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Venice, May 8.

Several Vessels arriving here from Zant, we are informed, that Generall *Bernardo* remains still at *Corfu*, wholly intent upon advancing the Fortifications of the place; so soon as they are perfected, and things thoroughly settled in those parts, it is thought he may have leave to return home.

That they had advice there from *Candia*, that that Bassa was in daily expectation of the arrival of the Captain Bassa with the Fleet of Gallies, designed to put to Sea on *St. Georges* day, (a day which the Turks very much observe, and not without some superstition) the said Fleet will consist of 150 Sayl, but most of them are small and of no great force.

That the Buildings at *Candia* go on very slowly, by reason of the great scarcity as well of Inhabitants as materials, notwithstanding that Bassa hath of late published several favourable orders, by which Priviledges are granted to such, as will come with their Families to inhabit there. From *Adrianople* our last Letters tell us, that the Grand Visier had given directions for the speedy marching of 30000 men towards the *Illyrs*, as it is feared, to assist the Cossack under the conduct of *Dorosensko*, in their designs against the *Poles*.

They farther write, of a dispute lately happened between the *Turks* and *Persians*, on the confines of *Babylon*, in which had been killed above two thousand men on both sides. *Cavaglier Morosini* is gone on his Embassy to *Rome*, and Procurator *Nani* towards the Frontiers of *Dalmatia*, to adjust the business of the Limits.

Rome, May 2. The 19th instant, being the day of the Popes entering into the second year of his Pontificate, was celebrated here with all the solemnity imaginable; in the morning his Highness being attended by the Colledge of Cardinals, and most of the Nobility, with the Formalities usual on such occasions, went to the Chappell of the *Quirinal*, where he assisted at Mass, and the other publick devotions of the day, which were performed by Cardinal *Borromeo* Secretary of State, which being ended, he returned in the same manner amidst the throngs and acclamations of the people to his Palace, where he presently after received the Compliment of *Ad multos annos*, from the Colledge of Cardinals, who waited upon him in Body, as likewise from the Publick Ministers, and all the Principal Persons of the Court, who from thence went in the same order, and with the same Compliment to Cardinal *Altieri* at his lodgings in the Palace. On Tuesday last returned hither from *Naples* the Marquis de *Saignelay*, upon the express he is said to have received from *Paris*, to make all the hast home he conveniently could; he staid there but five days, but was during that time entertained by Don *Pedro d' Arragon* Vice-Roy of that Kingdom, in a very extraordinary manner, his Excellency having omitted nothing which might express his welcome into those

Countries; the next day he was to visit the Cardinal *Altieri*, and this morning he parted again from hence on his way to *Turin*, and so for *France*, having before his departure made several large presents amongst the Domesticks of the Cardinal *Antonio*, by whom he hath been most splendidly entertained during the time he was in this place.

Here is some discourse of a Marriage to be treating between the Prince *Pamphilio*, one of the richest of our Nobility, and the Niece of the Cardinal *Faccinetti*; but whereas several of the Friends and Relations of that Prince, seem with much eagerness to oppose the Match; we have great cause to doubt the success of it. The Cardinal *Caruffa* hath been lately taken violently ill of a fit of the Stone, which hath through the continual torments of that distemper, brought him to so great weakness, that we begin very much to despair of his recovery.

The Duke d' *Estrées* Ambassador Extraordinary from his most Christian Majesty, is now very suddenly expected here, together with his Brother the Bishop of *Laon*; the vacant Cardinals Cap is not yet disposed of, nor do we know who may at last have it.

The Ambassador at present residing here from the State of *Genova*, talks of returning immediately home, upon the difference lately happened between that Republick and this See, concerning the power of the Fathers of the Inquisition there; we know not yet what may be the conclusion of this matter, which is at present gone so far, as it is feared, may prove a thing of no small difficulty ere it be determined. We daily expect the arrival of *Cavaglier Morosini* Ambassador from the Republick of *Venice*, some part of his baggage being already arrived.

Turin, May 3. The first instant the *Sieur de Clo* lately arrived here with Commission from *France*, to raise a Regiment in these parts, consisting of four thousand men, for the service of his most Christian Majesty, had Audience of his Highness upon that Subject, who there upon appointed the Marquis de *St. Thomas*, to confer first with him upon some difficulties which seemed to arise in the matter, which being adjusted, he will immediately begin the Levies accordingly.

The Prince *Doria* and the Count *Borromeo* have been nominated by his Imperial Majesty, for the taking possession of the Marquisate de *Fosdinovo*, which upon the unfortunate death of those two Brothers, Heirs of that Estate, the Emperor pretends to have the only right to; but at present his Imperial Majesty declares, that whereas there seems to be some appearance of the Marquise de *Fosdinovo*, Lady to the elder Brother, being with child, that his intentions are in such case to preserve the same for the lawful Heir, and that he will accordingly restore it without the least difficulty; in the mean time the said Prince *Doria*, hath sent to acquaint the Great Duke of *Tuscany* with this matter, to the end, he may be pleased to order his Officers, who are in present possession, to retire. The Bishop of *Laon* is daily expected here on his way to *Rome*.

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From Florence we have advice, that they are equipping there with all the diligence imaginable, six Gallies of a considerable Force, which so soon as ready, are immediately to put to sea to endeavor to clear these Coasts of the Pyrates, which have of late not a little disturbed our Navigation.

