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Florence, August 20. N. S.

**T**HIS Court hath lately received Advices that another Plenipotentiary will suddenly be sent by his Imperial Majesty into Italy, to demand new Contributions. Letters from Rome say, that the Envoy-Extraordinary from his Majesty of Portugal refusing in that Court exerts himself with much Zeal in supporting the Protestations of the Marquis de Prié against the Cardinal Ottoboni, who had accepted of the Character of Protector of France. The Imperial Minister hath lately demanded an Audience of the Pope, wherein he threatened that if the Cardinal Ottoboni did not forthwith resign that Character, his Revenues in the Milanese should be immediately seized for the use of King Charles. The Duke d'Arly died lately in that City; his Body was interred with great Ceremony, but will be taken up again, in order to be transported to Naples, and deposited among his Ancestors. Prince Alexander Sobieski, a younger Son of her Dowager Majesty of Poland, is to take his Leave of Rome, and return to that Kingdom within few Days. Don Alexander Albani, Nephew to the Pope, is lately made Captain of the Gunners. On the 15th Instant his Holiness officiated in the Church of St. Mary Major, in the presence of the Sacred College, and a great number of the Nobility.

**Venice, Aug. 23. N. S.** The Procurator Foscarini has received his Instructions, and is within eight Days to begin his Journey for Holland, where he is appointed to reside with the Character of Envoy-Extraordinary from this Republick. The Senate has lately ordered that all Ships which shall take in any Lading of Corn at any of their Ports within the Gulph, shall first bring it into this Port, where that Commodity is at present very dear. The last Letters from Dalmatia say, that the Archbishop Antrissi was Assassinated by Russians in Masks in the time of his making his Visit to his Diocese, and that General Vendramin went from Spalato to Caraso, to make a strict Examination into that Murder, that the Criminals may be brought to Justice. They add, that they had received a Confirmation of the Report that the Grand Signior had sent into the Black Sea the Captain Bassa with many Vessels of War, with a design to gather Troops in Asia for the Succour of the Tartars against the Muscovites, and retake several Fortresses of which they are possessed at the Mouth of the Tanais.

**Berne, August 28. N. S.** The General Diet of the Cantons continues their Session at Baden. Our last Letters from Savoy brought an Account, that the Confederate Troops which lately entered into Annessi, had attacked the Castle of that Place; and that the Garrison, consisting of one hundred and six Men, was obliged to surrender at Discretion. The Allies lost but four Men in this Action. The Garrison was conducted into Piedmont, but the Chevalier de Valliere, who commanded it, was permitted to stay at Annessi on his Parole. These Letters add, that the Cavalry, and all the other Troops, with the Artillery from Piedmont, had joined his Royal Highness's Army, which was marched towards Chambery, where the Duke of Berwick had posted five Battalions and thirteen Squadrons of Dragoons, under the Conduct of Lieutenant General Sully. On the 20th Instant at Night four Regiments of Carabiers, and two of Husars, consisting of six thousand four hundred Men, under the Command of Count Merck, leaving Augst, in the Territory of Basil, on their Right, marched with great diligence towards Upper Alface, and having passed the Rhine at Rheinfeld, they took the Rout

towards Nieubourg, where they expected to be joined by a Detachment of Infantry consisting of seven thousand Men, under the Command of the General de la Tour. On the 22d the Imperialists finished a Bridge of Boats over the Rhine near that Place, and applied themselves with diligence to build Forts at each end of the Bridge, to secure a Communication between them and his Electoral Highness's Army. On the approach of the Imperial Troops to Nieubourg, several Parties of the Enemy, who guarded that Town, and some neighbouring Redoubts along the River, quitted their Posts; but a French Colonel and about thirty private Men were taken Prisoners.

**Frankfort, September 1. N. S.** Letters from the Elector of Hanover's Camp say, that his Electoral Highness having received advice that the Marshal d'Harcourt had made great Detachments to oppose Count Merck, who had penetrated into Upper Alface with twelve thousand Men, passed the Rhine at Daxland on the 28th of the last Month, in order to sustain him: but his Electoral Highness received advice on his March, that General Merck being informed that the Count du Bourg, who was detached from the Army of the Marshal d'Harcourt, and reinforced from the Garrisons of Brisac and other neighbouring Places, was advancing to attack him, took a Resolution to meet the Enemy, leaving four Battalions to guard a Bridge of Boats which he had made at Nieubourg; accordingly on the 26th he came up with the Count du Bourg, whom he attacked with so much Bravery, that he utterly routed the left Wing of his Forces; but the Enemy being very much Superior in Number, returned on the Charge with fresh Troops, and the Regiment of Nieubourg having given way, put the whole body of the Imperialists in Disorder. Count Brauner, together with the Lieutenant-Colonel and Major of his Regiment, were killed in this Action, and Count Merck himself was wounded. His Electoral Highness received further Advice, that Count Merck, with some Battalions, had repassed the Rhine over his bridge of Boats at Nieubourg, and was retired towards Frankfort; upon which Intelligence his Electoral Highness returned to his Lines at Ellingen with his Army.

**From the Camp at Havre, September 6. N. S.** On Tuesday the 3d Instant the Hereditary Prince of Hesse marched at four in the Afternoon from the Camp at Orchies with a Detachment of sixty Squadrons of Horse and four thousand Foot, and passed the Schelde at Moutagne; the two Armies followed before Midnight, and being joined the next Day by the Duke of Marlborough and the Prince of Savoy on the March, encamped at Briffocuil. The Prince of Hesse, after a small halt at some distance before us, continued his March, and the Army followed again at four yesterday Morning. Our March was somewhat retarded by the Rains that fell two Days together. However, the Prince marched on with all the Diligence he could towards the Haine, which River he passed in the Afternoon, and the Armies encamped at Sirauc, with the Left about a League from the Haine, and marched again early this Morning. Upon the March we had an Account, that the Prince of Hesse having made a disposition to attack the Enemy's Lines between the Haine and the Sambre, three Regiments of Dragoons which were left for their Guard, immediately abandoned them, and retired. A great Body of those Troops that lay about Valenciennes, commanded by the Chevalier de Luxembourgeois, were advanced within half more than one League, in order to sustain them; but upon the Retreat of those Regiments the whole marched back.

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