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Venice, May 25. N. S.

THE Doge performed the last week the usual Ceremony of espousing the Sea; but he ventured this time no farther than between the Castles of our Port, fearing, as is said, to meet with some Affront from Monsieur du Quesne, who is cruising off this Place with several French Frigats. They attempted lately to send some Armed Boats into the Port of Malamoco, with intent, as is thought, to burn an English Ship which was at Anchor there; but two Venetian Gallies, which lay near at hand obliged them to retire, and to have that Regard for the Port which is due to a Neutral Place. It is said Monsieur du Quesne intends to sail towards Trieste and Fium, two Seaports Towns in this Gulph, belonging to the Emperor, in order to Bombard them. We hear that 30 Neapolitans in Arms did lately seize a Bark on the Coast of that Kingdom, in which they came to Mezola, where the Imperialists have a Magazine, in order to enter into the Emperor's Service. The French Forces in Lombardy are in motion; A Detachment of 12000 of them is marching towards the Adige, with intent, as is said, to cut off the Communication between the Imperial Army and the Country of Trent; beside which, it is said, they are to have a 10th Body of Troops towards San Benedetto, a third on the side of Finale di Modena, and a fourth along the Saccha. The Germans on the other hand are so well entrenched in all their Posts, that it will be very difficult for the Enemy to oblige them to quit them: About 500 Recruits from Germany, with Horses to remount their Cavalry, joined them last Week, and more Reinforcements arrive daily in their Army.

Ratisbona, June 4. Monsieur Spanckin, the Resident of the States General, presented a second Memorial to the Imperial Diet this morning, to quicken such Princes and States as have hitherto been backward in sending their Contingents to the Army which is to be kept on foot by the Empire. On the 31st past 4 Bavarian Battalions of Foot arrived at Weichs, a Castle over against this Town, where they encamped the same night, and the next morning they marched towards Amberg, to join the Bavarian Troops that retired thither after their Defeat at Krozenze. The Count de Monasterole went the same day to Amberg, being to command the Detachment in the room of General Muffl: Another small Body of Bavarians continues at Kelheim, and their main Army, with 4 French Regiments, lie before Ingolstadt; by which Disposition it should seem that they intended to attack the Circle of Franconia, as soon as the Elector arrives in their Army from Munich, where he was on the 2d Instant. The Town of Nuremberg being most exposed, all the necessary Preparations are making for its Defence; The Forces of that Circle which are posted near Rechenberg have been joined by the greatest part of their Militia, and two Danish Regiments of Foot, and General Aufses has also been detached by the Count de Styrum with 5 Regiments, in order to join them, so that they will be able to form a Body of about 12000 Men. Letters from Passau say, that the Count de Schlik was gone out with a good part of the Garrison of that Place upon some secret Enterprize.

Frankfort, June 7. The Marshal de Tallard has repass'd the Rhine, in order to join the Duke of Burgundy, who is arrived at Colmar, and is followed by a considerable Reinforcement. It is said their design is to attack Landau, for the Security of which Place all the necessary Preparations are making, and several Pieces of Cannon, with a good quantity of Ammunition, have lately been sent hither from hence. Prince Lewis had ordered the best part of his Cavalry to march from Biehl, and to pass over the Rhine, in order to observe the Enemy; His Highness has also sent a Detachment of 4 Regiments of the Forces of Swabia to the Count de Styrum, who, as some Advices say, is de-camped from Norringes, and marches towards Riedlingen, to be the better able to observe the Marshal de Villars, who is advanced to Ulm, in order to second the Elector of Bavaria in his Enterprize against the Circle of Franconia. The Elector has consented that the French should put a Garrison into Ulm, and demands of that City a Contribution of 200000 Crowns; That they should deliver which of the Burghers had Intelligence with the Count de Styrum, and encouraged him to form a design of surprizing that Place, and that they should deliver up all their Ammunition to Commissioners to be appointed by him to receive them: And in the mean time he has caused several Pieces of Cannon, with Ammunition, to be taken out of their Magazines, and sent to Ingolstadt, whither some Artillery and Ammunition is also brought from Munich, in order to be made use of in his intended Expedition. The Count de Mercy continues in the Black Forest with a Body of Imperial Troops, and when the Forces under the Command of the Marshal de Villars de-camped from Mingen, in order to march to Ulm, he fell upon their Rear, and killed many of them, and took divers Prisoners, and some of the Enemy's Bagage. The Margrave of Bareith, whom Prince Lewis sent lately with a considerable Reinforcement to the Count de Styrum, is gone to Nuremberg, where he is disposing all things for a vigorous Defence, in case the Elector of Bavaria should attack that Place. The Detachment of French Forces which the Marshal de Villars lately sent towards the Lake de Constance, under the Command of the Marquis de Chammarante, has ravaged the Country about Lindau, and has taken possession of Ravensberg, Langen-Aren, and some other Places, in order, as is supposed, to establish a Communication between their Army and Alsace by the way of Switzerland.

Hambourg, June 8. Letters from Elbing of the first Instant give an Account, That the King of Polonia was gone from thence to Lublin, in order to be present at the General Diet of Poland, which is to meet there on Horseback; That the King of Sweden was come before Thorn with the best part of his Army, and had taken by Storm a Fort which the Saxons had lately built to cover that Place; and that as the Post was coming away from Elbing it was reported, that there was advice that the Garrison of Thorn was capitulating. They write from Revel of the 24th past, that the Nyen-Schans, after having made a very good Defence, was at last fallen into the hands of the Muscovites, who it was believed would attack either Wyborg or Novgorod; and that a Detachment of 11000 Muscovites making an Expedition into Ingria, met with a Body of Swedish Troops, by whom they were entirely defeated, 700 of them being killed, and a great Number taken Prisoners and brought to Novgorod.