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*Corfu, August 22.*

**O**N the 15th Instant 10 Ships which had touch'd at Brindisi, having on Board Troops and Biscuit for this Place, arriv'd in the Port; and the Captains of these Ships dined with the Field-Marshal Count Schulenbourg, who appeared very joyful for the Arrival of these Succours, and especially at receiving the greatest part of the Men of his own Regiment. In the Afternoon the firing on the Besiegers was continued, but there was no Action. On the 16th at Day break entered into the Place 1800 Men, all Germans, most of them of the Regiment of Schulenbourg. The Field-Marshal took a Review of them, and assigned them their Posts. In the Afternoon there was some Alarm towards the Counterscarp, to which the Turks had advanced, but they were repulsed. The Night following they took Post however before the Counterscarp, and made some new small Trenches. On the 17th our Bombs incommoded the Turks very much in their Trenches towards Mount Abraham. We worked to cover ourselves from the Attempts of the Besiegers, at the Gate called Raimonde, where they were preparing to make a second Attack. On the 18th we galled the Enemy very much in their new Trenches; and the Ground being very hard, they could not be intirely covered till towards Night. At one in the Morning M. Schulenbourg detach'd out of the Town 200 Sclavonians and 400 Germans, commanded by Lieutenant Collonel Bourgman, who being conducted by the Ingenier Meibom, fell so suddenly on the Turks, that they immediately put them into Disorder, drove them out of their Trenches, and pursued them to the Village of Manruchio, with the Loss of 800 Men on their Side, and very few on ours: The Major who commanded the Sclavonians, was killed. The Enemy were likewise repulsed from the Gate of Raimonde, by 100 Men who sallied at the same time, led by the Ingenier La Riviere, who distinguished himself on this Occasion. Day coming on our Men retired into the Town. On the 19th at Day-break the Turks being returned to their Posts, and pursuing our Men who retired, made a general Assault with so much Courage and Fury, that they leaped Sabre in Hand into several Parts of the Counterscarp. We blew up a great ma-

ny of them by Mines, and they were repulsed several times by the Fire of Musquets, Grenadoes, and of our Artillery: However, they penetrated into the Counterscarp in so great Number, that the Soldiers were terrified and abandoned it; also on the side of the Gate of Raimonde they penetrated into the Ravelin of St. Anthony, from which they dislodged our Men. But the Field-Marshal, who was continually moving about to give his Orders, encouraged some, and relieved others so seasonably, that every one strove to recover his Post. Lieutenant Collonel Monti went into the new Fortrefs with 200 Men, to make a continual Fire on the Counterscarp; which he executed with so much Success, that the Turks incommoded by Bombs, Grenadoes, and other Fireworks thrownt among them, were forced to abandon that Post, into which our Men immediately returned; They killed there several Turks, and found 4 large Ladders of a new Invention. On the side of the Gate of Raimonde, the Enemy were beaten out of the Ravelin of which they had possessed themselves; the Ingenier La Riviere was killed there. All was quiet about 10 in the Morning, and the Turks did not make any other Attempt all the rest of the Day. On the 20th the Fire was continued on both Sides: The Turks repaired their Trenches, and we worked to repair our Mines. In the Afternoon so great a Rain fell, with Thunder and Lightning, that all their Trenches were in a little Time filled with Water, and they were obliged to retire out of them. Besides, the Thunder fell into a Sultana, and split the Main-Mast. On the 21st the Enemy's Fire was inconsiderable; and they could not enter the Trenches, because they were still full of Water. In the Afternoon came into the Port 8 Spanish Men of War, sent by King Philip V. In the Evening the Turks only threw some Bombs, and in the Night they quitted their Camp with very great Precipitation, in order to reembark. On the 22d, we were much surprized to see that they had left their Camp, and that they had almost all got to their Fleet. As soon as we discovered it, we sent out to scour the Country, and a great many Prisoners were taken, who reported that they knew nothing of the Reimbarkation, the Orders for it being executed suddenly. They have abandoned 56 Pieces