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THE chief Particulars that we have received of the Progress of the Troops sent under the Command of the Duke de Bitonto to reduce Sicily, are, That on the 29th past he landed with the Horse and Part of the Foot at Solanto, between Palermo and Termini; and that another Body of Troops, led by the Count de Marillac, made a Descent at the Tower del Faro, which was immediately abandoned by the Garrison after they had nailed the Cannon. On the 30th the Prince of Palagonia, at the Head of the Senate, repaired to the Duke de Bitonto at Solanto, and took an Oath of Fidelity to the King of Naples. The next Day the Duke de Bitonto marched to Mala Spina, where he was met by a great Number of the Nobility and People; and on the 2d Instant in the Evening he made his publick Entry into Palermo, accompanied by all the Officers of the Army, was received at the Door of the Cathedral by the Archbishop and the Chapter; and after they had performed the Te Deum, Don Carlos was proclaimed King of Sicily: Which done, the Duke de Bitonto having a Commission to be Viceroy of that Kingdom, solemnly swore to maintain the

Privileges of the City of Palermo, and was attended by the Senate to the Palace, where all the Nobility and the Military Officers waited to receive him. The said Viceroy had taken Possession of Termini, and had sent Detachments to block up Syracuse and Trapani. He designed to attack the Fort of Castelamare, in order to which Artillery was landing. The Garrison of Melazzo being on the March to retire to Messina, had been forced by some detached Troops to go back to Melazzo. The Garrisons of Mola and Taorbina having also attempted to retire to Messina, were attack'd. on the Way by the Peasants, who killed some of them, and made a Lieutenant and 54 Soldiers Prisoners of War. We have also Advice, that the Count de Marillac having advanced near to Messina, that City, notwithstanding the Prince of Lobkowitzs, who had retired into it with about 3000 Men of the Emperour's Troops, had sent Deputies to the said Count to assure him of their Readiness to receive him and his Forces, and would open the City Gates to him as soon as they could oblige the Prince of Lobkowitzs to retire into the Citadel. On the 3d Instant his Majesty went with all his Court to the Chapel consecrated to St. Januarius, where Te Deum was sung for the Success of his Arms in Sicily, and at Night there were Bonfires and Illuminations.

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