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Venice, July 21. N. S.

Signor *Giacomo Maffo* having served this State the usual Term of 3 years in the Post of General of their Forces in the *Morea*, returned hither this week on board one of our Men of War: He set out from *Napoli di Romania* the 13th of May, and on the 15th met off Cape *Matapan* the Convoy on board which was Signior *Iustiniani*, Ambassador in Ordinary from this Republick to the *Ottoman Porte*, pursuing their Voyage to *Constantinople*. Our freshest Advices from the Duke of *Vendosme's* Army are of the 18th Instant; He was then encamped at *Du Casselli*, in the *Mountain*, and was making Preparations for sending a considerable Detachment to join the Elector of *Bavaria* in *Tirol*; for which purpose he had ordered a great quantity of Provisions and Ammunition to be carried to *Desenzano*, on the *Lake de Garda*, and part of the Forces designed for this Expedition had already begun to file that way. The Imperialists on the other hand make the necessary Dispositions for preventing this Design, and in order thereto General *Vaubonne* marched the 17th towards *Rivoli*, to secure the Passes, and expects a Reinforcement of 7 or 8000 Men from *Tirol*, under the Command of the Count de *Solari*, who, with the Advantage of the Situation of that Country, which is full of difficult Passes, will, it's hoped, be able to keep off the *French*; and in the mean time General *Staremberg* intends to take the opportunity of attacking the *French* Army in *Lombardy*, while it is thus weakened by the absence of a good part of the best of their Troops.

Nancy, August 5. Letters from *Paris* of the 31st of the last Month say, the Count de *Touasse*, Great Admiral of *France*, was gone from thence to *Toulon*, in order (as was reported) to go to Sea with a Squadron which is fitting out there. The *French* Court is daily upon new Contrivances for raising Money to carry on the War; and among other Methods that have been thought of, they have resolved to sell all the Offices and Places in the Ordnance, which were in the Gift of the Duke de *Maine*, Great Master of the Ordnance, to whom the *French* King, by way of Compensation has given 100000 Crowns in ready Money, and a Pension of 30000 Livres a year. That Court is to go about the middle of next Month to *Fontainebleau*, and will continue there a few days. The Great Master of *Milcha* has appointed the Bailly of *Noailles* to be his Ambassador to the *French* King, and has given him a Pension of 5000 Livres a year, to support the Expences of that Character. They had Advice from *Italy*, that the Duke of *Vendosme* having received his last Instructions from the King his Master, in relation to his marching into the Country of *Tirol* to join with the Elector of *Bavaria*, he accordingly began his March thither on the 20th past with the best part of his Army, intending himself to

advance as far as the Bishoprick of *Trent*, and to send a strong Detachment to reinforce the Elector. Some Advices from *Turin* say, the Imperialists had possessed themselves of *Peschiera*, a strong Fortress belonging to the *Venetians*, which is situated where the River *Mincio* falls into the *Lake de Garda*, which (if it be true) will prove a great Obstacle to the Designs of the *French* on the side of *Tirol*, particularly in preventing their sending of Provisions and Ammunition by that Lake to their Forces employed in that Expedition.

Munich, July 31. The Elector of *Bavaria* is come to *Mittwaldt* with his Forces, having given over the thoughts of opening a Communication with the *French* Troops in *Italy*, and is daily expected here. The Loss he has sustained in his unsuccessful Expedition is industriously concealed from us; but we judge it must have been considerable, since about 400 of our wounded Men are already brought hither, besides what have been carried to other Places.

Dublin, August 7. A good number of Transport Ships is ordered to be got ready here in 14 days, for carrying of Forces to *Portugal*. Our Post Letters say, there are several *French* Men of War on our Coasts.

Falmouth, August 9. On the 6th Instant, in the evening, the *Sidney* Frigate came in here from *Moum's Bay*, with 4 Sail of Coasters under her Convoy. The *Mansbridge* Packet-Boat failed from hence this day with a Mail for *Lisbon*; and the *Golden Lion*, a Dutch Privateer, went out a cruising. *Plimouth*, August 10. Her Majesty's Ships the *Dolphin* and *Hustings* failed from hence yesterday, with about 20 Sail of Colliers under their Convoy, bound to *Topsham*.

Bristol, August 11. This day came in here 18 Sail of Merchant Ships from *Dublin*, *Waterford* and *Cork*, under Convoy of Her Majesty's Ship the *Shoreham*, which passed by with divers Merchant Ships more, bound to other Ports in the Channel. The *Penelope* Sloop arrived here also this day from *Newus*, having been 7 weeks in her Passage.

Lydd, August 11. On the 9th Instant a Ship was forced on shore on our Coast by two *French* Privateers, which proved to be the *Sarah* Galley, *Patrick Galway* Master, from *Lisbon*, laden with Lemons and Oranges; whereupon Captain *Skinner* and Mr. *Fennet* having got together a good number of the Town's People, with the Assistance of the Custom-House Officers,