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From on board the *Barfleur* in Vado Bay, Sept. 28, N.S.

SIR George Byng having got the Imperial Troops embarked, with as much Provisions as are necessary to carry them to Sicily, has made the Signal for preparing to sail; and hopes to do so this Night, if the Wind permits. He will leave a Man of War at Genoa, to convoy to Sicily some Ammunition that is coming from France, with such Stores and Provisions as are not ready to go with us now from hence, as also to bring about 700 Men who are marching from the Milaneze to compleat this Body under General Bonneval. Sir George Byng received some Paysago a Letter from General Mercy, dated from the Camp at Messina the 4th Instant, giving an Account of the Progress made at that time in the Siege of the Citadel, when the Works of the Besiegers were advanced to the Pallisades of the Counterescarp; and advising likewise, that on the 31st of August, N. S. the Marquess de Lede with the Spanish Army marched from Francavilla to Castreal, where they halted till the 3d Instant, when they came within four Miles of Melazzo: By the Intelligence which General Mercy had received, the Marquess de Lede designed to march on the 4th to Rametta within 14 Miles of Messina. That Marquess had given out he would attack the Imperialists at Messina; but they were in no manner of Apprehension of it, on the contrary they had made proper Dispositions for carrying on the Siege of the Citadel, for keeping all quiet in the Town, and at the same time for giving him a good Reception. The Musquet-Ball which General Mercy had received near his Reins in the Action at Francavilla, was taken out on the 4th Instant. Sir George Byng has received a Letter from Captain Matthews, Commander of His Britannick Majesty's Ship the *Kent*, dated off Palermo the 31st past, N. S. which relates, that on the 29th about Eleven at Night Captain Scot fell in with a Sattee; it proving little Wind he sent his Boat after her, which came up with her: The Master himself fired the first Parturero, which wounded Captain Scot's Cockswain, caused others to be fired, and encouraged his Men to defend the Vessel; but the Boat clapping him on board, the Men in her poured in their Volley of small Arms, with which the said Master was shot dead. They took Possession of the Vessel: In her was a Colonel, Aide de Camp to the Marquess de Lede, who had under his Care Packets of Letters from the Court of Madrid, and had just time to throw them into the Sea before the Sattee was boarded: He said he left Barcelona on the 21st of August.

*Genoa, Oct. 1, N. S.* The Troops being embarked the 28th past, Sir George Byng set sail at Midnight, and the next Morning was in sight of Cortica: Towards Noon the Wind proved contrary, so that he was seen off this Port in the Afternoon: But as the Wind was fair all the 30th we presume he has made a considerable Progress in his Voyage.

*Puycerda, Sept. 26, N. S.* The Marshal Berwick will arrive at Urgel To-Morrow, where we expect he will be met by a considerable Body of Catalans. Prince Pio is come to Lerida with 11000 Men of the King of Spain's Troops.

*Berne, Oct. 4.* The Deputies of this State returned on the 23d past from Frawenselt, where they have adjusted, in Concert with those of Zurich, the Differences arisen lately between the Abbot of St. Gall and his Subjects of the County of Tockenbourg, to the Satisfaction of both Parties. An Instrument has been drawn up on this Occasion, to explain such Articles of the late Treaty of Baden as had left Room for Dispute; and such as relate to the Government of the County of Tockenbourg, and were couched only in general Terms in the said Treaty, have been regulated by the said Deputies with the Agreement of the Abbot and his Subjects. The former has signed this Instrument on one Side, and the Deputies of the Two Cantons on the other. This Prélate has given, during this Negotiation, great Proofs of his Reasonableness and peaceable Temper. It is advised from Schaffhuysen, that that Canton having withdrawn its Troops which were quartered at Wüchingen, the Inhabitants which had fled from thence were returned thither to gather in their Grapes for the Vintage. It is hoped this will prove a Step towards restoring the publick Tranquility in that Canton. Sig. Giuseppe Giacomazzi, the Venetian Resident with the two Cantons of Zurich and Berne, who resided at the former Place, came hither on the 29th past to take his Audience of Leave of this State, being recalled by his Masters at his own Desire, though he has not accomplished the usual Term of three Years in this Function, upon Pretence that this Climate does not agree with his Constitution. He had accordingly his Audience of the Senate two Days ago, whither he was conducted by two of its Members, made a Speech on that Occasion, and was afterwards reconducted to his Lodgings in the same manner. Soon after the Senate deputed two more of its Members to Compliment him upon his Departure, and to deliver him a Letter to the Doge. He has since been entertained at the Expence of the State, and has left this Place to return home.

*Hanover, Oct. 6.* His Majesty has received repeated Advices of the Violences and Severities which of late have been committed and exercised against the Protestant Subjects of the Palatinate. This Persecution began by the taking away from the said Protestants the greatest Part of the Revenues of the Churches of Billigkam, Wolmersheim, and Morzenheim; was carried on by depriving them of the Church of Creutznach, and of the Church St. Esprit of Heidelberg, with the Revenues thereunto annexed, which not only obliges the said Protestants to perform Divine Service in the open Fields, but also takes from them the Means of maintaining their Pastors; and even the Heidelberg Carechism, containing the Principles of the Religion of the said Protestants, has been forbidden under severe Penalties in all the Countries of the Elector Palatine. Instances have been made to his Majesty, by the King of Prussia, the States General, and the Landgrave of Hesse Cassel, to employ his Offices effectually to procure Satisfaction to the said Protestant Subjects of the Palatinate, and to provide for their Security for the time to come. Whereupon his Majesty has been pleased to order Mr. Haldane, his Minister with the Landgrave