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Venice, October 3. N. S.

Cardinal Grimani, Viceroy of Naples, is departed this Life, and Count Carlo Borromeo is appointed Viceroy in his Room. The Dutchess of Modena, Sister to the Empress, died lately of an Apoplexy.

Copenhagen, October 7. N. S. The Swedish Fleet, consisting of twenty one Ships of the Line of Battel and ten Frigats, set sail from Carelsbroon the 1st Instant, and on the 4th in the Morning appeared in Order of Battel, with the Wind at South-East, before the Danish Fleet, which lay in the Gulf of Koeg, about four Danish Miles South-West of Copenhagen, and extending it self in compass from it to the Entrance into the East Sea. The Danes having no notice of their Approach, nor even of their being at Sea 'till they were come in sight of them, were forced to cut their Cables; and having put themselves in a Disposition to receive their Enemies, as well as the sudden Surprize would allow them, they endeavoured to gain the Wind so as to get between Copenhagen and the Swedish Fleet, whilst the Swedes, on the contrary, advanced with a design to intercept them. This occasioned some Cannonading between the foremost of both Fleets, and a Danish Ship of ninety Guns blew up. The Swedes gained their Point, but advancing too far towards the Enemy's Coast, two of their Flag Ships, an Admiral and Rear-Admiral, struck upon a Sand Bank near the Island of Amack, between which Island and that of Saltholm Copenhagen is situated. The Danes being thus disappointed, retired to their former Post before Koeg, and the Swedes came to an Anchor off of Amack. When they found there was no possibility of recovering their two Ships, they were employed all that Night, and part of the next Morning, in saving the Men, and what else they could remove out of them; after which they themselves set fire to them, and they blew up within three or four Hours the one after the other. In the mean time the Danes fired upon them from some Mortars and Hawitzars, which had been sent from hence to the Sea Coast for that purpose, but did them no Mischiefe. His Danish Majesty was there in Person, and saw one of the Ships when she blew up. The Danish Ship that was lost was called the Danebrog; only four Men of all her Crew were saved, who being brought hither report, that she took fire from one of the Enemy's Shot. Monsieur Hanfen, one of the Commissaries, is said to have been on Board with all the Papers and Accounts relating to that Office. The Swedish Fleet continued at Anchor in the same Place that Day, the Wind being still at South-East, and a strong Gale. They set fire to a small Danish Transport, that had likewise struck upon the Sand. Others of the Transports having driven themselves upon the Sands which lye between Amack and Koeg, and being abandoned by the Sailors, it is thought the Swedes have taken two or three of them. In the mean time a Detachment of Horse Guards and some Companies of Foot, were sent from hence to keep Watch on the Coast of the

Island of Amack, and twelve hundred Soldiers and some hundreds of Seamen were ordered to the Fleet. On the 6th in the Morning five or six Swedish Ships were seen under sail, and it was thought their whole Fleet was going to Attack the Danes, but it proved that those Ships were ordered to pursue some Danish Transports coming from the East Sea, of which they took two, and set another on Fire. The rest of their Fleet continued at Anchor, and the Wind blowing still at South-East, hindered the Danes from coming up to them. It is thought the Swedes came hither with a design to Attack the Danes, and that they did not do it is attributed to the Loss of their two Flags, to their expectation of being joined by some more Ships, and the Danes lying on the Coast, on which the Wind bore very hard, and they were afraid of engaging too near it. In the mean time they were Masters of the Entrance from the Baltick, and took all the Transports that were coming from the East Sea, some of which they fired, in hopes, as we suppose, the Wind would drive them upon the Danish Fleet. This Morning they weighed Anchor, and sailed towards the East-Sea; the Danes pursued them, but at such a distance, that there is no likelihood of their coming to an Engagement, unless the Swedes desire it.

From the Camp before Aire, October 13. N. S. At our Attack on the side of Lambré the Lodgments on the first Ditch were joined the 10th, and we had several Saps ready to open, in order to make the Descents, and fill up the Ditch, one of which, being pierced too low, let the Water into our Works, and prevented our going on with our Design at that time. We have likewise been somewhat incommoded by three Days Rain, but we have now repaired the Damage, and are making the Disposition for passing over, the Magazines of Fuscines and other Materials being ready for that purpose. At the Attack on the side of St. Quentin we have carried on a Lodgment along the first Ditch, from the Saliant Angle of the Ravelin before the Port d'Arras to the Madiécq, and are now preparing to make the Descents and fill up the first Ditch; from which we are likewise drawing off the Water by several Drains, and have raised two new Batteries, one of fifteen Pieces of Cannon, to batter the Bastion of Arras and the Ravelin, and the other of ten Mortars, to annoy the Enemy in the Covered-way and the Fleche.

From the Camp before Aire, October 16. N. S. On Monday Night last we began two Bridges over the first Ditch at the Attack on the side of Lambré, towards the two Fleches; and though the Enemy set fire to that on the Left, these two and a third were finished the next Night; and about three in the Morning we passed over, attacked the two Fleches with very good Success, and made a Lodgment on that on the Right. We also began one on that on the Left, but Day coming on before we could finish it, our Men were obliged to retire. Last Night we finished a fourth Bridge, attacked the Enemy again in the Fleche on the Left, beat them out of it, and made a good Lodgment for a hundred Men. The Enemy sent out eight Companies of Granadiers to endeavour to dislodge them, but