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Venice, Sept. 7. N. S.

According to our last Advices from the Country of Trent, the Duke of Vendosme's Army, consisting of 12000 Men, was advanced before that City, where General Vaubonne is said to be with a Garrison of 6000 Men, regular Troops and Militia. The Duke having summoned the Magistrates to pay him Contributions, they desired time to receive their Bishop's Orders about it; whereupon he had begun to raise Batteries to bombard the Place. This Expedition into the Trentine has been very expensive to the French, besides that many of their Men have been killed in the several Attacks on the Castle of Arco, and the other Posts they have taken, which the Germans hold them very dear. We are assured, the French seeing no likelihood of making any farther Progress in that Country, have thoughts of retreating, but are under Apprehensions that General Staremberg may send out a Detachment to meet them, while the Generals Vaubonne and Solari may attack them in the Rear; whereupon several Couriers have passed between their Army and the Camp of the Prince of Sardinia, Governor of Milan, to concert, as is believed, Measures for avoiding this Inconvenience. They write from Toulon, that the Count de Toulouse, Great Admiral of France, lay in that Road ready for some Expedition; our Advices differ as to the Strength of his Fleet, which some make 25, and others but 16 Sail.

Vienna, Sept. 12. This morning the Emperor and the King of the Romans signed and swore to an Act of Renunciation of all their Right to the Spanish Monarchy, in favour of the Archduke Charles, who from that time has been saluted by the Title of King of Spain by the Emperor's Privy Councillors, with most of the Foreign Ministers, and other Persons of Quality. The Pope's Nuncio, the Venetian Ambassador, and the Envoys of Denmark, Poland and Florence, were not present when this Ceremony was performed. The King of the Romans in his own Apartment gives the Hand to his Catholick Majesty; but the Emperor, to avoid this Dispute, dines with one, and sups with the other, as if he were not at home, but in a third place, and so preserves his own Rank, without giving any Cause of Offence to the Spanish Nation. His Majesty goes from hence the 14th Instant on a Journey of Devotion to Maryenseld, and is expected here again the 17th, and the next day or the 19th at farthest will set out by the way of Prague, Leipsick, Hall, Haiberstadt, and Dusseldorp, for Holland, in order to embark there for Portugal. A Courier arrived here the 8th Instant from Prince Lewis, who left his Highness on the 4th Instant marching to the Relief of Augsbouurg, towards which Place the Elector of Bavaria was hastening with an Army of 15000 Men. Our Letters from Trent of the 2d Instant give an Account, That the Duke of Vendosme had raised Batteries on a Mountain that commands that Town, and had sent a Trumpeter to summon both the Country and the Magistrates to send Commissioners to settle the Contributions they should pay him, threatening otherwise to bombard the Town, and ruin the Country. We know not yet what the Issue has been: In the mean time the Count de Solari continued to observe the Enemy, and expected a Detachment of 4 Battalions, and a Regiment of Dragoons, whom General Heister had sent to his Assistance, who were to begin their March from Inspruck the 2d Instant. Letters from Turkey of the 30th past say,

the Rebels had burnt Potack, a Town where Ragotzi formerly held his Residence. They write from Turkey of the 14th, that the Rebels continue their March towards Adrianople, and their Numbers encrease daily, while on the other hand the Soldiery on the Sultan's side shew no great desire of fighting, notwithstanding the new Oath of Fidelity they have lately taken. The Count de Sternberg died lately in Bohemia: He was Ober Burgraff, or Viceroy, of that Kingdom, the most considerable Employment of any the Emperor has to bestow; the Competitors for it are the Count de Tschernin, Landt Hoffmeister, or High Steward, of that Kingdom, and the Count de Wenzelsberg, Chief Judge there.

Ratisbonne, Sept. 10. General Herbeville continues with his Detachment in the Upper Palatinate, and puts the Country on all sides under Contribution. General Raventlau, with the Body of Forces under his Command, is still in the Neighbourhood of Passau; but we expect shortly to hear of his being marched on some new Expedition. It is said the Imperialists have taken the Town of Landsperg from the Bavarians, whereof we hope by our next Letters from those Parts to receive the Confirmation.

Augsbourg, Sept. 13. The Imperial Army commanded by Prince Lewis is still encamped near this City, and the French and Bavarian Army between Norndorf and Rain. The Imperialists are making a Line along the Lech, and a Fort on each side of that River, whereby they will secure a Passage ever it, and an Entrance into Bavaria. The Hostages which this City had sent to Munich are put under close Confinement there; but Prince Lewis has signified to that Government, That he will revenge any ill Treatment that is done them upon the French and Bavarian Officers who are Prisoners in his Camp.

