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Venice, August 12. N. S.

**T**HERE was a Consistory held at Rome on the First Instant, wherein the Pope made Two Cardinals. One of those Dignities, having been kept vacant since the last Promotion, is conferr'd on the Steward of his Household, Signior Joseph Vallemani. Carlo Torrazo de Tournon, Patriarch of Antioch, and Visitor of the Missions into China, where he now resides, is advanced to the other. There are Three Monitions printed, and affix'd in the most frequented Places of that City: One is publish'd against the Marqueses of Piedmont and Savoy, in very severe Terms, for disposing of Ecclesiastical Benefices without the Consent of the Roman See. Another excommunicates Signior Garofolo, for several Infringements of the Rights of the Church in the Kingdom of Naples. The Third condemns all who have demanded Contributions in Parma and Piacenza, together with all who have forwarded or not oppos'd such Exactions. On the 31<sup>st</sup> of the last Month Count Marimuz made a magnificent Cavalcade at Naples, wherein most of the Nobility assisted. Medals were struck among the People, and Charles the Third proclaim'd King with all the Marks of Publick Joy which could be exhibited on such an Occasion. A Train of Artillery is marching from Naples towards Capua, which Place will be oblig'd to surrender as soon as the Cannon arrives. On the 29<sup>th</sup> past Mount Vesuvius began to rage with unusual Violence, throwing up vast Flakes of Fire, and Stones of prodigious weight; which continued, without Intermision, till the first Instant, when the Irruption of Fire ceas'd, and was succeeded by Clouds of Smoak and Ashes that cover'd the whole Country for several Hours with Darkocks like that of Midnight.

**Amsterdam, August 19.** The French Ambassador lately sent his Secretary hither with a haughty Memorial, relating to the Dispute for Precedency between the Prussian Ambassador and the Prince of Conti; wherein he treats the former in a very insolent manner. In the mean time the Government, being each of them bent to persist in his Pretensions to the Precedency, without listening to any Expedient, and being apprehensive that this Contest any occasion some Disorder at the opening of the Assembly, hath resolv'd, That none of the Competitors shall Personally appear there, but that the Management of their Causes should be left to their Advocates. The Resolution having been notified to each Pretender, they have all acquiesc'd in it, except the Prince of Conti, who continues to declare, he will go hither in Person: In which Case, Count Metternich must be present likewise. But, if the Prince will not recede,

it's thought the Government will give Orders to refuse the Door to any Pretender that shall present himself. Two Days ago the Government presented to the Competitors a Draught of the Rights and Privileges of the Subjects; which each of them hath promis'd to ratifie and observe, in case he is declar'd their Prince. Monsieur de la Claufure, the French Resident at Geneva, arriv'd here late last Night, and will probably stay till the Business be decided. We have certain Advice from Piedmont, That General Visconti, at the Head of the Forces which were left there, is in a full March for Provence, in order to join the Army under the Duke of Savoy: And are assur'd, by Letters from Vienna, that the Emperor hath consented to the sending a Detachment thither from the Kingdom of Naples.

**Geneva, August 22.** Letters from Toulon inform us, That since the late Action on the Hill of St. Catherine, the Duke of Savoy and Prince Eugene had bent all their Force against the Great Tower and Fort St. Louis, of which they had made themselves Masters, and were preparing to break the Boom, in order to open a Passage for their Fleet into the Port.

**Hannover, August 26.** On Wednesday his Electoral Highness review'd his last Troop of Guards; after which they all in a Body began their March to the Upper Rhine. Part of his Electoral Highness's Equipage set out Yesterday, and the rest have follow'd to Day.

**Paris, August 26.** By more particular Accounts of the late Action on the 15<sup>th</sup> Instant at Mount St. Catherine, near Toulon, it appears; there were but 1800 of the Duke of Savoy's Troops engaged in it, of which 600 were kill'd; the Loss of our side not amounting to more than 400. Of the Three Attacks that were made at the same time, one towards the Sea was a Feint, and very much contributed to our Success, by drawing the Strength of the Enemy to that side, while Monsieur Guebriant and Monsieur Dillon forc'd the Intrenchments in Two other Places, and possess'd themselves of the Hill. Our Design was to have maintain'd that important Post; but finding the Enemy's Army begin to move towards us, and being unwilling to hazard a Battle, we were forc'd to leave it with some Precipitation, after having been Masters of it Six Hours. The Duke of Savoy immediately upon the retaking of the Hill, planted Mortars on it, and threw several Bombs; which we hear, by a Courier who left that Place on the 19<sup>th</sup>, had done considerable Damage both to the Town and the Shipping. The same Courier brings Advice, That Fort Louis had surrendered to the Enemy; and that Fort St. Marguerite and the Great Tower were almost demolish'd by their Batteries. The Departure of the Princes for Provence is fix'd to the 29<sup>th</sup>; and it is suppos'd the Duke of Berwick will arrive there to Morrow. A

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