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Naples, July 18. N. S.

Some Barks have lately been fitted out of the Seaport Towns belonging to the Emperor in the *Adriatick Gulph*, who have taken several of our Tartans laden with Corn, and retook the last week one of theirs out of the Port of *Manfredonia*, which had been formerly taken by one of the Ships of the *French Squadron* commanded by the *Chevalier de Fourbin*. An Accident has lately happened, which has contributed to encrease the Discontents of the Inhabitants of this Place against the *French*; *Don Fabrizio Minutolo*, going abroad in his Caleth, happened to run against a *French Soldier*, who, instead of going out of the way, presented his Musket at him, but by good Fortune it did not take fire, and so he got away without any hurt. The Son of the Duke of *Moles*, who was come hither to sue for his Father's Estate, which is sequestred for his having embraced the Emperor's Interest, is banished out of this Kingdom. The Fortifications of *Baya* are now almost finished, and several Pieces of Cannon have been sent from our Arsenal, to be placed upon the Works there.

Rome, July 28. The Pope entered the 22d Instant into the 55th Year of his Age, upon which occasion he received the Compliments of all the Foreign Ministers and Persons of Quality here: He has lately held several Congregations, to consult of the means of reforming the Manners of the Monks of all the several Orders, whose scandalous Lives are a great Reproach to their Profession. The Vice-Legate of *Avignon* has writ to the Pope, to acquaint him with the Death of the Cardinal de *Buzi*, a *Florentine*, who was promoted to that Dignity by Pope *Clement X.* and had enjoyed it above 31 Years; he died at *Narbonne*, in the 73d year of his Age, leaving vacant that Archbishoprick, and a 12th Place in the College of Cardinals. Cardinal *Fanson* had Audience lately of the Pope, to acquaint him, that the King his Master had ordered a Sum of 50000 Crowns to be paid into the Pope's Treasury, to make good the Losses which his Subjects have sustained, by the marching of the *French Forces* into his Territories. The Person who sometime ago murdered Signior *Zeccadoro*, one of the Pope's Secretaries, as he was passing from the Pope's Apartment to his own, has at length been discovered: It was one *Matthias Trojany*, who having confessed the Fact, though not the occasion of it, has accordingly suffered Death, and his Head is put on the Gate of *St. Angelo*, with an Inscription noting his Crime. The Count de *Fonti*, Nephew and Heir to Signior *Zeccadoro*, was stabbed last week by one of his late Uncle's Servants, exasperated at his delaying to pay him a Legacy left him by his deceased Master; The Count is since dead of his Wounds,

and search is made after the Murderer, in order to bring him to the Punishment he deserves. The Works which had been begun long since for draining the Morass called *Paludi Pontine*, but were discontinued by reason that the present Pope is unwilling to be at the Charge in this time of War, are renewed at the Expence of *Don Li. de Odescalchi*, by the Heer *Meyer*, a *Dutch Engineer*, who has now 300 Men at Work, and designs to employ 500 Men more after Harvest. Cardinal *Norris*, so well known for his great Learning, and particularly for his Skill in Chronology, is dangerously ill.

Warsaw, August 11. The *Swedish Army* continues encamped before *Thoorn*, and it is said they intend formally to besiege that Place, as soon as they have received their Supplies of Men, Artillery and Ammunition, which were lately set on Shore near *Dantzick*. The King of *Sweden* has writ two Letters, one to the Cardinal Primate, and the other to the Commissioners appointed by the Republick, upon the occasion of some Proposals that have been lately made to him for establishing a Peace between him and the King of *Poland*. Our King being still at *Offock*, the Cardinal is gone thither to confer with him upon the Subject of these Letters. We have received an Account, That the *Polish Lieutenant-General Brandt* being informed that 400 *Swedes* were quartered in a Village of *Prussia*, called *Lauerbourg*, he marched with a Body of *Saxon and Polish Troops*, and coming thither the 8th Instant by break of day, fell upon the *Swedes* before they could be in a readiness to defend themselves, killed about 120 of them, and put the rest to flight: General *Nierosff*, who lay at *Nieumark*, not far from thence, with a Body of 3000 *Swedes*, having notice of what had passed, marched immediately to attack General *Brandt*, but he was already advanced so far in his way home, that he could not come up with him. Divers Gentlemen of the *Greater Poland*, not being satisfied with the Resolutions taken at the Diet at *Lublin*, have begun to enter into a Confederacy to hinder their being put in execution; whereupon some Troops are ordered to march that way, to prevent the ill Consequences which may attend this Proceeding.

Philipsbourg, August 21. A great number of Wagons laden with Ammunition, and other Necessaries for a Siege, are sent from *Strasbourg* to the *French Army* commanded by the Duke of *Burgundy*, which is marching towards *Brisac*, in order, as they give out, to set down before that Place: Monsieur *Vauban*, the *French King's* chief Engineer, is said to be come purposely from *France* to their Army upon this Design. They have been joynd by Detachments out of all their Towns in *Alsace*, which are left almost bare of Troops, and by a good number of the Militia,