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Belgrade, August 12.

THE Enemy continue firing from their Batteries; and though they have not yet opened Trenches, make Preparations of Scaling-Ladders, of Sacks fill'd with Wooll, and Bags with Sand, as if they design'd to make an Assault. An Armenian who has stollen hither from the Enemy's Camp, reports, that according to the common Rumour there, their Army consists of 10000 Men, their Artillery of 100 Pieces of small Cannon, 22 Demy Culverines, 30 large Mortars, and several Haubitzes; that our Artillery has done great Damage to their Batteries, and render'd useless five of their Cannon, and as many of their Mortars; that Bascha Ali was expected at the Camp with a Reinforcement of several thousand Men from Bosnia, after whose Arrival it was talk'd the first Assault would be made. By other Intelligence we learn, that the great Scarcity of Provisions and Forage in the Turkish Camp, occasions frequent Desertions of Numbers of Men from thence: That by this Scarcity the Grand Vizier perceives he cannot be able to lye long before the Place; and the Janissaries being very clamorous for an Assault, he may probably be induced to venture one; and some Spies tell us, that he has set Men to dig Mines in order to blow up some of our Works. On our Part all proper Dispositions are made for a vigorous Defence; our Garrison consists of 12000 Men, we have 13000 Quintals of Powder, 500 Bras Cannon, 150 Mortars, 8000 Bombs and Bullets proportionable to the Powder, and we shall be under no Dread as long as we can keep a free Communication with Semlin. On the 8th Instant in the Evening a Body of about 15000 Turks appear'd before the Fort of Sabatich, in the Night raised Batteries, and the 9th in the Morning began to fire upon the Fortifications, but were so well answered by M. Schmitz Governour of the Place, that the next Night they drew off and return'd towards Belgrade. Three of our Ships were station'd in the Danube at the Mouth of the Temes, to hinder the Enemy's Vessels from passing up that River: The Commadore of our Ships was a Knight of Malta: On the 9th they were attack'd by a great Number of the Enemy's Vessels, whereupon he would have retired up the Danube hither, but a Battery which the Enemy had raised on the River Side near Winitza firing upon our Ships, and it being found impossible for them to make way up the Stream, the said Commadore, after having made a vigorous Defence, sent all the Crews hither in their Shallops, and then left the three Ships should fall into the Enemy's Hands, caused them to be blown up.

Vienna, Aug. 22. N. S. General Schmettau is by the Emperour's Order gone to Belgrade to take upon him the Command of that Place in the Room of General Luckow, who is fallen Sick. Marshal Wallis, with the Imperial Army he commands, was encamped the 13th Instant at Czentos, on the Side of the Danube over-against Salankemen: He was

then making Dispositions to pass the Tibiscus in order to encamp at Titul; and having order'd the Bridge of Boats on the Danube to be brought up from Belgrade as high as Salankemen, he will have it in his Power to pass that River when he shall judge it convenient.

Whitehall, August 25.

His Majesty has been pleased to grant unto James Hargraves, Doctor in Divinity, and one of his Majesty's Chaplains in Ordinary, the Deanry of the Cathedral Church of Chichester, void by the Death of Doctor Thomas Hayley the last Dean thereof.

His Majesty has been pleased to present Edward Tart, Batchelor of Arts, to the Vicarage of St. Mary in the County of Warwick and Diocese of Worcester, void by the Resignation of William Greenwood the last Incumbent.

Whitehall, August 24, 1739.

It is His Majesty's Pleasure, That the Reduced Officers of His Majesty's Land Forces and Marines, who are now on the British Establishment of Half Pay, do forthwith transmit to His Majesty's Secretary at War, an Account of their respective Ages, and present Places of Abode; and they are farther to take Notice, that by His Majesty's Command, no Payment will be made after the Date hereof, on Account of any Half Pay now due or to become due to any of the Reduced Officers aforesaid, or to any Person whatsoever, by Virtue of any Letter of Attorney or Assignment from such Half Pay Officers until His Majesty's Commands herein be punctually obeyed.

*By His Majesty's Command,
Will. Yonge.*

Admiralty Office, August 1, 1739.

His Majesty having been graciously pleased, by his Warrant under his Royal Sign Manual, dated the 10th of June, 1733, to establish certain Rules and Orders for the better Government of the Charity for the Relief of poor Widows of Commission and Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy: These are to give Notice to all such Widows whose Husbands died on or since the 30th of August 1732, that Copies of the said Rules and Orders are lodg'd with the Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy at Chatham, Portsmouth, and Plymouth; as also with the Clerks of the Cheque at Deptford, Woolwich, and Sheerness; and with the Naval Officers at Harwich, Deal, and Kinsale; where they may be informed of all Particulars which entitle them to the Benefit of the said Charity, and receive the proper Certificates for that Purpose. But such Widows as live at too great a Distance from the Places above-mentioned, may apply by Letter to Thomas Corbett, Esq; at the Admiralty Office, who will send them all necessary Information. And the Governours of the said Charity intending to distribute to the Widows of such Sea Officers who died before the 30th of August 1732, and whose Circumstances come within the Rules of the Establishment, their Share of the Bounty granted by Parliament; these are to give Notice of the same to all such Widows, that they may procure the proper Certificates and Affidavits, and send or bring them hither. And the Court of Assistants do hereby give Notice, that they will meet at this Office on Tuesday the 11th of September next, at Eight o'Clock in the Morning, to receive the Claims of such Widows as shall be qualified according to the said Rules and Orders.

Navy Office, August 24, 1739.

The Rt. Hon. the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury having appointed Money for paying of Half Pay to Sea Officers from the 31st of December, 1738, to the 30th of June, 1739, according to his Majesty's Establishment on that Behalf; These are to give Notice, that the said Payment will begin to be made at the Treasurer of the Navy's Office in Broad-street, at Nine a-Clock in the Morning, the following Days, to wit, on Thursday the 6th

