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From Major-General Stanhope's Camp before Mahon.  
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**O**N the 14th Instant Major-General Stanhope, with part of the Forces under his Command, landed in this Island. The Town of Mahon is already in our Possession, and the whole Country intirely in our Interest. The Castle of Mahon is well fortified, and has in Garrison 800 Men, half of which Number are Natives, and the other French. The Major-General has on Shore 2500 Men, including such Marines as could be spared from on Board. We hope within four Days to land four Pieces of Cannon, 15 Mortars, and above 7000 Bombs, from which last we promise our selves the greatest Success, the Castle being but little. The Castle has before it an exterior Line extended from Sea to Sea, and supported by four Stone Towers; but we do not doubt but we shall be Masters of those soon after we have raised a Battery to play upon them.

**Vienna, Octob. 3. N. S.** The Hungarian Parties continue their Excursions on both sides of the Danube with more eagerness than ever, thinking thereby to drive the Imperialists from carrying on the Siege of Neuhausel. We do not yet hear that the Trenches are opened before the Town. A Hungarian Commissary, who has had leave to go out and in to Neuhausel, for the Exchange of Prisoners, has made a report to Marshal Heister of the inward condition of the Place, wherein he says that the Houses are all uncovered, the Streets unpav'd, the Town provided with a sufficient Garrison, and with Provisions and Ammunition in abundance; but notwithstanding the Place is thus furnished for a long Defence, the Marshal hopes he may be able to take it this Campaign, if the Hungarians cannot assemble an Army strong enough to raise the Siege. Upon Advice that Count Berezeni had left his Infantry to guard the Passes leading to the Mountainous Towns of Hungary, and was with his Cavalry in the Neighbourhood of Levenz, Marshal Heister is march'd thither with the greatest Part of the German Cavalry, to try if he can bring him to an Action. The Hungarians who have gone over to the Emperor, and who happen to fall into the Hands of the Malecontents, are all of them Hanged, or Impaled, without Mercy. Bezereci, with his Fellow-Prisoners, is transported to Simonthorna; from whence the Malecontents design to carry them into Upper Hungary, and to deliver them into the Hands of Prince Ragotzi. The Inhabitants of the Country of Javaria have, with the consent of Marshal Heister, agreed with the Commissary of Count Anthony Esterhafi, for the Contributions they are to pay for the Security of their Vintage. They pay down in ready Money 2000 Florins, besides a considerable quantity of Silver-Plate, Cloth, Tents, and other Moveables. The Pope has order'd his Auditor residing at this Court, to excuse the late Hostilities committed by his Troops upon the Germans; and to assure his Imperial Majesty, that they were done not only without his Order, but against his Intention; that altho' he had judged it necessary to Arm for the Security of the Dominions of

the Church, yet he never intended to be the Aggressor, or to come to any Act of Hostility, except he were forced to it in his own Defence. He offers to inflict what Punishment the Emperor pleases on the Persons who began the Hostilities.

**Berne, Octob. 10. N. S.** The Letters from Turin of the 3d Instant say, that his Royal Highness had been to visit the Garrisons of Exilles and Suza, in order to put them in a posture of Defence; having had notice from the Enemies Frontier, that Marshal Villars was making preparations at Briarçon for a Siege, or at least to alarm his Royal Highness, that no detachment might be made to the Ferrareze; but that such measures were taken, as would in all probability prevent the designs of that Marshal; that the Troops were cantoned, and that in a few days the Disposition would be made for the Winter Quarters, if the Enemies Motions did not hinder it; that by the 10th Instant there would be 9000 of the Emperor's Troops in the Ferrareze, which in all Likelihood would soon decide the differences between the Courts of Vienna and Rome.

**Berlin, Octob. 12. N. S.** The King is now at Potsdam, and 'tis thought his Majesty will continue there some days, in expectation of a Visit from the Margravine of Bariech his Sister. The design of her Journey is to solicit his Majesty to use his good Offices with the King of Sweden, to restore the Duchy of Courland to her Son. His Majesty hath given Colonel Swerin 300000 Crowns, half in Money, and half in Lands, for his House and Estate at Landsberg. 'Tis said the King designs this as a Present to the new Queen. The Elector of Hanover being admitted into the Electoral College, hath not only returned his Thanks to the King for his Assistance in that Affair, but hath also made considerable Presents to some of the chief Ministers of this Court. An Officer is arrived here from Italy, to acquaint his Majesty, that the Duke of Savoy having ended his Campaign, hath settled the Winter Quarters for the Troops with Monsieur Martigni the Imperial Commissary; and that Major-General Harrach is dispatched to Vienna for his Imperial Majesty's Approbation. At his return the Army will separate, and the Quarters for his Prussian Majesty's Troops will be appointed to this Court's satisfaction in the Plaisantin, where they were last Winter. They writ from Marienburg of the Twenty ninth past, that four Swedish Regiments were on their March towards Graudentz, in order to pass the Vistula; and that King Stanislaus will set out as soon as possible for the Army in Lithuania. The Swedes are dissatisfied with his Polish Majesty, for having appointed Polish Prussia for the Winter Quarters, of the Troops of Prince Wiefnowisky; and the Swedish Regiments which are in their March towards the Vistula, have each left two Companies in Prussia, to hinder the said Troops of Prince Wiefnowisky from entering into the Country. There are already above 500 Persons dead of the Plague at Thorn.