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Barcelona, October 21. N. S.

**T**HE Fort of Montjuich being by the great Courage and Resolution of the Earl of Peterborough taken on the 17th of the last Month, as has been formerly mentioned, we began an Attack upon the Town on that side: The Artillery was landed for that purpose from on board the Fleet, and 58 Pieces of Cannon were placed on our Batteries, which in 5 days time made a very large Breach. The Enemy had cast up a considerable Intrenchment behind it; yet seeing Matters disposed on our side towards giving a general Assault, they thought fit to beat a Parley; whereupon Hostages were exchanged the 4th Instant, viz. Brigadier-General Stanhope from our side, and a Major-General from theirs. The Treaty for a Surrender lasted till the 9th, at which time the Capitulation being signed, we were put in possession of one of the Gates. The 13th, when the Garrison was to have marched out, the Burghers, who had been long exasperated by the Severities of their Viceroy Don Velasco, having a Jealousy that he intended to carry some of the Prisoners away with him, contrary to the Capitulation, rose up in Arms against the Garrison, and rung their Bells, as desiring Assistance; The Earl of Peterborough thereupon marched in with the Army at the Breach, and composing this Disorder, saved both the Town and the Garrison, to the great Satisfaction of both Parties, who could not but admire the extraordinary good Discipline of our Troops, who forbore plundering or committing any of these Disorders which generally are unavoidable upon such Occasions. The greatest part of the Garrison took this Opportunity to come over to us; and out of 5000 Men, of whom it consisted at the time of its Surrender, scarce 1000 continue in the Service of the Duke of Anjou, including the Officers: These it is said will be carried on board the Fleet, either to Alicant or Malaga. Thus ended the Siege of a Place, which in the Year 1697. when the French sat down before it with an Army of 30000 Men, held out 56 days after their Trenches, were open, and cost them 12000 Men killed or made unserviceable, besides a great number of Officers, and 30 Engineers: Whereas the Army that now besieged it was not much more numerous than the Garrison by which it was defended, the Siege did not last above 3 weeks; and our Loss was inconsiderable, (excepting the great Misfortune we had by the Death of the Prince of Hesse d'Armstadt's. Among the other Places of Note which are reduced under his Catholick Majesty's Obedience may be reckoned the Town of Tarragona, a Seat of an Archbishop, and a Seaport Town, which was taken by a Body of Catalans, assisted by a Detachment from the Fleet, the Officers of the Garrison remaining Prisoners of War; Girona, Tortosa and Lerida, three Bishops Sees, the Garrisons of all which Places have for the most part come over to our side; and, in a Word, Roses is now the only Place in this Province of any Account which is not yet in our Possession. There are Advices from Arragon,

That several Places there have declared for his Catholick Majesty; and there is no doubt but their Example will influence the rest. The Enemy have made some Attempts to repossess themselves of Denia in the Kingdom of Valencia, where there is a Garrison of his Catholick Majesty's Troops; but they have been repulsed: And we have great Reason to hope that the Number of those who have declared for him will in a short time likewise be considerably encreased on that side.

*Freibourg, November 11.* A Battalion of the Regiment of Osnabrug, which was in Garrison here, marched from hence the 7th Instant, by the way of the Valley of Kinzig, to join the remainder of that Regiment at Eschingen on the Danube, from whence they will continue their March towards Italy, being part of the Reinforcement appointed to be sent to Prince Eugene. Two Troops of Hussars are also marched this day to the Winter Quarters assigned them near Bubl and Ober-Kirchheu.

*Ratisbon, November 19.* The Envoy of the Elector of Mentz to the Imperial Diet arrived here the 12th Instant. This day Cardinal Lamberg received, in the Emperors Name, the Homage of this City, which was performed with great Solemnity. The Imperial Diet has renewed its Conferences upon the several Matters laid before that Assembly; but has not yet transacted any thing of Moment.

*Landau, November 21.* The French have laid aside the Preparations they pretended they were making for the attacking of Haguenau; and their Troops, as well as ours, are marching into Winter Quarters. We are fortifying Bischweiler, for the greater Security of our Quarters on that side. A Party of Hussars, which lately marched out of Haguenau to make an Excursion, has brought home a Captain of Horse, 30 Troopers, and a considerable number of Horses, taken from the Enemy.

*Mastricht, Novemb. 24. N. S.* Monsieur d'Auverquerque having settled the Winter Quarters for the Forces under his Command, went from hence this morning towards the Hague. The Towns of Hasselt and Tongeren are putting into a good posture of Defence, and good Garrisons will be placed in them to remain there during the Winter.

*Falmouth, November 19.* The Expedition Packet-Boat, Captain Clyes Commander, arrived here the 17th Instant from Lisbon. Soon after she left that Place she was chased for 12 hours by two Privateers, which forced her a great way to the Westward; but at last she got clear of them. Yesterday came in from cruising the Great Rose-Tree, a Privateer of Flushing: She brought in with her the St. Nicholas of Nants, laden with Fish from Newfoundland. This Prize has 20 Guns and 100 Men, and fought 4 hours before she was