Mentz, Sept. 18. There are Letters from Swabia which say, the Imperialists had taken the Town of Friedberg, near Augsbouurg, with Sword in hand, having killed 500 of the Enemy upon the Place, and taken between 12 and 1500 of them Prisoners. Some Advices add, that Prince Lewis, having left 6000 Men at Augsbouurg for the Security of that Place, and his several Posts thereabouts, was marched towards the Danube, to establish a Communication with the Count de Stirum, and endeavour to make himself Master of Neubouurg and Donauwert on that River.

Frankfurt, Sept. 19. The German Garrison of Brisac is marched out of that Place through the Breach which the French had made, and was sent with a Guard to Rheinfeld. The French Army under the Duke of Burgundy is still encamped near Brisac. They write from Bavaria, That the Imperialists make Executions as far as Munich, from whence the Electors of Bavaria, who is indisposed, was removed to Ingolstadt.

Hamburgh, Sept. 21. The Emperor being informed that there have been Remittances of Money made to the Rebels in Hungary by the Merchants of this Place and Lubek, by way of Poland, as coming from France, a Proclamation has been published here, requiring all Merchants and others not to be concerned directly or indirectly in remitting Money to those Rebels, on pain of incurring the Penalties ordained by the Laws of the Empire against such as give Assistance to its Enemies. Letters from Poland say, the King of Sweden continues his Resolution of attacking

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Thereto by the way of a formal Siege, and to take his Winter Quarters in Prussia; And that many of the Nobility of the Greater Poland do openly declare their Dissatisfaction with the Resolutions taken in the late Diet at Lublin; so that the King of Poland will not be able to make any great Opposition against the Swedes.

From the Camp at Vervier, Sept. 24. On the 17th Instant my Lord Duke of Marlborough decamped from Roburmont, near Liege, leaving there 4 Battalions of Foot and two Squadrons of Horse, under the Command of Brigadier-General Vander-Beeck, to guard the Train of Artillery, which could not march with the Army for want of such a number of Horses and Wagons as was necessary, by reason of the badness of the Ways. His Grace encamped that night at Louvigny, near which Place he was joined by Brigadier-General Murray, who marched two days before with some part of the Train, and the next day we arrived in this Camp, a small League from Limbourg. The 19th the Troops marched to their respective Posts nearer to that Place, where they are to remain till the rest of the Train comes up, in order to which above 1000 Horses have been sent to Liege from the other Army, and above 200 Wagons had been ordered thither from this Country, to bring up the Powder, Ball, Bombs, and other Necessaries. The 20th in the afternoon our Artillery set out from Liege, with a Guard of 3 Battalions and two Squadrons, the other Battalion remaining at Liege, with some part of the Train, which it is not thought necessary to bring up. They encamped last night at Herff, and will be here this evening, and we hope to have the Cannon mounted on the Batteries to-morrow or next day at farthest. Monsieur Precontal, who lately passed the Meuse at Namur, with a Detachment of French Forces, has sent back part of them, and with the rest lies now at Chiny and Marck en Famine, though we do not yet know his Design: Several Parties of his Troops have been seen nearer to this Place, whereupon my Lord Duke sent out a Detachment of Horse and Dragoons the 22d Instant to reinforce the Guard with the Train. On the 21st a Lieutenant-Colonel with 300 Men were commanded to attack the lower Town of Limbourg: Upon the first Assault the Enemy retired, and we took Post there the next morning, without any other Loss than 4 Men slightly wounded; Of the Enemy two were killed, several wounded, and a Lieutenant, with a Volontier, taken Prisoners. One Advantage we have got by gaining this Post is, that if the Enemy should advance near us, we can now block up the Town with 5 Battalions, and march against them with the rest of our Forces. Yesterday Monsieur Reingnac, the Governor, sent out to us 18 Prisoners at War, who had been brought into his Garrison at several times, with a very civil Letter, signed by himself and the Spanish Commandant, to our General, offering to send out Hostages with Articles of Surrender, upon Condition they be not relieved within a certain time; But his Grace gave them a short Answer, That this Proposal had been more reasonable if it had come in time, to have saved him the trouble of bringing up his Cannon.

Hague, Sept. 23. N. S. A considerable Sum of Money has lately been paid to the Deputies of the Colleges of the Admiralty, to be employed in fitting out the Men of War which this State is to furnish towards the Expedition to Portugal, the Preparations for which will be hastened, upon the News we received yesterday from Vienna, of the Archduke's having been declared King of Spain, and that he will be at Duffelcamp, in his way thither. Letters from Germany say, the Count de Siron had received fresh Orders from Prince Lewis to attack the French Camp at Dillingen, cost what it would. The Report we had just before

the departure of the Mail of the 18th Instant, that the French had attacked some advanced Posts on the Right of the Line of our Army near St. Iron, proves a mistake, which was occasioned by some small Parties of the Enemy advancing that way, who were soon put to flight, and were pursued by our Out-guards.

