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Paris, May 23. N. S.

THE last Letters from our Camp at *Crescentino* advise, That the Duke of *Vendosme* was preparing to decamp, intending to repass the *Po* with the greatest part of his Army, in order (as 'tis supposed) to attack *Verue*, and to leave about 8000 Men well entrenched at *Trin*, under the Command of Monsieur *Langalerie*. The Enemy have taken 22 Pieces of Cannon, with some Mortars, out of *Casal*, which they have embarked upon the *Po*, with Ammunition and Stores necessary for such an Enterprize. His Royal Highness keeps a watchful Eye upon the Enemy's Motions, and is so conveniently posted, that he may send what Succours he shall think fit into *Verue*, by the Bridge over the *Po*, whereby there is a free Communication between his Camp and that Town; and the Place itself is already so well provided with all things necessary for its Defence, that it is not doubted but, if the Enemy attempt that Siege, it will cost them very dear. They write from *Dauphine* and *Savoy*, That the Forces which the Enemy had lately sent towards *Prevence*, in order (as they gave out) to attempt the Siege of *Nice*, were marched back again; and that the Duke de *la Feuillade* is drawing together those Forces, and some others, to the number of 8000 Foot, with some Horse, with intent to besiege *Suse*, and hath provided 200 pair of Oxen to draw his Cannon: He is to be assisted in this Expedition by a Lieutenant-General, and by Mons^r *Bosiu*, Intendant General of *Dauphine*. His Royal Highness, upon these Advices, has sent 2 Battalions from *Verceil*, under the Command of Colonel *Bagnac*, to reinforce the Garrison of *Suse*, and to secure such Posts about that Place as might be of any Advantage to the Enemy. Two English Frigates, which had been cruising in the *Mediterranney*, are come to *Villa-Franca* to be cleaned. Several French Transport Ships arrived the last week at *Genoa*, with Recruits and Horses from *Toulon* for the French Army in *Italy*. We hear that 6 French Men of War, which had been ready for some time at *Toulon*, are at last sailed from thence. Some French Men of War that had been cruising off of *Alicam*, and were put into *Barcelona*, are sailed from that Port, upon the receipt of an Express from *Madrid*, with such Precipitation, that they did not stay to take in any fresh Provisions, as was designed. Our Court went into Mourning the 18th Instant for the Death of the Infanta of *Portugal*. The Count de *Vernou* is returned hither from his Embassy to *France*, having been exchanged for Monsieur *Phelippeaux*, the French Ambassador: He was treated on his Journey thro' that Kingdom as a private Traveller, without any regard to his Character; whereupon our Duke ordered that Monsieur *Phelippeaux* should be treated in the same manner. His Royal Highness's Ambassador in *Spain* had a different Treatment, and so had the Spanish Ambassador here. The French have stopped several Mules in *Savoy*, that were going with Merchandize from hence to *Lyons*, which looks as if they designed to prohibit all Commerce with his Royal Highness's Dominions, as has already been done in the *Misissipi*. Prince *Eugene's* equipage is gone from *Ostiglia* to meet him on the Frontiers of *Bavaria*. We have an Account from *Offigia*, That the French who lay near *Concordia* having received a Reinforcement, Count *Koningsbeck* had been obliged to retire from thence to his Garrison at *Sirandola*: The French attacked him in his March, and he lost about 30 Men in that Action, but he killed several of the Enemy, and took from them a Commissary of War, and several Subaltern Officers, with other Prisoners.

Dantzick, May 28. General *Steinbock* came hither yesterday from *Herrnsaal*, and demanded of our Magistrates, That they would sign certain Articles he has lately proposed to them, (whereby, among other things, they would oblige themselves to enter into the Confederacy against the King of *Poland*, and to own him no longer as such) declaring, That if they do not sign them by the 31st, the King his Master will take other Measures. They write from *Riga*, That an Army of 3000 *Miscowites* is come into the Neighbourhood of *Narva*.

Vienna, May 24. The Elector Palatine is on his Departure from hence for *Duffeldorp*. Our last Advices from *Hungary* say, That Prince *Ragoczy* was at *Kesjohmet*; and that General *Hoffler* had repassed the *Danube* at *Comorra*, and was encamped near *Saba Regalar*.

