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Venice, May 9. N. S.

ON Wednesday last her Britannick Majesty's Secretary presented a Memorial to our Regency, wherein he demanded the Deserters of the Troops of Saxe-Gotha that are in the Service of the Queen of Great Britain and the States-General in Italy, and have taken refuge in this State. Last Night the Senate sent a Copy of this Memorial to their Generals in Terra-firma, with Orders to assist the Officers of those Troops to retake these Deserters, and to prevent the like Practices for the future. Letters from Naples say, that several other Fryars, and some Spanish Prisoners, who were enlarged upon their Parole, had been discovered to have been Accomplishes in the Conspiracy to surprize and betray Capua: Some of them have been also Convicted for stirring up the People to Revolt, and encouraging the Soldiers to desert to the Enemy; for which Crimes they have been strangled by Order of the Government. They write from Rome, that the Congregation appointed to confer with the Imperial Ministers on the Affair of Commachio, continued their Meetings every Monday and Thursday. The Preparations are continued for the Pope's Journey to Castel-Gandolfo, where his Holiness designs to reside this ensuing Summer. His Health is restored beyond the Expectation of his Physicians; and he hath performed all the Functions of the Festival, made the usual Visits to the Churches, and doth frequently assist at the Publick Devotions, as well as the Administration of Secular Affairs. His Holiness hath sent new Instructions to his Nephew Monsieur Albani at Vienna, about the Differences depending between him and the Imperial Court, and hath also remitted him forty thousand Crowns, to defray the Expences of a Journey which he is to make into Poland and Muscovy. These Letters bring also Advice of the Arrival of Prince Avellino, Ambassador from King Charles to the Pope; the Marquis de Prié, the Constable Colonna, and several other Persons of Distinction, met his Excellency at some distance from the Town, and conducted him to an Apartment in the Constable Colonna's House. This Minister insists on receiving the Compliments of the Cardinals, without signifying to them his Arrival; but the College pretends that it is the usual Custom to defer their Visit 'till after a formal Notice. This Dispute will occasion some Differences about the Ceremonial. They write from Lombardy, that Recruits are daily passing through their Territories for the Imperial Forces in Piedmont.

Berne, May 10. N. S. The People of Tockenburg have lately surprized some Castles in that Country, where the Abbot of St. Gall had made Magazines, and kept small Garrisons, contrary to the Rights and Privileges of the Inhabitants. This new incident has raised fresh Heats in these Parts, and obliged the Cantons of both Religions to be upon their Guard. In the mean time the Protestants have summoned a Diet to meet at Arrau, to agree upon Measures for their Common Safety, in case the Romau Catholics should resolve to support the Abbot by force, of which there is little appearance after all that has passed relating to that Difference.

Warsaw, May 11. N. S. On the 5th Instant the King removed with his Court to Villa-Nova, about two Miles distant from this City. The same Evening a Committee of the late great Council met at the Primate's Apartment

in the Capuchin Cloysters; the Subject whereon they were assembled, was to explain the Limitations of a Privilege granted to the City of Czenstokow, in the Palatinate of Cracow, for an Exemption from all Taxes for the space of twenty Years. After some Debates on the Extent of this Privilege, it was declared, that it should only have respect to the Monasteries of that City. This Committee hath sat every Day, of the last Week, and been employed in revising the several Acts which were projected, and assented to at the last Sessions; and yesterday they went in a Body to wait on the King at Villa-Nova. His Majesty was pleased to receive them very graciously, and granted his Approbation of the Method and Terms in which these Acts were finally digested. The Committee is again, met this Day in the Primate's Apartments; but the Concerns of particular Persons are the only Matters that are to be debated at this Assembly. This Court hath lately received fresh Advices of the King of Sweden's Departure from Bender; and on the 6th the King of Poland sent Monsieur de la Brosse to Cracow, who is to bring an Account of the Posture of Affairs on that Frontier; and also to gain Intelligence of the Measures which his Swedish Majesty hath taken, in order to his Return, it being reported here that his Majesty is joined by the Poles under the Command of the Palatin de Kiovia. We have Advice, that on the 3d Instant Mr. Whitworth, the British Ambassador to the Czar of Muscovy, set out from Grodno in Lithuania, in his way to Great Britain. This Court will speedily make a Journey to Marienburg in Prussia, where it is said the King will hold a Conference with the Czar; but his Majesty hath not yet fixed on the Day of his Departure.

Brussels, May 24. N. S. On the 20th a Courier from France passed through this Place in his way to Gertruydenberg; and on the 21st in the Afternoon another proceeded from thence to Versailles. Yesterday three thousand Prussian Recruits, with a great number of Horses, marched from hence towards the Army. This Night two thousand five hundred Imperialists are expected, with the Horses for remounting the Troopers of that Nation; and to Morrow Night four thousand Palatines are to quarter in this City, and pursue their March with the greatest Diligence to join the Army. Letters from the Camp before Douay say, that on the 21st, at Night, the Besiegers made a very good Lodgment on the Glacis of the Counterescarp at the Right Attack; but the Dispositions for passing the outer Ditch not being in the same forwardness at the Left Attack, the Lodgment of the Glacis on that side could not be perfected before this Night. Advices from the Enemy's Frontiers say, their Army being assembled at Mont St. Quentin near Peronne on the 21st, they marched from that Place on the 22d, and are now encamped on the North side of the Scheld between Bouchain and Cambray. These advices confirm the Arrival of the Marechals Berwick, Bezons and d'Arco, besides the Marechals Villars and Monteciquiou.

From the Camp before Douay, May 26. N. S. The Marechal de Villars having drawn together the several Bodies that were assembled on the Frontiers, and formed his Army, passed the Scheld the 22d at Cambray, and encamped before that Place, with the Right near Bouchain, and the Left at Ribecours; whereupon our two Armies, except the Troops of the Siege, and twelve Squadrons left at Pont à Riche, made a Movement the 24th,

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