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From the Camp near Estremoz, Sept. 24. N. S.

THE Enemy have lately detach'd some Troops from Valencia and Arragon, which have joined Mr. de Bay, who thereupon marched on the 21st of the last Month, with his whole Army from Badajoz to the River Gays, which he pass'd the next Day, and came to Fonte de Sapatera, where he is at present encamped. He has summoned some open Places to bring in Provisions, and pay Contributions. Our Frontier Towns have sufficient Garrisons, and are well provided with all things necessary for their Defence. We have also in the Field a sufficient Body of Troops capable to prevent any considerable Enterprize of the Enemy; but they having brought no Artillery with them, we are of Opinion that they have no other design than to ravage some part of the Country, and retire.

Venice, October 5. N. S. Letters from Rome say, that the Pope held a Consistory on the 24th of September, in which he desired the consent of the Cardinals for taking out of the Castle of St. Angelo five hundred thousand Crowns of the Treasure, which was left there by Sixtus Quintus. It is said, some gave their Opinion against entering into a War, which they thought might still be honourably avoided; but that upon hearing the Pope's Reasons for prosecuting it, the whole Assembly consented to his Demand. It has by this Means been discovered, that Sixtus Quintus had laid up in that Place only three Millions of Crowns, though the Pope Gregory the Fourth, Clemens the Eighth, Urban the Eighth, and Paul the Fifth, have taken out half of it to serve former Occasions. The Pope has lately made a Speech against Cardinal Grimoni, and acquainted the Congregation that he had sent him his Admonitions. The Major-General d'Ottan has undertaken to raise two Regiments of Cuirassiers at Rome, and Major-General Balbiani is raising a Regiment of Dragoons. But there is so great Difficulty to find Horses, that the Pope obliges all private Persons to sell such as are fit for the Service. Both the Generals d'Ottan and Balbiani publicly declare, that they think it not consistent with their Honour to act with General Marfigli, but have receiv'd no answer from the Pope as to this Particular. The Cardinal de la Tremouille has given Orders to prepare an Apartment for Marschal de Yessé, who was very suddenly expected at Rome. The Pope's Troops are to march towards the Frontiers of Modena, at the same time that the Niederzeze Forces move towards the Ferrareze, where they are to be reinforced by a great Detachment of the Imperialists out of Piedmont. The Differences between the Pope and Queen of Poland are intirely unjust.

Atlan, October 5. N. S. The Duke of Modena is expected here within few Days, in order to confer with the Marquis de Prie as soon as he arrives in this City. Six thousand Men of the Imperial Troops, which served the last Campaign in Piedmont, advance with all Expedition towards the Ferrareze. The Horse

march by Land, and the Foot are Embarked on the Po. General Thaur is arrived at Mantua on his Way to Final in the Modeneze, where he designs to review the Imperial Troops, which are to be joined by a Train of Artillery in that Place. They write from Ferrara, that they were very diligent in furnishing that Town with Provisions, and that they have reinforced the Garrison of Fort Urbano. General Marfigli is returned to Bologna, after having visited the Post of Lago Sauro, where he hath ordered new Fortifications to be made, as well as at Bondeno. Some of the Ecclesiastical Fortes have taken Possession of the Castle of Nonantola in the Modeneze, and have join'd the Militia of that Country, in order to block up Comacchio; but the Marquis de Bonneval has commanded the Peasants to lay down their Arms on pain of Military Execution upon all their Lands and Effects.

Ostend, October 23. N. S. His Grace the Duke of Marlborough is still encamped at Rousfelier, from whence Major-General Cadogan was detach'd last Week as far as Cocklaer, in order to join the Army of Lessinghen, near St. Peter's Chappel, but the Waters obliged him to retire. Two Deserters having informed the French where 200 Barrels of Powder lay at Lessinghen, they began to fire upon that Place with hot Bullets, upon which General Erle ordered the Powder to be sunk under Water. The French having been beaten off in all their Attacks on the Post possided by General Erle on the Canal of Newport, last Thursday began to draw Lines round Lessinghen, and to besiege it as much in form, as if it were a fortified Town. On Friday they began to Sap, and have continued to do so ever since. On Saturday last General Erle having Advice, that the Duke of Vendosme was to be that Night in the Trenches, ordered a Detachment of 100 Men, 50 English and 50 Dutch, under the Command of Mr. de Claré, a Captain in the Regiment of Caris, to Attack their Line, and disturb their Workmen; which he did with so good Success, that he drove them entirely out of the Trenches, having taken four pieces of Cannon, and made Monsieur de Croisey