Zurich, May 23. The French Ambassador has at last delivered a Memorial to the Imperial Diet of the *Swiss* Cantons

at *Baden*, concerning the Neutrality of *Savoy*: The Conclusion of all he promises is, That his Master will give Assurance to the Cantons, even in writing if they desire it, That whenever a Peace is concluded, he will not unite *Savoy* to his Crown; but he does not say that he will not keep it in his Possession. This Answer gives the Cantons little Satisfaction, and the Ambassador's Behaviour less; for he is very haughty in his Treatment of the Deputies. Several Mules are arrived at *Schaffouse*, laden with Money to pay the French Army in *Swabia*, and a Guard of 2000 Men is advanced near that Place to convoy them. Lieutenant-General *d'Usson* came with this Guard, and is arrived at *Schaffouse*, intending to go to *Verfaller*: It is said he is to serve in *Italy*. Letters from *Schaffouse* say, the French and *Bavarian* Army has laid *Stokach* in *Athes*, and is endeavouring to march back to *Ulm*; and that Prince *Lewis's* Army follows them very closely.

From the Duke of *Marlborough's* Camp at *Schwalbach*, May 28. N. S. On the 26th Instant the Duke of *Marlborough* went to view the Elector of *Trier's* Castle at *Ehrenbreitstein*, while the Horse and Dragoons under his Command were passing the *Rhine*. His Grace was saluted with a triple Discharge of the Cannon of that Place, Dined with the Elector, and marched in the afternoon to *Braubach*, a Town belonging to the Landgrave of *Hesse Darmstadt*, where his Grace was also saluted with a triple Discharge of the Cannon from the Castle. Yesterday the Landgrave made a Visit to his Grace at *Braubach*. His Grace marched from thence that day, and as he passed by the Castle was again saluted with a triple Discharge of the Cannon. We encamped that night at *Nisteten*, and are come this day to *Schwalbach*. The Foot marched yesterday from *Coblentz* to *Braubach*, and this day to *Nastetten*, having Orders to follow with all possible Diligence. The Count de *Wratislaw*, late Envoy from the Emperor to Her Majesty of Great Britain; Monsieur *d'Amels*, Envoy Extraordinary from the States General; and Mr. *Davenant*, Her Majesty's Minister at *Frankfort*, came to wait upon his Grace at *Coblentz*, from whence they have marched with us, and will attend his Grace to-morrow to *Mayence*, and then return to *Frankfort*. Lieutenant-General *Bulart*, who commands the Forces of *Limburgh*, came hither this evening to wait upon the Duke of *Marlborough*: And his Grace has received Letters here by an Express from the Hereditary Prince of *Hesse* and Lieut. Gen. *Hompesch*, with an Account, that they are come to *Mayence* to wait for his Grace's Orders: His Grace has just now received another Express from the States General, to acquaint him, That they had given Orders for a Reinforcement of 8 Battalions and 20 Squadrons to be sent from the Army on the *Mase*.

From the Duke of *Marlborough's* Camp at *Cassel*, May 30. Yesterday we continued our March from *Schwalbach* to this Place, being a Village on the *Rhine* over-against *Mayence*. The Duke of *Marlborough*, upon his Arrival here, went to make a Visit to the Elector of *Mayence*, and found at the Landing-place on the other side of the River several of the Elector's Coaches, which attended to carry his Grace and his Retinue to the Palace. In the mean time he was saluted by a Discharge of the Cannon round the City. His Grace Dined with the Elector; after which a Conference was held between the Generals about our further Motions. This morning his Grace, attended by the principal Officers of the Army, visited the Fortifications of *Mayence*, and was again saluted with a Discharge of the Cannon. His Grace Dined again this day with the Elector, who intended to come over the River to view the Troops, but was prevented by the badness of the Weather. To-morrow we shall pass the *Main*, and proceed with all Diligence towards the *Neckar*, so as to pass that River the 3d. of next Month at *Ladenberg*.

Nuremberg, May 30. Prince *Eugene* arrived here this evening, being come Post from *Vienna*, and will continue his Journey to-morrow towards *Swabia*, in order, as it is said, to put himself at the head of the Imperial Army there, Prince *Lewis* being to command upon the *Rhine*.

Frankfort, June 1. Our freshest Letters from the Confederate Army commanded by Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* are of the 25th past, and he was then encamped at *Sokach*, not far from the Enemy. These Letters confirm, That Prince *Lewis* having on the 22d sent a Detachment to secure that Post, they met with one of the Enemy, whom they engaged, and being fallen in with the Enemy's Baggage, took several laden Mules