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From the Imperial Camp near Calzo, July 8. N. S.

ON the 3d Instant there being Advice, That the French Army commanded by the Grand Prior was about to decamp from Soncino, Captain Hoberg was sent out with a Party of 100 Horse to gain Intelligence of their Motions, who having an Account, That they had begun to march about midnight, he posted himself near some of our Men who were foraging on that side, to protect them from any Parties the Enemy might send that way. He had not been there long before a Detachment of the Enemy attacked him, against whom he defended himself with great Bravery, till such time as finding himself overpower'd, he retired with the Loss only of 4 or 5 Men, having killed a much greater number of the French. Quartermaster General Eben was then detached with 150 Horse to observe the Enemy's Motions, who the next day brought Advice, That they had posted themselves at Ombriano, between Crema and Lodi. He also brought in 6 Prisoners he had taken at Romanengo. In the mean time a Detachment of our Men had been sent out to attack Palazuolo, where General Toralba had left a Garrison; and we received Advice that day, That they had in the morning possessed themselves of that Place, the Garrison having surrendered at Discretion, which consisted of 226 Men, among whom were a Lieutenant-Colonel, 5 Captains, and a proportionable number of Subaltern Officers. Our Men found the Place very well fortified, and in it two Pieces of Cannon, and a considerable quantity of Provisions and Ammunition: Besides which General Toralba had before his Retreat from thence destroyed 6000 Sacks of Meal which were in that Magazine. The 6th Baron Brotone, a Lieutenant-Colonel, was sent to Camisano, to treat with the Enemy about an Exchange of Prisoners; but the French Commissioners not coming at the hour appointed, he returned hither; and the Conference was put off till the next day. In the evening we received Advice, That our heavy Artillery was come by Water to Salo, on the Lake di Guarda, together with a strong Reinforcement of Foot, some Recruits for the Regiment of Leiningen, and a good number of Horses to remount our Cavalry. The 7th Baron Brotone went again to Camisano, where he met the Enemy's Commissioners; but the Conference was soon broke up without coming to any Conclusion, they having declared, that they would only treat of the Exchange of such French Prisoners as were in our hands, exclusive the Spaniards; to which the Baron had no Orders to agree. That day Captain Hoberg, being sent out again with 60 Horse to gain Intelligence of the Enemy, met with 50 of them, who immediately retired into a House which was fortified; so that not being able to force it, he blocked them up, and sent for a Reinforcement; whereupon 200 Horse, and an equal number of Granadiers, were sent thither to join him; and the next morning, the Enemy endeavouring to make their escape, our Men fell upon them, killed 6 of them, and took Prisoners a Lieutenant who commanded this Party, and the rest of his Men. There being Advice, That 400 of the Enemy lay at Soncino, the Count de Vehlen was sent with a Detachment to block up that Place. Orders were given that we should be in a readiness to march to morrow. Quartermaster General Hartfch is to remain at Palazuolo, where a Detachment will be left under his Command to secure our Communication with Germany, and to guard our

Prisoners, who are all to be left there. Prince Eugene has published a Placart, wherein he assures the Inhabitants of the Milanese of his Protection, provided they remain quietly in their respective Dwellings, and do not send away their Cattle, Provisions, and other Effects.

From the Duke of Vendosme's Camp before Chiavos, July 10. The 3d Instant we set fire to a Mine under the Covered-way, part whereof being thereby overthrown, it gave us an opportunity of making a Lodgment there: The Enemy made a Salley the 4th to regain that Post, firing very briskly upon us both with their Cannon and small Arms; and many of our Men were killed or wounded: However we maintained our ground; and the next day we began to erect a Battery there, in order to make a Breach. Monsieur d'Arennes with his Detachment carries on the Attack of the Duke of Savoy's Intrenchments on the other side of the Po, tho' hitherto with little Success. The 6th Instant the Duke of Vendosme having Advice, That the Duke de la Feuillade was marching to join him with 10 Battalions, and a Regiment of Dragoons, sent the Count d'Estaing to meet him with 3000 Horse, and 20 Companies of Granadiers. The Duke de la Feuillade was come into the Valley of Lanzo, near Ciris, where he was to pass the River Stura over a Bridge which was guarded by 400 Foot of the Duke of Savoy's Forces, supported by a Body of Horse. He had already attacked them, and met with a vigorous Resistance; but the Counts d'Estaing coming up at the same time with his Detachment, they were obliged to retire; and the Duke de la Feuillade continuing his March without any Opposition, joined us yesterday. The Duke of Vendosme, upon the arrival of this Reinforcement, has sent away a Detachment of 9 Battalions and 10 Squadrons to the Grand Prior's Army, and intends to go thither himself in few days.

Inspruck, July 14. Letters from Italy of the 10th Instant say, That Prince Eugene had invested Soncino, and beaten the Enemy from a Post near that Place; and that his Highness intended to lay formal Siege to it as soon as his heavy Artillery should be arrived, which was hourly expected.

Vienna, July 15. The last of the Danish Troops designed for Hungary arrived here the 11th Instant, and the next day continued to fall down the Danube, in order to join General Herbeville, who, as soon as he has received this Reinforcement, will, as is believed, decamp from the Island of Schutt, and march against the Malecontents. General Palfy, Ban of Croatia, is returned to Hungary. Our Advices from thence say, That the Body of Malecontents under the Command of Count Caroli, having besieged Giula during 4 weeks, without any Success, was at last retired from before that Place.

Francfort, July 23. Monsieur d'Almelo, Envoy from the States Genreal, went from hence yesterday to Swalbach, to confer with Prince Lewis of Baden, who is expected very soon in the Imperial Camp at Lauterbourg. The Prussian Forces decamped the 21st Instant from the Neighbourhood of Philipsbourg, in order to join the Imperial Army, which is also to be reinforced by several Palatine Regiments, that are marching to Lauterbourg. The French Army is still encamped between Haguenau and Croon-A-eiffembourg. Letters from Italy say, That Prince Eugene had taken Soncino, the Garrison, consisting of 400 Men, being made Prisoners of War; and had found in that Place a considerable Magazine of Provisions and Ammunition.