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Whitehall, August 26,

From *Mexico* we have advice, by Letters from Sir *Charles Wheeler*, His Majesties Governour in chief of the *Leeward Islands*; that in pursuance of His Majesties Orders, he had been at *St. Christophers*, to demand the Restitution of the *English* part of that Island; and that having at his arrival there, sent to acquaint the *French* Governour with the Powers he had from His Majesty in that behalf, he accordingly on the 5 of *July* last, received from Monsieur *de Baas*, Lieutenant General for his most Christian Majesty in *America*, the full and quiet possession of the Sovereignty of that part of the Island, which His Majesties Subjects did possess in the Year 1665; and that he had thereupon put several Soldiers in the old Fort belonging to the *English*, as likewise 20 pieces of Canon, having at the same time caused His Majesties Colors to be put up upon the said Fort, in token of Sovereignty.

Genoa, August 4. Yesterday sailed hence the Squadron of *French Gallies*, under the Command of Monsieur *de Vivonne*, who continues still much indisposed, for *Marseilles*; the *Sieur Centurione* is still here with his Gallies, which are at present on the *Coast*, but so soon as they are ready, to sail again with part of them, as is said, in quest of the *Corfairs*.

The first instant arrived here from *Florence* Monsieur *Clé*, and yesterday had Audience of this Duke and Senate, of whom he desired leave to raise 500 Men, for the Service of his most Christian Majesty, which they presently agreed to; in the interim Monsieur *Clé* is gone for *Turin*, intending to be back against the arrival of the *Sieur Magalotti*, whom he suddenly expects here from *Florence*, in order to the beginning those Leavies.

Rome, August 8. On Monday last about three a clock in the morning, dyed at his Castle at *Nemi*, the Cardinal *Antonio Barberini*, after some few days sickness, which came notwithstanding, so suddenly and violent upon him, as not to give him leisure to make a Will: He dyed in the 67 year of his age, after having been 44 years Cardinal, leaving several considerable places vacant by his death, as that of Great Chamberlaine to his Holyness, which was immediately given to the Cardinal *Patron*; That of Grand Vicar and Sub-Deane of the Sacred Colledge, which it is said, may be bestowed by his Holyness on the Cardinal *Carpegna*; And that of Great Almoner of *France*, besides other places of less note.

We are much troubled here at the news we have from *Ascoli*, of the great violences committed by the *Banditi* on several Souldiers in Garrison there, of whom they have lately, at several times, killed near 150; besides numbers of other people that travelled through those parts.

Venice, August 14. By a Vessel some days since arrived here from *Tripoli*, we have advice, that those *Corfairs* being seven men of War, were re-

turned into Port, with the several Prizes they had taken during their being abroad, which were in all nine considerable Merchant men very well laden.

From *Smirna*, we are told, that that *Bassa* is using all imaginable endeavors, for the promoting of Trade there, and to that end, had caused some of the Impositions on imported goods to be taken off.

The Captain *Bassa* is returned with his Fleet to *Candia*, not having met with any considerable purchase on the *Christian Coasts*. From *Dalmatia* we hear nothing farther of the conference between the *Turkish* *Bassa* and Procurator *Nahi*, but expect to receive very suddenly an account of the conclusion of that affair.

The Grand Signior was according to our last advices, at *Philippoli*, but intended suddenly to go thence, together with the Grand Vizier to *Sophia*.

Vienna, Aug. 16. We daily expect here, the arrival of the *Turkish* Envoy, who it is said, is on his way hither. We are told the Emperor has thoughts of going to *Nieustad* about the beginning of the next month. Several Boats have lately passed up with recruits for *Hungary*. The Imperial Regiments have orders to march for *Egger*. At *Breslaw* they are at present extraordinary busy, about the Election of a new Bishop for that See.

From *Verona* we have advice, that General *Sporck* was there lately dead.

Cologne, August 18. Here daily arrive Men from *Aix* and other places, raised there by Commission from the Marquis *de Grana*, so that his Regiment is said to be near completed. Our Fortifications advance very considerably, six Companies of *Trayn Bands* working on them continually, besides the other Souldiers, inasmuch that the 19 Bastions may be all in a posture, of defence in less then a Months time; in the interim, we hear not any thing of the Treaty with our Elector, who is at present taking the divertisement of hunting.

The Bishop of *Strasburgh* is lately gone to *Arensbergh* in *Westphalia*, to observe, as is thought, what passes at the Dyet, assembled for that Circle; here hath been a report, as if our Elector would declare us a free Imperial Town, which would certainly be a great means to facilitate an accommodation.

We are told of Deputies that are expected here from the Circle of *Westphalia*, as Mediators in the differences depending with our Elector. The Forts of *Homburgh* being at present in the possession of the Elector of *Treves*, the Duke of *Lorraine* sollicites earnestly at the Dyet at *Ratisbonne*, for the payment of the Money due to him upon the evacuation of the place.

Hamburgh, Aug. 25. From *Stockholme* we are told, of the arrival there of Monsieur *de Pomponne*, Ambassador from his most Christian Majesty. That they had 4000 Men ready there, to be transported into *Pomeran* and other their Provinces in *Germany*.

From *Poland* we hear of nothing but the Allarmes they daily receive from the approach of the *Tartars* towards the *Ukraine*, who have of late made several Inroads into the remotest parts of that Kingdome,