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Rome, July 9.

A Report having for several days been spread abroad here of his Holiness indisposition, and particularly of a great swelling of his Legs, his Holiness to satisfy the people, by letting them see the contrary, went on Sunday last to *St. Peters Church*, where he appeared very strong and vigorous, to the great admiration of all that saw him. Yesterday the Duke *d'Estrees*, Extraordinary Ambassador from his most Christian Majesty, had Audience of his Holiness, to give him an account of the great success of the King his Masters Arms against the Dutch, which his Holiness received with much satisfaction, expressing it to the Ambassador in the most obliging terms, and after that told him, of the difference that had lately happened between the Duke of *Savoy* and the Republick of *Genoua*, for the determining of which, and consequently the preserving the peace of *Italy*, he desired his most Christian Majesty would interpose his Authority with the one and the other, and that in the most effectual manner, as he would likewise do, and besides recommend it to all the Princes of *Italy*.

Notwithstanding what was said in our former is now reported again, that his Holiness may send a Nuncio to the Court of *Vatino*, and that *Signior Alberino* is the person designed for the employment. The Cardinal *Grasina* hath refused, notwithstanding all the instances of the Cardinal Patron, to come and live at Court, pretending that his Legations are not capable of maintaining that Station, which his rank requires here at Court, though in truth it is certain, that there is some more powerful reason for his retirement. There being now two places vacant in the sacred Colledge, the general expectation is, that there will be suddenly a Promotion, and that *Don Felice Rospigliosi*, is designed to have one of the Caps, which we the more impatiently desire to see, because of the great affection all persons have for that Family; and the veneration they still retain for the memory of the late Pope their Uncle. We hear of several Cardinals that are at present very ill, so that it is thought, a short time will make more vacancies in the Sacred Colledge.

July 20. Some days since arrived here two Extraordinary Courriers, the one from *Genoua* and the other from *Milan*, bringing an account of what had lately passed between the Duke of *Savoy* and the said Republick, at which these Ministers seem much concerned, and will doubtless interpose in the most effectual manner they can, for the reconciling this matter, in which it is hoped, they may meet with no extraordinary difficulty. From *Seville* they write of the 5 instant, That a French man of War had some days before taken a Dutch Merchant man of 34 Guns, off of that place, laden with Corn and Spices for the *Leuani*; and had carried her into *Lisbonne*. From *Cadix* of the 10 instant we are told, that the Flota designed for *New Spain*, will not go this year, because of the advice they have

from the *Indies*, of the low rate all Commodities exported from hence bear there, which hath much discouraged the Commerce; so that the Duke *de Veraguas* the new Vice-Roy, will, it is said, embark on a certain Vessel that lies there ready to sail about the beginning of the next month for those parts; They farther write, that the Royal Armada, consisting of about 12 men of war, would very suddenly put to sea, in order to the meeting their Flota, expected home about the middle of the next month. From *Alicante*; that they hourly expected 5 Spanish Gallies from *Carragena* for the transporting the *Conde de Porio* with a Regiment of Foot under his Command to *Barcelona*, whither severall other Troops are sent from divers parts of this Kingdom, and the rather, because the French are reported to reinforce their Garrisons in *Roussillon*. From *Lisbonne*, that they had advice of the arrival of one of their East India Ships at *Tercera*, being very richly laden. The 8 instant arrived here Monsieur *Pactz* with the Character of Ambassador Extraordinary from the States General of the *United Provinces*, and the next day had Audience of the Queen, to whom he represented the ill condition of their affairs at home, and begged her Majesties speedy assistance, &c. From *Bilbao* we hear, that a Dutch man of War, of 24 Guns, which brought thither this Ambassadors Goods, had taken near *Roche* a French Merchant man of 150 Tuns, bound for *S. Christophers*, and brought her in there. The *Marquis de la Puebla* is lately married to the Sister of the Duke of *Penayanda*, the great Minister of this Court. The King has been some days since very much indisposed of a Fever, for which he was let blood, and is since perfectly well again, to the great joy of this Court.

Ratisbonne, July 21. The Dyet is constantly assembled here, and still they have before them the matter concerning the publick security of the Empire, in which the Bishop *d'Aichstadt* the Emperors Commissioner, presses them with all possible earnestness to a speedy conclusion, though without any effect; for the difficulties that daily arise in this affair are so many, that one day still undoes what was concluded the foregoing. It is said here that the Troops of the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, are on their march towards *Munbarstadt*.

Hague, July 25. The 15 instant Monsieur *de Stryck* who with his Wife and Family had some days before privately left this place, with intentions to return into *Brabant*, was stopped at *Lillo* near *Antwerp*, and sent back prisoner into *Holland*, the Fiscal of the Provincial Court being sent to *Rottterdam* this morning, to take him into his custody, at his arrival there, and to bring him under a strong guard hither, he being accused of great treachery against the State. This day about 11 a clock was brought prisoner hither from *Dort*, the *Kuwaert van Puiten*, Brother to the Pensionary *de Wit*, being guarded by four of the States Messengers and four Hangmen, and is now close prisoner here. The Pensionary *de Wit* himself, who is likewise accused of having by his malicious contrivances done much mischief to the State, is at present guarded in his House

House by eight of the States Messengers, and will, it is said, be to morrow committed to the common Prison. To morrow six principal Officers, accused of great Treacheries, are to be executed in the Army; at *Maestricht* several persons have likewise suffered upon the same account, amongst which were some persons of note. We are told that the Heer *van Tromp* is restored to his place of Lieutenant Admiral, which hath for some years been possessed by *van Ghent*, who was killed in the late Engagement; In the *South Sea* there are above 60 Dutch Capers, and daily there are given out more Commissions, which it is hoped here may do the Enemy much mischief; it is said, that the Elector of *Brandenburgh* is on his march, with a considerable Army, and that he hath taken *Hildesheim*, which belongs to the Elector of *Cologne*, after having besieged it three days; but of this we must expect to hear with more certainty.

