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*From the Camp at La Valette, near Toulon,
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THE Lord Dursley, riding at Anchor before one of the Isles of Hieres, in which are three Forts, surpris'd the strongest, and summoned the two others, which surrendered at Discretion.

Two Days ago a Party of Soldiers went into an House not far from the Camp in Search of Provisions, and observing a Vault that was lock'd up and barr'd with particular Care, they broke it open, in Expectation of some valuable Booty; but found in it a Man loaden with Chains, and almost dead with Famine; who, after having received some Refreshments from them, let them know, that he had been confin'd to the Dungeon where they found him above 16 Years, and fed all that time with nothing but Bread and Water. He has since been brought to Court by his Royal Highness's Order, who had the Curiosity to ask him several Questions: But his long Disuse of Speech had so deprived him of Language, that he could hardly find Words to make it understood, that he was a Prisoner of State. His Royal Highness was mov'd with Compassion of his Sufferings, and ordered him to be set at Liberty, and taken Care of.

Venice, August 20. The Earl of Manchester, Ambassador Extraordinary from the Queen of Great Britain, is preparing for his publick Entrance, which will be made with the utmost Magnificence. Signior Anquisciola, the Pope's Nuncio, died here on Thursday last. Our last Letters from Constantinople say, the Grand Signior has given Orders for the speedy Augmentation of his Troops, to prevent the Effects of any new Conspiracy, and awe all such as are disaffected to his Government. We hear from Naples, That the famous Privateer Pepesumo, who was equipping Vessels for the Service of King Charles, is dead. The States of that City have taken the Oaths, and done Homage to Count Martiniz as Viceroy; as have also all the Nobility and Persons of Condition who reside there. On the 7th Instant the Viceroy sent Vessels loaden with Cannon, Mortars, Bombs, and other Warlike Provisions, as well as some Regular Troops, to besiege the Fortress of Gaeta, which is defended by the Duke of Elcalona, and several Spanish and Neapolitan Lords who adhere to him. The Imperialists are Masters of many considerable Places in the Abruzzo; and Count Martiniz hath sent

thither 2000 Men to reduce the whole Province. They have also made Detachments into Calabria, to support the People, who having taken Arms in Favour of the House of Austria, killed their Governor, and all such Persons as offer'd to oppose them. These Advices add, That Mount Vesuvio has again thrown up such a prodigious Quantity of Ashes, as made an utter Darkness at Noon-Day. There was a solemn Procession on that Occasion, in which the Head of St. Genaro the Guardian of Naples was publicly exposed, and carried by Cardinal Pignatelli, Archbishop of the City, followed by the Viceroy, and a great Train of Persons of the first Quality. Since that Time there has been no Eruption from the Mountain. They tell us from Rome, That the Pope has resolv'd to leave the Quirinal very suddenly, and reside at the Vatican. The excessive Heats have made the City very sickly. The Prince of Taxis has fix'd on his Palace the Arms of Spain, as being at present under the Dominion of the House of Austria. The Duke of Altempo has followed his Example, and acknowledged King Charles the Third. The Princess Palæstrina, observing that the Prince her Husband was by no means to be prevail'd upon to relinquish the Interests of King Philip, has retired into a Monastery.

Paris, August 29. On Friday last a Courier came from Monsieur Langeron to Monsieur Pontchartrain, with News that the Duke of Savoy had rais'd the Siege of Toulon, which that Minister had the good Fortune first to communicate to his Majesty. Eight Hours after the Count de Tessé, Son to the Marshal, arriv'd with the same Intelligence, while the King was at Supper. The Enemy had made themselves Masters of Fort Louis, where the Duke of Savoy had lodg'd a great Quantity of Powder for battering the Town, which they did with great Success, their Cannon taking place so effectually, that it must have laid it in Ashes in a short time: But our Men from on Board the *St. Philip*, which lay in the Harbour, threw several Bombs into the Fort, one of which fell into the Magazine of Powder, and blew it up, with all the Works and Batteries. This Accident put an immediate Stop to all farther Operations of the Enemy, and appeared irreparable in that Juncture of Time. The Wind had been contrary for some days before, which hindred the Fleet from landing Provisions and Ammunition for their Army, which was in want of Necessaries. His Royal Highness therefore resolv'd upon a Retreat; in order to which, in the Night between the 21st and 22d, he embark'd his Cannon, Mortars, sick and wounded Men, together with 3 Regiments designed for the Service in Catalonia, and decamp'd the next Day. We have not yet Particulars of what Loss we have sustained in our Shipping and Magazines;