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Rome, Sept. 29. N. S.

A Solemn Service is to be performed this week in the Church dell' Anima by those of the German Nation, upon the Occasion of the Archduke Charles or Austria's being declared King of Spain. The Cardinal de Fanson, who manages the French King's Concerns here, and the Duke d'Uceda, Ambassador from Spain, have both been very earnest with the Pope to forbid it; but he excused himself, upon the exact Neutrality he thinks himself obliged to observe between the several Parties engaged in the present War. The Count de Carendini, who formerly had a Publick Character at this Court from the Duke of Mantua, was lately seized and carried to the Prisons of the Inquisition, being accused of Heresie: He has since been put to the Torture, in order to force a Confession from him, which has hitherto proved ineffectual. The Prince of Vaheni continues a Prisoner in the Castle of St. Angelo, for several Disorders committed by him and his Servants. The Cardinal de Fanson and Cardinal Barberini have been very importunate with the Pope to procure his Release, which was at length granted, upon Condition that he should be confined to his Country Seat; but he has refused it upon these Conditions, expecting, thro' the French King's Protection, under which he has long since put himself, to obtain his entire Liberty.

Mantua, Sept. 29. The Duke of Vendosme being returned to San Benedetto, the Prince of Vaudemont, Governor of the Milanese, who in his Absence had the Command of the French and Spanish Army which is encamped near that Place, went back to Milan. Several Pieces of Cannon which have been made use of in the Duke's Expedition to the Country of Trent are brought back into our Arsenal, and the Forces which have served there are daily returning in Parties by the way of the Lake di Garda. The French have undermined the Fortifications of Bersello, in order to demolish them, and have sent 36 Pieces of Cannon which they found in that Place to Pavia.

Trent, October 2. We are repairing the Damage this Place has sustained by the late Bombarding, which is very inconsiderable, most of the Bombs which the French have bestowed upon us having fallen short, or burst in the Air. The Peasants who are in Arms on this side the Country do frequently send out Parties to attack the French Forces that remain on our Frontier, whose number we perceive lessens daily; and we expect that in a short time they will

be wholly withdrawn out of these Territories, seeing they have already slighted and abandoned Torbole and Nago, and have got together a good number of Barks at Riva, to carry the rest of their Baggage over the Lake di Garda to Desenzano.

Danzick, October 16. A Body of 4000 Men of the King of Prussia's Forces is advancing towards Elbing, with intent (as is supposed) to possess themselves of that Place. Letters from Warsaw say, the Deputies which were lately sent thither by the Confederated Nobility of the Greater Poland had Audience of the King of Poland the 5th Instant at Wladzow, and assured him, That the Intentions of those from whom they were sent were no other than to maintain the Privileges and Fundamental Laws of the Republick, which they pretend were injured by the Resolutions taken in the late Diet at Lublin, concluding with large Protestations of their Loyalty and Zeal for his Service; but they were answered, That their Objections to those Proceedings were very unreasonable, since there was no Encroachment made upon the Constitution of the Kingdom; nor any thing resolv'd but what was for the Publick Good, and the Advantage of the Commonwealth. General Patkull labours, with great Application at the Court of Poland, to engage that King to accept of the Czar's Offer of a further Assistance against the Swedes, and is said to have influenced divers of the Senators and other Persons of Note so far, as to have a better Opinion of the Alliance with Muscovy than they had formerly. It is reported that the King intends to call another General Diet, to meet on the 18th of the next Month, but it is not mentioned in what Place.

Dublin, October 16. This day his Grace the Lord Lieutenant came to the House of Peers; with the usual Solemnity, and gave the Royal Assent to the following Acts;

An Act for an Additional Duty of Excise upon Beer and Ale, and other Liquors.

An Act for Encouraging the Importation of Iron and Staves. And

An Act to prevent Popish Priests coming into this Kingdom.

An Express arrived here last night with Advice, That several Vessels from the West-Indies, which came from thence in Company of a Squadron commanded by Vice-Admiral Graydon, had put into Beer Haven, and had landed there 7 Companies of the Lord Charlemont's Regiment; and it is supposed the rest are not far behind.

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