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Copenhagen, October 10. N. S.

**P**rince Christian of Holstein has notified to this Court his taking upon him the Administration of the Affairs of that Duchy, which he is to have alone in the Absence of the Dutchess Dowager, and jointly with her when she is in Holstein, under the designs to go next Summer with the young Duke her Son. Letters from Lithuania give us Account, that General Lewenhout, who commands the Swedish Forces in that Country, had been engaged in the Government of Muscovite Forces joined with that of Germany, and had been forced by Numbers to retire, but his Loss was not considerable. Our last Advice from Lithuania, the Muscovite Forces that lately crossed into Japan, were retired from thence towards their own Frontiers, after having in vain attempted to make themselves Masters of *Sensu-ter-Nyen*.

**Breslau, Oct. 18.** The King of Prussia being informed, that both the Swedish and the Polish Forces were about to march into Prussia, was sent thither the Veit-Marshall *Kortlandt* to command the Prussian Forces which are gathered on that side, for the better Security of his Territories in that Country. Letters from *Bogdan* of the 7th Instant say, that as yet but 600 Men of the King of Poland's Forces arrived in Prussia; six of his Regiments in Horse, and as many of Foot, commanded by Lieutenant-General *Tramp*, (who is to be sent into the Empire of Service in Orders) can be brought upon Account of the Intention between Sweden and Poland) having received Orders to make a halt, and to caution not far from *Warsaw* till the 16th of this Month, there being Advice, that the Swedish Forces were advanced as far as *Petersburg* in their way to Prussia, and were putting the Country under Contribution. General *Brandt*, who commands a Body of Polish Forces, has, it is said, deserted a Saxon Party of 500 Horse near *Peterkow*; and another of their Parties of 300 Horse has been worsted by a Detachment of *Polish* commanded by Prince *Ludwig*. The King of Poland has lately new augmented his Saxon Horse, by reducing each Regiment from 12 Troops to 8, to that of 10 Regiments he has made 15; and the like is to be practised in the Foot; which is done to gratify some of his General Officers and Regiments, who have none now. He is going to form a new Horse-Guard of 150 Gentlemen, into which none are to be admitted but Officers that have served in the Army, and they are to have 40 Crowns a Month each, and to be preferred before any other Persons; as also a new Regiment of Foot-Guards, to consist of 2500 chosen Men.

**Cologne, October 13.** The Bishop of *Ramb* has made some Proposals to our Magistrates, concerning their departing from the Agreement they lately entered into for observing a Neutrality, and furnishing some Artillery, Falcons, &c. to be employed in the Bombarding of *Bon*, which they have under Consideration, and are to come to a Determination in by to-morrow night. The Forces of the Allies that are drawn together upon that Design are about 20000 strong, and will very speedily put it in Execution. The Garrison of *Bon* is said to consist of a Regiment of Horse and 8 of Foot, under the Command of the Marquis of *Allegre*, but that Place is still provided with Artillery and Ammunition. We hear the French Forces commanded

by Count *Tallard* being about 8000 strong, are marching with great Diligence towards the Duchy of *Luxembourg*; They have left behind them very deplorable Instances of their Barbarity, particularly in and about *Mulheim* in the Duchy of *Berg*, where they spent 3 days in the Ravaging and plundering, and committing the greatest Disorders and Violences, without any regard either to the Churches or to the Religious Societies of either Sex; and they have carried away with them several of the principal Inhabitants as Pledges, for the Money they demand of that Country by way of Contribution: The Elector of *Cologne* is with them, who was for the most part present in this Expedition, and it is said he designs to retire to the French Court. The King of Prussia demands 400000 Crowns from that Elector's Territories, in consideration of the Damage done by the French in the Duchy of *Cleves*, and that one quarter be paid him immediately, and the rest within a certain time.

**Paris, October 13. N. S.** Monsieur *Melic*, the late Governor of *Landau*, waited lately upon the King, who appeared very well pleased with the Defence he made of that Place, and has given him 15000 Livres, in consideration of his Expences during that Siege, and continued the Salary he had as Governor, and added to it a Pension of 12000 Livres a year. Letters from *Switzerland* give an Account, that the Protestant Cantons had drawn together a considerable number of Forces to oppose the Troops of the Elector of *Bavaria*, in case they should return upon the Frontiers of that Country; for which purpose they had posted Bodies of them in all the Passes, particularly that of *Augst*, which will effectually prevent the *Bavarians* having any Passage that way. Our last Advices from *Spain* confirm the Retreat of the Almirante of *Castile* to *Portugal*, and add, that he has carried with him vast Sums of Money, for which he had mortgaged his Estate, under Pretence of making a great Appearance in his Embassy at the French Court. A Letter from *Milan* of the 26th past gives the following Account of an Excursion made by a Party of German Horse and Hussars, which, tho' it be so surprising, that it met with little Credit here, is since confirmed by Letters of a fresher Date, and is as follows;

**Milan, September 25.** Yesterday several Couriers arrived here from *Parma* with an Account, That a Party of Imperial Horse and Hussars, to the number of about 5000

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