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In the Imperial Camp near Caminello, August 6. N.S.

**T**HE 29th past, Major-General *Vaubonne* returned to our Camp, which was then at *Cassina de la Polvere*, having, as has been already mentioned, beat back the Enemy's Vanguard to their very Camp. The 30th, we thought to have marched, but Quarter-Master General *Serini*, who was sent out to mark a Camp, bringing an Account that the Enemy were in full March near *Cabriano*, our March was delayed till next day, and the said Quarter-Master General and Adjutant General *Baron Ruff* were sent out to view the Ground about *Defenzano*. We had an Account, that a Party of *French* commanded by a Lieutenant-Colonel coming to a Place in the *Montagne* called *Ponte-Basso*, in which were 4 of our Men as a Safeguard; These call'd the Inhabitants to their Assistance, who joining with them to the number of 10, they put themselves into a House, and firing upon the *French*, at the first Discharge killed their Commander, and afterwards 12 or 15 more, upon which they retired, and on our side only one of the Soldiers was wounded. The 31st, by break of day, we began to march in two Columns to our new Camp upon the rising Grounds of *Defenzano*; One of the Columns marched by the way of *Ponte Puzalingo*, and *Santa Gio*, and the other by the way of *Madonna della Frassinella*, and since we marched within a little mile of the *French*, we expected they would have attacked us, but they stood in order of Battle without making any motion. Near *Puzalingo* we fell in with their Foot, and killed divers of them, and took several Prisoners, and above 200 Horses; and 150 Deserters came over to us. Major-General *Vaubonne* with his Brigade and 6 Pieces of Cannon stay'd behind, to cover the Baggage, which could not come up by reason of the bad ways, and even this Body received no disturbance from the Enemy's. The weather this day was so excessive hot, that 10 or 12 Soldiers fainted away, and died upon their March by the way. The 1st of August, we made another short March, and encamped in the Fields of *Caminello* near *Lenato*; This March was like the former in two Columns, the first taking the way of *St. Marco*, and the other that of *Venzago* and *Malaggo*. The last Column marched not above a mile's distance from the *French*, who yet made not the least motion towards us; We received an Account, that about 2 in the morning, the *French* marched, and made a halt between *Defenzano* and *Poffiglione*, where they stood in order of Battle till 9 in the morning, and then continued their March, and encamped with their Right at *Castiglione*, and their Left extending to the Plains of the *Bresciano*. Major-General *Vaubonne* came up with his Detachment, and with all the Soldiers and Baggage that were left behind. About 20 Deserters came over to us, 10 of them Troopers with their Horses and Accoutrements. The 2d, the Enemy lay still. We were informed, that they had abandoned *Palazzuolo*, where they had hitherto kept a Garrison. Eleven Deserters came over to us, and 20 Parties brought in 16 Prisoners. The 3d, the Enemy marched to *Caneto*, and quitted the Hospital they had at *Castiglione*, leaving in the Place only the old Spanish Garrison under the Command of a Major-General. The Prince of *Castiglione* also retired from thence. Major-General *Vaubonne* order'd this Place to be blocked up by a Body of Horse, and 500 Foot, under the Command of a Lieutenant-Colonel, who, with some Field-Pieces, shot themselves upon a Hill over-against the Castle. The Garrison fired upon us, and killed a Gunner, and a Trooper. Major-General *Serini* was sent out with 500 Foot to observe the Enemy, who overtook them at *Carpinello*, and pursued them a good way; Of the *French* 20 were killed, and a Lieutenant, and 10 Troopers taken Prisoners. We had an Account, that the Enemy were marching to the *Cremone*, which was followed by 8 Deserters who came over to us; and 10 more were taken, who said the Prince's intention was to march to the *Adige*, and then to the *Adige*.

that the Enemy had all passed the *Oglio*, and the Country People complain'd of the great Disorders they had committed in their March, which had incens'd the Peasants, that they killed divers of them; The Town and Castle of *Castiglione* were summoned, but would not surrender, upon which we fired our Field-Pieces, and in the evening set our Miners to work; but all this was only done to fright them, and not to engage in a Siege, which might have delayed our March; Prince *Eugene* gave leave to the Princess of *Castiglione* to retire with her Children, and sent a Convoiy with her as far as *Defenzano*. General *Serini* gave an Account, that he marched with his Detachment into the *Adige*, and arrived this morning at the Castle of *Castiglione*, the Inhabitants of which Place would never admit the *French*, but presently opened their Gates to him, declaring themselves to be good Imperialists; He found in that Place 1000 Men of the Duke of *Savoy's* Guards, who were there as a Safeguard; He writ also that the Place was fortified with 9 Bastions, a large Ditch, and a thick Stone Wall, and situated in a Morass; upon which he was directed to continue there till further Orders, to administer an Oath of Fidelity to the Inhabitants, and to get together there all the Provisions he could; and to put the Country of *Monte* under Contribution. Some Deserters came over to us. The 5th, in the morning, the Castle of *Castiglione* surrendered, upon Condition that they should come out without their Arms, and should be Convoiy'd to the *French* Camp, which was done in the afternoon; but 70 chose to stay behind, and to accept of the offer that was made them to enter into the Emperor's Service, or have Passes to go where they would. The Castle was found better provided than was expected, and the Commander might have made to good a Defence, that we could not have taken it without heavy Artillery. We received an Account, that the Enemy had pass'd the *Oglio*, but as they were going to encamp, they received Orders to recall it. Count *Palfi* and Marquis *Vidoni* were ordered to post themselves near *Palazzuolo* with 1000 Horse, and to send out Parties into the *Malanze* to stir up the People, and endeavour to persuade them to take up Arms for the Emperor, to which end they took with them a good number of Copies of his Imperial Majesty's Manifesto, shewing his Right to that Country. This day, Prince *Eugene* received an Account, that the Enemy's Detachments of Foot were arriv'd at *Cremone*, and that the Horse followed, and that Marshal *Catinat* had received Orders from the *French* Court to give his Battalion as many as he should be join'd by these Reinforcements; We have continued several days in this Camp, as well to refresh our Army, as to put our Magazines into a new Disposition, the frequent Alteration we have been forced to make therein, having been no little hindrance to us. We are assur'd by all our Accounts, that the *French* Army is very much harried, having been 14 days and 4 nights almost continually marching and drawn up in order of Battle. The 12th, the *French* and Spanish Detachments here, and those who were in the *French* Interest appear very much concern'd about the Success of the Imperial Forces in Italy; who, according to our best Advices, were posted on the Frontiers of the Counties of *Brescia* and *Mantua*, and made Incursions into the Dutchy of *Mantua*, and received very commodiously by the Lake of *Garda* their Provisions and Ammunition from the *Imperial* Detachments. Prince *Eugene* sent to the Governour of *Brescia*, to desire he would give leave, that the Imperial Forces might be furnished with Corn and Hay, for their Money, which he consented to, and accordingly they have been supplied with great Quantities of Provisions out of that Country; Orders are sent to the Governour General of *Verona* to remove from *Verona* to *Verona*, and to be ready to receive the two Armies; and the Senate have given Signor *Giovanni Delfino* to be Provided for the *Imperial* Army.