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Dublin, September 23.

THe 20th instant his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant landed at the *Hovw* about 7 miles distant from this City; where he was met by the Lord of *Hovw*; who waited on him to his own House, where he had prepared for his Excellency a handsome entertainment; during which, a Committee of the Privy Council of *Ireland*, by Order of the Lord Deputy and Council attended his Excellency to know his pleasure at what time and after what manner he would be attended In his approach to the City and Castle of *Dublin*, with a Paper of Propositions formed by the Lord Deputy and Council for his solemn and better attendance; but his Excellency waving the Ceremony, told them he would make what convenient haste he could to the Council-Chamber, where he desired to meet the Lord Deputy and Council to take his Oath of Lord Lieutenant; in which passage His Excellency was met by three Troops of Horse with many Gentlemen on Horseback and in Coaches to a very great number; the two Sheriffs attending him, rode bare before his Excellencies Coach; near the Bridge the Lord Mayor and Recorder with the Aldermen met his Excellency, where the Recorder made a solemn Congratulatory Speech, expressing the joy the whole Corporation had of his Excellencies access to the Government; where his Excellency was also presented with the City sword according to Custome: from thence his Excellency went to the Council Chamber where the Lord Chancellor administered the Oath usually taken by the Lord Lieutenant, after which, the Lord Deputy presented him the Sword with a short but excellent Speech.

Pendennis, Sept 27. This last week came in here two Dutch ships, each of them of 150 Tuns from *Rotterdam* bound for *Boardaux*, also three others from *Dunkirk*, one of them intending for *Bayonne*, the other two for *Rochelle*, and two French ships of 6 or 8 Guns apiece for the same place. This morning failed hence several ships with Fish for the *Straits*, and may be followed the next week by the *Affrican*. This last night came in two Vessels from *Portsmouth*, and four or five Great ships are now in the *Offin* making in for this place.

Venice, Sept. 21. On Saturday last arrived here an Extraordinary Courier from our Ambassador in *Rome*, giving us notice that the Auxiliary forces which were sent from *France* and other parts were imbarked, and after three days lying at an Anchor for a fair wind were put to sea, in number 88 (six of allsorts are order to their return home), leaving the Garrison in a great apprehension lest the Turks taking courage from this desertion might make some extraordinary attempts for the forcing of the place; this advice gave no small trouble to the Senate and this whole City who expected with much dread to hear by the next, either of the surrender of the place upon Capitulations, or the taking it by storm with all the Rage and Fury of an incensed Enemy; this apprehension had so strongly wrought upon the publick, that as in a time of greatest fear and calamity, they forbade their publick Feasts and Entertainments which were designed for the new elected Captain-General and Procurator, but while we were in greatest expectation of this ill news, we received advices from two ships from *Cessalonis* and *Zante*; one arriving there in 22 the other in 15 days from *Genoa*, that since the departure of the French succors, the remaining Garrison defended itself with extraordinary courage but these reports not satisfying, we have since received a fuller assurance by Letters

from the place brought by a vessel which left *Stas. dia* the 28th of *August*, which gives us this account.

That the Turks being filled with courage and grown confident of success upon the departure of the Auxiliary Fleet, resolved to loose no time, but immediately in two great bodies fell upon the Town at the *Sabionera* and *St. Andre*, promising themselves an easie victory over those whom they hoped to have found without Spirit and Courage, and so much disanimatèd and weak, as not to be able to make any considerable opposition, but they soon learnt the contrary to their own great confusion and loss, finding so stout a defence made in all places (the Garrison supplying with Courage and Resolution what they wanted in Numbers) that after three fierce Assaults they were forced to retreat with the loss of about 3000 men, the Defendants having that day lost about 200, and several wounded; that which much encreasèd the Enemies loss at the side *St. Andre*, was the firing of a Mine of 30 Barrels of Powder by the Defendants under the Bulwark whereon the Enemy had raised a considerable Battery which much annoy'd the 2d Retrenchment, which was by the said Mine wholly ruined, with the death of great numbers of the Turks blown up or buried in the rubbish of the Battery.

The next day the Garrison received fresh Courage by the happy and seasonable arrival of the Duke di *Mirandola* with 14 hundred of his own men and 600 others lately raised at *Zante* for this service, with large quantities of Provision and Ammunition, and a considerable sum of Moneys for the payment of the soldiers; with this addition, the Garrison is said to consist of 10000 able men; with which strength, together with what the Senate are daily sending after them, the Captain General doubts not but that he shall be able to defend himself till the next Spring, and to this end has made some considerable progress in raising a new and 3d Retrenchment with other defences; a particular account whereof, with the state of the place, we daily expect from the Generals own Letters which are on their way hither.

Order is sent after Procurator General *Eberardo* to loose no time in his passage for *Candia* with the Conyoy under his Command, and care is taken for the speedy fitting up of other ships for another Conyoy, upon whom are to embark several Companies which were left behind by the Procurator, with 500 Foot of the Regiment of *Mantova*, consisting most of them of old soldiers and reformed Officers who freely offered themselves to the service under the Command of Colonel *Francisco Sacchi*.

Brussels, Octob. 4. On Monday last the French drew out of the several Garrisons of their late Conquests, a body of about 8000 men to secure the passage of their Coals, and of a considerable sum of Moneys lately sent from *Paris* both for the payment of their soldiers, and for the expences of their Fortifications which are now carried on with fresh vigor; those of *Charleroy* are so far advanced, that nothing is wanting but one Bastion, which tis supposed may be finished and compleated within a fortnight.

Yesterday we had intelligence that the French forces were arrived at *Aeth*; and that they had passed neer *Conde*, having on the way by which they marched within our Territories done some considerable damages; besides that, the liberty they took to advance into our Quarters without demanding permission, gives us some reason to doubt of their intentions.

The French have not lately made any great progress in pursuing their Conquisitions.