Francfort, May 14. This morning arrived here the Count de Windtsgratz, late Envoy from his Imperial Majesty to the Court of France, intending after a short stay here, to go for Wurzburg, to confer with the Elector of Mentz, about what passed in his late Negotiation concerning the restitution of Lorraine.

The Count de Furstenbergh some days since passed this place, without making any stop here, on his way to Vicenza; having as is said, some matters of importance to impart to the Emperor, which require a speedy answer. We know not what to think of the affairs of Cologne, though at present we are told of some appearance there seems to be, through the continual endeavors of the Marquis de Grana, and the Baron d'Issola, of an accommodation; in the meantime the Lorraine Troops continue their march hither, consisting of 2000 men; it is said that passing through the Territories of the Duke of Newburgh, they happened to have some difference with the Country people, who drawing immediately together in great numbers, fell upon them with so much violence, that several were killed on both sides before they could be parted.

Brussels, May 23. The Prince de Mames is still here, expecting some further instructions from the Count de Monterey, in order to his departure; he will meet the French Court at Aeth or else at Lisse; and to that end intends to go from hence in five or six days at furthest.

We are told, that Her most Christian Majesty having always had a particular kindness and esteem for the Countesse de Monterey, hath sent to invite her, together with some other Spanish Ladies, to come and visit Her Majesty at her being at Aeth, about fourteen dayes hence, but her Excellency having of late been very ill, it is believed she may lose her self from the Journey.

Don Francisco de Velasco hath some dayes since received his Commission from Spain to be Colonel of one of the Spanish Regiments here, together with a promise of some more considerable Employment, so soon as any shall become void.

From Aeth of the 17th instant, they write, that the day before they received an Express from the French Court, giving them an account, that their Majesties intended to be there the 9th of the next month, and that they should accordingly make every thing ready for their Reception, as likewise for the lodging the Army, which would all follow the King, except 8000 men, which are to remain at Dunkirk, to work at the Fortifications of that place. They farther write, that besides the Provisions which are there laying for the entertainment of the Kings Household during their stay in that place, His Majesty hath ordered 300 head of fat Oxen to be sent thither out of Lorraine, together with 10000 Hogheads of Wine, most of which to be for the use of the Army.

Brussels, May 23. On Tuesday last arrived here the Duke of Saxe Laubenburgh, together with his Dutches and their Train; they were here very private, and the next morning parted again for Antwerp. We are assured that the Lorraine Troops are advanced very near to Cologne, and that more of the Bishop of Munsters Forces will suddenly follow them.

The Countess de Monterey hath been very ill at Antwerp, having lately miscarried, to the great at-

triction of his Excellency and the Court. We have Letters here from Cologne which tell us, that that Elector had sent a peremptory message to the Magistrates of the Town, to know their last answer to the Propositions he had made them, that so he might take his Measures accordingly.

Antwerp ditto. Some persons come hither from Bruges tell us, that his Excellency the Count de Monterey intended to stay there for some time longer, and in the interim endeavoured to have the Fortifications there, as likewise the Fortress at Plaschendale quite finished before his departure; that his Excellency had received an Express from the Court at Madrid, and as was said, with Bills for large sums of Money for the service of these Countries.

From Dunkirk we are told, that the French Court will not remove from thence, till the second of the next Month; that then their Majesties will go to Lisse, and after a short stay there, to Aeth and Tournay, where they may remain about three weeks or fourteen days, and so return for Paris.

Monsieur de Louvigny who went lately by order of his Excellency for Holland, to confer with those States, is daily expected back again.

Hague, May 23. The 21 instant came hither Lieutenant Admiral de Ruyster, to receive his last Instructions from the States for the sailing of the Fleet; which as we are told, will now in few days be in the Wielingen. We hear for the present nothing of the forming of two Camps this Summer, as was at first intended, more than that the Forces quartered in the adjacent places are drawing together to be ready if there should be any occasion.

The respective Provinces having with much trouble taken notice of the divisions which have of late been between some of the Cities and other parts of the Province of Over-Issel, have had frequent conferences upon that matter, and have at length resolved to make use of the means, which they have thought may be most effectual for the reconciling those differences, that so much disturb the quiet of that Province.

From Cologne they tell us, that the Heer van Sypestein, Envoy from this State, was arrived there, but that he had not as yet had any conference with the Magistrates of the Town, or with any publick Ministers residing there; that the Duke of Lorraine's Troops advance dayly, and were to lodge the 19th instant at Keyserwaert on the River Rhyze. The Heer van Amerongen, and the Heer van Groenewijne, deputed by this State to assist on their part at the Treaty to be concluded at Bilevelt, between the Dukes of Lunenburg, and the Bishop of Munster, are arrived at Nieumbusen, where that Bishop at present is, and after some few days stay there, will proceed to the place aforesaid.

From Hamborough they write, that their advice was, of the Rebels in Muscovy being in the field again with a very formidable Army, which had put those Inhabitants into a confusion and distraction greater then ever; and that Mr. Bartue, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of England, was arrived there on his way to Danemarch.

Waymouth, May 15. Yesterday came into this Port the Master of this place from Charante, but brings us nothing of news from those parts; and at the same time arrived the Edgtr of North-Tarmouth from Genoua; the Master says that he touched at Cadix, from whence he came the 18th past in company of Fourty sayl of Merchant men, and upwards under the Convoy of two of His Majesties Frigates, with whom he parted off the North Cape; but supposed them not to be far off; so that we hourly expect their arrival.