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Rome, August 5. N. S.

**T**HE Prince de Borghese, Ambassador Extraordinary from the King of Spain, had Publick Audience of the Pope this day. They write from Naples of the first Instant, that 6 French Gallies were arrived there from Marsailles, and would forthwith depart for Palermo, in order to join the French Squadron commanded by the Count de Toulouse, which is daily expected there from Toulon.

From the Imperial Camp at Soileto, August 6. The first part we exchanged 52 French Prisoners for so many of those which they had taken from us in the Action of Santa Vittoria, who give an Account, that the Enemy had above 200 Men killed on that occasion, besides 300 wounded. The Enemy marched to Novarella; whereupon Prince Commerci retired to Borgoforte with the Troops under his Command, which were posted along the River Crostolo and at Luzzara. We received an Account, that the Enemy had possessed themselves of Reggio. The first Instant, several of our Troops retired from the Blockade of Mantua, the Generals Trautson, Strassberg and Werner, drawing off in the night time from our Works about that Place to the Camp without any Molestation, notwithstanding the opportunity which the Enemy had to attack their Retreat; but the Orders for this purpose had been kept so secret, that neither the Prince of Vandermont, who commands their Forces near Mantua, nor Monsieur de Luben, Commander of the Garrison there, had the least notice of it. The Army came and encamped in this Place, 12 Battalions of Foot and 100 Horse being left at Borgoforte to guard our Works here. Four Companies of Foot of the Regiment of Lichtenstein arrived from Germany at Ostiglia; upon which Orders were dispatched to the Commanding Officer there to send a Reinforcement of 300 Men to the Garrison of Mirandola. We are in daily expectation of a Battel, and both our Officers and Soldiers seem to desire it with impatience. The 2d, we had Advice, that the Enemy was advanced to the River Botta, and had made several Bridges of Boats over it. The 3d, we received an Account, that the Marquis of Rangoni was entered into Modena with 6 Regiments of French Horse. General Solari sent Advice, that a Body of 8 or 10000 of the Enemy was expected at Colorno. The 6th, we were informed, that a strong Party of French Horse and Foot was marching towards Governolo, which Place we have lately abandoned; whereupon the Marquis of Davia was sent out with 200 Horse to observe them: Another Party of 200 Horse was sent along the Po to guard some Boats which are coming up that River with Provisions for the Army. Our Works at Borgoforte will be finished in a day or two, and then we shall advance towards the Enemy.

Venice, August 11. The French Frigats which are cruising in this Gulph, under the Command of the Chevalier de Fourbin, have lately plundered and burnt 4 of our Merchant Ships, which were laden with Wood, Iron, Oyl, and Fish, under Pretence that they were employed in the Emperor's Service. Letters from Mantua of the 5th Instant give an Account, that the Imperialists had quitted their Intrenchments about that Place, and had attended their Forces at Borgoforte, where part of them had pitched the Po, which were encamped between that River and the Zero. The King of Spain was encamped with his Army at Tessa. They write from Cremona, that there are at present in the Hospitals of that Place above 200 sick and wounded French Soldiers.

Francfort, August 20. The Elector Palatine, with his

whole Court, arrived here yesterday, and this day the Elector of Mentz came to make him a Visit. The Siege of Landau is carried on with all the vigour possible; the Beliegers have made several Lodgments upon the Counterscarp, on two of which they have raised Batteries against the Citadel, which it is hoped will not be able to hold out long. Prince Lewis of Baden having Intelligence, that the Marquis de Villars is come into the Honitrug with a Body of French Forces from the Lower Rhine, has sent out a Detachment of Horse to observe them.

Cologne, August 22. The Confederate Forces which were encamped at Mulheim broke up from thence some days ago, and three Regiments of Horse and Dragoons came to Duitz, the rest of these Troops being ordered to join the Baron of Heyden. The Elector of Cologne has freely declared for the French, and has forbid the Country People to supply this Place with Provisions; upon which the Chapter of our Cathedral has in like manner published a Placart, forbidding them to carry any Provisions into Bonn. The Chapter of Hildesheim has writ a Letter to the Elector of Cologne, notifying to him the Death of the Bishop of that Place, to whom the Elector was Coadjutor, and withal, that in pursuance of a late Convention with Count d'Estk, the Emperor's Envoy, they have taken upon themselves the Administration of the Government of that Bishoprick, and intend to appropriate the Revenue thereof, amounting to above 30000 Crowns a year, to the repairing of the Church, and paying off some Debts it is charged with, and to sequester the overplus.

Dusseldorp, August 22. The Baron de Heyden marched from the neighbourhood of this Place on the 17th Instant with a Body of the King of Prussia's Forces, consisting of 16 Battalions of Foot and 4 Squadrons of Horse: The next day he came before Kempfen, wherein there was a French Garrison, which, after having resisted about 3 hours, surrendered upon discretion, and he continues encamped near that Place, till every thing is in a readiness for forming the Siege of Vendo. We hear he has also possessed himself of Wachenmonck, the Garrison there likewise surrendering themselves Prisoners at War.

Hamburg, August 22. Letters from Livonia give an Account, that the Muscovites have actually benighted Dorpat, and threaten, if they can take it, to lay Siege to Pernau; and it is said they have formed a separate Army, which is to march towards the River Duna, to prevent any Succours from coming to the Swedes in Livonia by that way: In the mean time the Swedes have summoned all the Inhabitants of that Province to appear in Arms, in order to defend their Country, who are accordingly assembling for that purpose. The Advices from Cracow of the 12th Instant say, the King of Poland had drawn all his Forces and Artillery out of that Place, and had caused all the Corn thereabouts to be cut down, and being joined by the Troops which came last out of Saxony, was marched towards Warsaw, with intent, as it is said, to go into the Regal Prussia. He was joined in his march by 800 Saxon Foot that were taken Prisoners in the late Battel of Pinfchoff, and enter'd into the King of Sweden's Pay; but being ordered to Pomeran, mutinied in their march, and quitted their new Service. The Swedes have since taken Possession of Cracow: At their first coming thither the Inhabitants refus'd to give them Entrance, whereof the King of Sweden being informed, he gave Orders for breaking open the Gates, which was no sooner attempted, but they were opened by those of the Place, and the Swedes enter'd without any Opposition, who now demand a Contribution of 60000 Dollars from that City for shutting their Gates upon them. Lieutenant General Bannier, who has the chief Command of the Duke

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