest* was marched from the King of Poland's Camp with a Detachment of 6000 Saxon Horse to attack them, and afterwards to put the Country under Contribution. The King has forbid his Soldiers to Plunder the Country People; and a Party of 16 Tartars having disobeyed this Order, their Officer was hanged, and each of the Soldiers had one of his Ears cut off. The Saxons are removing their Bridge of Boats from the Place where they repassed the *Duna* to the Isle of *Lutzenholme*. A very considerable Train of Artillery, and a great quantity of Bombs and other Ammunition, are passed by this Place going to the Camp, but it cannot be conveyed over the River before this Bridge is finished. The Duke de *Croy*, and divers other German Officers, are arrived here from *Vienna*, and intend in few days to go to *Muscovy* to enter into the Czar's Service. The Hears and Animosities between General *Sapieha* and the *Sieur Oginsky* are revived; 'Tis said, the latter is coming to join the King of Poland's Army at the head of the Body of the Nobility of *Samogitia*.

From the Camp of the Allies at *Segeberg*, August 19. The Ministers of the Mediators, and of the Parties concerned in the Affair of *Holstein*, having in several Meetings held at *Travendahl*, near our Camp, settled the Principal Points of a Treaty for accomodating the Differences between the King of Denmark and the Duke of *Holstein*, they met again at the said Place yesterday, and the following Articles were Sign'd about Midnight. Expresses were immediately sent to the Kings of Sweden and Denmark with an account thereof, and the Duke of *Holstein* has engaged, That the King of Sweden, upon the first Notice he shall receive of the Peace being signed, will withdraw his Forces out of the Isle of *Zeeland*, and the rest of the King of Denmark's Dominions. Matters being thus come to a Happy Conclusion, all Hostilities are ceased, and immediately after the Ratifications are exchanged, the Confederate and Danish Forces will separate, and march to their several Quarters.

Extract of the Treaty of Peace between the King of Denmark and the Duke of *Holstein Gottorp*, Sign'd at *Travendahl* the 17th of August, 1700.

- I. It is agreed, That there shall be a General Amnesty of all that has been done by both Parties.
- II. All former Treaties between the two Families, and particularly the Treaty of *Altena*, are confirmed.
- III. Where both Parties have a common Right, nothing shall be done by either side without the Consent of the other; But in their particular Territories, each Party shall fully and freely enjoy all the Rights of Sovereignty, without being molested by the other under pretence of a Community of Rights, or any other pretence whatsoever.
- IV. That as well in the Duchy of *Holstein*, as in that of *Sleswick*, neither Partie shall pretend to greater Prerogatives than the other.
- V. That both Parties shall contribute equally to the Defence of the Lands that are enjoyed in Common by both; Provided always, That under this pretence, neither Party shall be obliged to engage himself in an unnecessary Quarrel begun by the other without his Consent. That the Duke shall enjoy the full Power of raising Soldiers, making Alliances, and building of Forts in his own Dominions, without asking the Advice or Consent of the King of Denmark; And for the better preventing of all Suspitions and Jealousies, neither Party shall build any Fort within two German miles of the Fortifications of the other, or within one German mile of the Territories of the other, or of the Common Roads between *Flensbourg* and *Rensbourg*, *Itzehoa*, *Geluckstad*, and *Hamburgh*; And neither Party shall