Dittb. 31. The *Ruwaert van Purzen*, who is now kept close Prisoner, none being permitted to come to him, but his Keepers, hath been twice examined, concerning several matters he is accused of, irbeing amongst other things said, that he had conspired the death of the Prince of *Orange*, which he endeavored to effect by means of his Barber, whom he had to that wicked purpose hired with 32000 *Gilders*. The Bishop of *Munster* Besieges *Groningen*, having been lately reinforced with 12000 men, of the Elector of *Cologne's* Forces, but the Place being well provided, and the people in good heart, it is hoped they will bravely defend themselves; The 30 instant it is said, the Elector of *Brandenburgh* will part from *Berlin* for *Menden*, where is appointed the general rendezvous of his Troops, and so begin his march towards these Countries. The Bishop of *Munster* hath commanded contribution of the Inhabitants of *Eest-Friesland*, who hitherto seem not very forward to pay it. We are told that the French Besiege *Heusden*, which place they have so approached with their Batteries, that it is thought, it will not be able to hold out long. The Heer *Odyck* is arrived here from *Zealand*, telling us of great Tumults and disorders that daily happen there amongst the Commonalty, in which they proceed so far, as to imprison their Magistrates, and to do whatever else they please; It is said, that the Duke of *Luxemburgh* hath disarmed all the Citizens of *Utrecht*, and caused their Arms to be carried to the Stadthouse, to be put into their hands again, as there may be occasion. The States of *Holland* and *West-Friesland* are now assembled.

Amsterdam, August 1. The Commonalty here continues still at variance with the Magistrates, and refuse to pay any Taxes, unless things be better managed, then they have been, and some means used to put them into a posture of defence. The Bishop of *Munster* hath, we hear, raised two Batteries before *Groningen*, with which he very much annoys the Town; and at the same time hath with another force, fallen into *Friesland* near *Leewarden*, with a great slaughter of our Men; it is said here that the *Sieur de Mombas* is escaped out of prison at the *Hague*, and that a thousand *Gilders* are promised the person that shall be able to apprehend him; here are arrived several Seamen and others, belonging to one of our *Eest India* Ships, which came from *Solon*, who being chased by the Enemy upon our coast, without all possibility of escaping, were forced to destroy their Ship themselves, what the value of this Ship and her lading may be, or where they parted with the rest of our *Eest India* Fleet, with other circumstances, we as yet know not.

Dittb. August 4. The Burgers here will not as yet

be satisfied, but take every light occasion to quarrel with the Magistrates; yesterday the *Burgermaster Poll* having ordered the Keys of the Gates to be brought to him, the Burgers upon notice of it, got immediately in Arms, and went and fetch them back again by force, plundering his House, and mis-using his person to boot. The French have three days since taken the House of *Croncnbosch*, in which was 300 Men, most of which were killed, and the rest carried prisoners to *Utrecht*; they have likewise taken the House of *Abbekau*, and plundered *Broekel* and *Kaen*, two small Villages about a League from hence.

Middleburgh, August 3. We are fitting out a great many Privateers, and amongst others, the *Flying Horse* of 28 Guns, and the *Gilded Unicorn* of 26 Guns, designed to the West; at *Ulfing* there lye six or seven Privateers, almost ready to sail. Yesterday was brought up here, three English Ketches, and a Fisher Boat; two of them laden with Coals, and the other two empty. The first instant we were very much alarmed here by the Bores, who with their Wives and Children, came before our Gates, crying That the English Fleet was upon the Coasts; and that they discovered them by their Red Flags, which occasioned great confusion here: The Gates however were not opened, but the Bores were desired by the Magistrates to go back to their several Posts, and to learn more certain news.

Rotterdam, August 5. From the *Hague* they tell us, that the States General have given the Prince of *Orange* an ample power to apprehend any person whatsoever, whom he may suspect of any ill practices against the State, upon which several persons of note are now Prisoners at the *Hague*, who doubtless will be proceeded against according to their demerit; The States of *Zealand* have in a full Assembly proposed the making the Prince of *Orange* absolute over the Militia, as the onely means to recover themselves out of the miserable condition they are now in; *Groningen* we hear is very close Besieged by the Bishop of *Munster*, who is approached so near them, that he begins to undermine, and to throw Firebals into the Town, which makes us fear, that they will not be able to hold out long unless relieved, of which there is not the least appearance; In *Friesland* we hear, the said Bishop commands contribution of the Inhabitants, which they are forced to pay, not being in a condition to make any resistance; they have indeed in that Province about 12000 men in Arms, under the Command of the Heer *Auwis*, but those poor raw and unexperienced men, that very little can be expected from them. The French we hear have been within a League of *Amsterdam*, where they have plundered several Villages, and taken *Croncnbosch*, and *Abbekau*, and are said to Besiege at present *Heusden*, and are approached so near with their Batteries, that there is but little probability that it will be able to hold out long; The French have likewise, as is said, taken *Louvesteyn* near *Gorcum*. We hear of great disorders that have happened at *Amsterdam*, between the Burgers and the Magistrates, concerning the keeping the Keys of the Town Gates, the people declaring they would not trust them in the *Burgermasters* hands. A great many Privateers are every where fitting out.

Alborough, July 29. The Dutch Privateers begin very much to infest these Coasts; and we hear of several small Vessels that have been lately taken, which may serve to warn others not to venture out without Convoy. We hear of a Dutch prize that is brought into *Hull*, laden with Sugars, Tobacco, &c. from the *West-Indies*.