Falmouth, Sept. 13. Three Dutch Privateers put into this Port yesterday, and brought with them a Prize of 18 Guns from St. Domingo, laden with Sugars, Indico, &c.
Cower, Sept. 15. Yesterday was sent in here by a Rushing Caper a French Prize of about 30 Tuns, called the Henry and Mary, laden with Wine and Salt.

By the Principal Commissioners for Prizes.

ON Thursday the 30th Instant September, at Nine in the Morning, will be exposed to publick Sale by the Canale, at Salters-Hall in St. Swithens-Lane, London, the Cargo of the Prophet Daniel, consisting of Red and White French Wines, lying at Bustolph-Woarf, London. The Goods from Port St. Mary's and Vigo, appointed for Sale on Thursday the 23d Instant, at Salters-Hall, may be viewed at the Prize Warehouses at Bustolph Wharf this day, to-morrow, and Wednesday. Catalogues are dispersed, and may be had at the said Prize Warehouses, Sir Pruckers, Prize Broker, in Ship-Yard near the Royal Exchange, the Place of Sale, and at the Prize-Office in Turk-Buildings.

Wherewith the Ships Union of Nantz, taken by Her Majesty's Ship the Weymouth, and a Scout of an unknown Name, taken by the Chester, have been condemned and sold as Prize; and their Net Proceeds being now adjusted.

The Receiver General for Prizes doth hereby give Notice, That on Thursday the 23d Instant, at his Office (for Payment of Captors) in the Little Piazza's, Covent-Garden, he will then pay, or cause to be paid, to the said Captors, the just Proportion due to each of them, according to Her Majesty's most Gracious Declaration for the Encouragement of Her Ships of War, &c.

The Court of Directors of the English Company Trading to the East-Indies give Notice, That the Transfer Books of the said Company will be shut up from the 28th of this Instant September to the 14th of October next; and that the Warrants for the One quarter of a Year's Amenity and Interest, due at Michaelmas next, will be ready to be delivered on the 23d of October next.

The Court of Assistants of the Corporation for making Hollow Sword-Blades in England do hereby give Notice, That the Transfer Book of the said Corporation will be shut from Tuesday the 28th Instant to Friday the 15th of October next exclusive, in order to an Election of a Governor, Deputy-Governor, and 16 Assistants of the said Company, for the Year ensuing: Which Election will be made at the Office of the said Corporation in Birch Lane, London, on Tuesday the 12th of October next, between the Hours of 10 and 12 in the forenoon, and 3 and 5 in the afternoon. Printed Lists of the Proprietors will be ready to be delivered at the said Place on or any time after the 7th of October next. The said Court of Assistants give further Notice, That the Warrants for the Payment of the Prumpt Subscription on the last 150000 l. Stock will be ready to be delivered to the Person entitled thereto, or their Order, at the said Office, on or any time after the 29th Instant.

The Master, Wardens and Assistants, of Trinity-House of Deptford-Stroud, do give Notice to all Masters of Ships Trading to the Northward, That they have laid a White Buoy on the Spit of the Sand where the Whisker-Beacon formerly stood, and that it will be continued there, till the Season will permit the setting up another Beacon. The said Buoy lies in Ten or Eleven Foot at low Water.

Advertisements.

THE Barton, or Capital House, called Bowdon, as also the Manor of Alsprington, adjoining thereto, lying and being in or near the Borough or Towns, in the County of Devon; together with all the several Regalties, Free-Fisheries, &c. as also the Advowson, 200 l. per Ann. and all the Free-Rents of the several Manors of Tibbacombe, Albridge, Pollard, Bickly, and Kingsbridge, in the County aforesaid; to be sold in Parcels to the highest Bidder, on Monday the first of November next, at the Barton of Bowdon aforesaid. A Survey thereof to be seen at Maryn Ryder's Esq. Bench of the Middle-Temple, at Sir Richard Gipp's Chambers in Grays-Inn, and at Mr. Christopher Farwell's, Merchant, in Totness aforesaid.

Mr. William Read, the Approved Oculist, as appears by his eminent Cures lately performed on several Persons of Quality, and daily upon others, in the most difficult Disorders relating to the Eyes, is to be advised with at Cambridge, and at St. Edmund's-Bury, Suffolk, from the 20th Instant till the first of November next, being sent for thither to touch several People of Cataracts, and to perform other Cures relating to the Oprecks, and may be advised with from that time, during the whole Winter, at the Black-moor's Head in Shandis-street, Covent-Garden, London, where he has left his Brother, to be advised with in his Absence, who Cures Cataracts with great Success, and gives Advice in all curable Disorders relating to the Eyes.

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