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Lisbon, August 13. N. S.

THE Preparations for War are continued here with great Application. Sir *Claude* *Shovel*, with the Fleet under his Command, came to an Anchor in *Cascaes* Road the 4th Instant, and having taken in Water and other Necessaries, and been joined by 7 great Ships he expected from *England*, he sailed from thence the 11th in the morning, in order to continue his Voyage.

Vienna, August 11. Our Advices from *Tirol* say, the Duke of *Vendosme* having forced a Pass in the Mountain called *Monte-Baldo*, which was defended by a Body of Imperialists under General *Vaubonne*, was advanced into that Country as far as *Tront*, and was encamped on a Hill on the West side of the *Alige*, over against that City; whereupon the Generals *Solari* and *Vaubonne* being joined together, had posted their Troops along the River to hinder the *French* from passing it, and expected further Reinforcements, which it is hoped will enable him to hinder the Enemy from making any further Impression on that side. We hear from *Hungary*, that the Rebels who side with *Ragotzi* having got together a second time, had surpris'd the little Town of *Kallo*, and committed great Ravages thereabouts; But they write from *Arach* of the 4th Instant, that the Militia and Country People having taken up Arms, had defeated them in two Encounters, one near *Great Waradin*, whither a Body of the Rebels being advanced, 1000 of them were killed on the Place, and the rest were dispersed, and the other near *Bessay*, where they lost 300 Men, and were afterwards pursued as far as *Diesebne*.

Ratisbonne, August 16. The Elector of *Bavaria* is still posted at *Mitterwald* with the remains of his Army. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* continues in his former Camp; as does also the Marshal de *Villars*. The former has detached the greatest part of the Left Wing of his Army higher up the *Danube*, in order, as is thought, to reinforce the Count de *la Tour*, who is still in the same Post near *Manderkingen*. The Body of the Enemy which is posted on that side to observe him has been joined by two Regiments of *Bavarian* Cuirassiers. The Magistrates of the City of *Augsbourg* have put themselves into a Posture of Defence, for fear of being surpris'd by the *French*.

Frankfort, August 19. The Duke of *Burgundy's* Army is marching towards the *Brissgow*, which has revived the Discourse, that they intended to lay Siege to *Fribourg*. Our last Advices from Prince *Lewis's* Army say, they had finish'd their Bridge over the *Danube*, and that part of his Forces had already pass'd over that River.

From the Camp at *Val Notre-Dame*, August 23. On the 14th Instant we march'd from *Opheeren*, and encamp'd with our Right at *Feria*, and our Left at *Tourisme*, where the *French* Army lay about two Months ago, ours being then at *Haness*. The Enemy had at that time rais'd several Batteries and Intrenchments for the Security of their Camp, which were ordered to be levelled, and 50 Men were drawn out of each Battalion

to be employ'd in this Work, which they finish'd by the next morning. The 15th we continued our March from *Tourisme*, and encamp'd with our Right at *Fisfontaine*, and our Left at *Vignemont*, my Lord Duke of *Marbrough* having taken his Quarters at *Val Notre-Dame*, on the *Mehaigne*, within half a League of *Huy*. His Grace went in the afternoon to see the Bridge lately made over the *Maes* below the Town, for the Communication of our Forces. Upon the Approach of our Army, the Enemy's Troops that were in *Huy* broke down the Bridge between the two Towns, and retir'd into the Castle and Forts; whereupon his Grace sent at night two Battalions of Foot, who took possession of the Town on this side. This day the Guard which march'd with our Bread-Wagons on the Left of our Line, met with a *French* Party of 35 Men, whereof they killed 9, and brought in the rest Prisoners. On the 16th Lieutenant-General *Sommerfeld*, with 15 Battalions under his Command, and the Brigade of Dragoons commanded by Brigadier-General *Ross*, march'd over the *Mehaigne*, and they encamp'd near the *Maes*, to secure our Bridge, and to preserve the Communication between our Army and the Troops that carry on the Siege on the other side; to whom a Reinforcement was sent that day of 10 Squadrons of Horse, besides 10 Squadrons and 15 Battalions that had been ordered thither before. The 17th the Disposition being made for opening the Trenches against the Forts *St. Joseph* and *Picard*, the Prince of *Anhalt*, Major-General, who command'd the former of these Attacks, with 200 Workmen, and 150 Men to cover them, began to break Ground about 11 at night, and carried on the Trench 190 Paces, the Ground being very Rocky; The Enemy soon discover'd our Men, and kept continually firing, whereby two of our Soldiers were killed, and Lieutenant, an Ensign and 3 private Men, more were slightly wounded. The same evening 200 Men were order'd to attack the Town on the other side of the *Maese*, which the Governor pretended to defend, but about 4 in the morning, those in the Town retir'd into the Castle; whereupon the Lord *North* and *Gray* was order'd with his Regiment from the Town on this side of the *Maese*, to take possession of that part they had quitte'd, which lies on the other side of the River; which his Lordship did accordingly, and has since been reinforced by another Battalion. The 18th at night the Trenches were opened before Fort *Picard*. The Enemy fired continually all night, both great and small Shot, killed two of our Men, and wounded two more. The same night the work against Fort *St. Joseph* was advanced 26 Paces, with the Loss only of one Man killed; and the 19th at night a Battery of two Mortars, and 4 Haubitzers, was rais'd on the right hand of this Trench, about 450 Paces from the *Glacis*. A Battery was made at the same time on a rising Ground that command'd Fort *Picard*. That day about one in the afternoon a Magazine of the Enemy blew up in the Castle, wherein were several Bombs, and good quantity of Powder, and, as we were inform'd by a Deputie, 30 of their Men were blown up, with an Officer. The 21st the Trenches against Fort *St. Joseph* were carried forward about 210 Paces; an Ensign, a Sergeant, and 3 private Men, were wounded. The same day our Battery of 6 Mortars began to play upon that Fort, and at night the Battery against Fort *Picard* was quite finish'd, and we had 13 Cannon mounted, whereof 6 were 12, and 7 were 24 Pounders, which began to play early the next morning; One of the Gunners of this Battery had his Leg shot off, and a Danish Lieutenant, going to view it, was killed by a Cannon-shot from the Fort. A Battery of six 24 Pounders having been rais'd against Fort *St. Joseph*, and another of 8 Mortars against Fort *Picard*, they began to fire this morning; whereupon the Garrison, who before stood upon high Terms, quitte'd those Forts, and retir'd into the Castle. Our Men immediately took possession of them, and likewise of

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