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Florence, July 1. N. S.

THE Expedition of the French and Spaniards, with the Gallies of the Duke of Turis, against Sardinia, is now at an end. Sir John Norris coming to an Anchor with the Fleet, at the Place where the Enemy had landed four hundred Men immediately seized upon the Barks that transported them; after which the Imperial Troops landed, and marched up directly to the Enemy, who, though they had possessed themselves of a small Village called Terra-Nova, surrendered themselves Prisoners of War. Sir John Norris took also in those Vessels eight hundred Barrels of Powder, twelve Pieces of Cannon, and three Mortars: After this the Admiral being informed, that the Duke of Turis with the Gallies and some Barks, were detained at Bonifacio in Corsica, immediately made thither; but finding they were escaped, he sent another part of the Island, where four Barks and six hundred Men had retired, the Men for their safety fled to the Mountains, and the Admiral having made himself Master of the Vessels and their Ammunition, proceeded on his Voyage to Barcelona. The six Gallies belonging to the Duke of Turis, with two of Sicily, are got to Genoa, with eight hundred Men on Board, most of whom are Sick, and the Duke of Turis is likewise seized with a Fever. The Enemy have lost one thousand three hundred Men in this Expedition, besides all their Transports, Stores, Artillery and Ammunition. The Pope, since his return from Castel-Gandolfo, finds himself again indisposed, and his former Distempers are returned upon him; it is therefore believed he will again remove in the Country.

Venice, July 4. N. S. The Chevalier Guistiniani, the late Bailly at Constantinople, is come out of the Lazzaretto, where he has been forty Days, and is gone to his Palace, where he is preparing to make a Solemn Entry into this City, in order to take upon him the Dignity of Procurator of St. Mark. Mr. Broughton, the British Consul, having for some time had a Patent as Consul from Spain, this Senate hath ordered those Vessels that come from Ports of which the King of Spain is in actual Possession, shall pay the Duties to him. The Emperor's Ambassador to this State has presented a Memorial, protesting very warmly against the College, for accepting the Patent of the Duke of Anjou, which constitutes a Florentine his Consul here. They write from Naples, that six armed Felucca's of Lipari having taken some Barks on the Coast of Naples, had been chased into a Creek, and were taken by the Neapolitan Barks that were sent to pursue them; these Felucca's were brought into Naples, having on Board one hundred and seventy of the Pirates. Letters from Rome advise, that an Express to the Cardinal de la Tremouille had brought Letters from the French King to the Pope, desiring a Dispensation for the Marriage of the Duke of Berry with Mademoiselle d'Orleans. The Messenger that brought this Express was introduced to the Pope himself, and immediately dispatched with the said Dispensation. The Pope hath sent also to Vienna the Bull for the Bishoprick of Faenza, which is given to his Nuncio Signior Piazza, who had also the Grant of a rich Abby in the Milanese. The Nuncio for this Republic was not yet named. It was said that the Prince of Palestrino would present his great Palace, called Palazzo Barbarino, to the French King, that his Majesty may lodge his Ambassador therein, and he is preparing for his Journey to Spain, where he is to be created Adjutant-General to the Duke of Anjou.

Vienna, July 5. N. S. Letters from Bender the 5th inst say, that the King of Sweden seemed resolved not to leave that Place, till he could return at the Head of an

Army; that he was in hopes the Sultan would not only permit the Tartars to begin a War with Muscovy (of which they are said to be very desirous) but also that he himself would at last be prevailed upon to furnish his Swedish Majesty with a good Body of Troops. There are also Advices from Constantinople, which say, that the King hath already assembled ten thousand Men at Bender. Yesterday Count Schraumbucht, Dean of the Chapter of Salzburg, and Envoy-Extraordinary from the Archbishops, received from the Emperor the Investiture of the Temporalities of the Archbishoprick of Salzburg. The Marquis Balbi, Envoy-Extraordinary from the Republic of Genoa, is returned to Italy. General Heister and Marquis Cusani set out yesterday for Hungary. The Imperial Army is assembled in the Neighbourhood of Raab.

From the Camp at Viller Brulin, July 17. N. S. On Tuesday the 15th the Troops appointed for the Siege of Bechune marched and invested that Place. General Schullenburg and General Fagel, who Command the Foot, are to have the direction of the two Attacks, with two Lieutenants-General, four Majors-General, and as many Brigadiers at each. A great part of the Artillery and Ammunition for the Siege lies ready at Bouzy, and the rest will arrive on the 19th at Lisse near Ghent. In the meantime, for the Security of this Post, go to the Siege, and the safety of our Convoys of Bread, the Bersaglieri Regiment of Hesse marched this Morning with thirty Squadrons and twelve Battalions, with Orders to take Post between Lens and la Bassée, and to break down all the Bridges on the Canal, except those at Pont à Vendin, where our Convoys are to pass.

Amsterdam, July 18. N. S. The States of Holland and West-Friesland were re-assembled on the 16th, and the same Day the Lord Treasurer and the Pensionary Heinsius had a long Conference with the Dutch Deputies that are employed in the Negotiations with the Ministers of France. The India Fleet being more numerous than usual, and very richly laden, the Arrival of it hath occasioned an extraordinary Joy. On the 14th a rich Fleet from the Balcick, consisting of sixty Vessels, came safe into the Texel, under Convoy of four Men of War. The Admiralty of Amsterdam hath commanded the Dutch Men of War that convoyed the Fleet from India, to attend the five English Ships that came in their Company, and to conduct them in safety within the Mouth of the Thames. Yesterday in the Evening the Ambassador of Muscovy received the News of the Surrender of Wylburg, on the 25th of June, to the Czar. Our last Advices from Flanders say, that General Wood is to command the Cavalry appointed to serve in the Siege of Bechune, which is to consist of six Imperial Squadrons, six English and six Dutch. The Town was invested on the 15th with twenty six Battalions, whereof three are English, nine Dutch, and the rest are Germans and Auxiliaries. The Number of the whole Detachment amounts to twenty thousand Men. The Garrison consists of nine Battalions, and some Squadrons of Dragoons; and we hear, that the Enemy have caused an Inundation on one side of the Town. Marschal Villars was encamped behind his new Lines, and the Generals of the Allies had ordered a Camp to be marked out, to cover the Siege. We have Advices by the way of France of the safe Arrival of Sir John Norris, with the Confederate Fleet, and Imperial Reinforcements, at Barcelona.

Whitehall, July 13. The Queen has been pleased to appoint Brigadier-General Thomas Pulteney, Major General of Her Majesty's Forces, his Commission bearing date with those of the General Officers, constituted at the late Promotion.