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Madrid, June 7.

THe Comte de Lion is arrived here from his most Christian Majesty, with the Complement of Condolence upon the death of the Emperour, having received his eight days Entertainment at this Kings Expences, as Envoy Extraordinary. We hear from the *Groin*, that several English Prizes had been brought into that Port by the Dutch Privateers, From *Málaga* of the 9th past That a single *Argier* Ship had taken a Venetian that had 100 Spanish Soldiers, Women and Children aboard, and above 70 thousand pieces of Eight in Silver, with much rich Merchant life. 'Twas reported, that *Gulian* profers, and would probably make himself Master of *Fez* in a short time, and that then *Sally* promises to come under his Command, That the *Tiger* Frigate which was arrived in that Port, had Order to bring his Wives and Household from *Argier* to *Tangier*, for which place he professes great kindness. From the same place the 30th past, That by the *Concord* arrived there from *Alicant*, they had news of the French having taken a rich *Genouefe* Convoy, because that Republick had permitted the Dutch to *Arm* in *Genoua*, contrary to their Engagement to his most Christian Majesty. From *Cadix* the 7th past, That Monsieur d'Almeras with six men of War, and two 14 ships, arrived in that Bay two days before. He captured the Town with 11 Guns, and was answered with 7, but the Royal Armada gave him none, in return of the same number which he gave them as to the Town, pretending that he ought to have lower'd his Flag, in fight of the Standard Royal of *Spain*. That about the same time arrived there three *Mayorch* Ships with 700 Neapolitan Souldiers, which were to pass for *Flanders* in a few days in two *Ostend* Frigats. From the same place the 14th past, That the Royal Armada thought it at length convenient to make a return of 7 Guns to the French Squadron, which they did the next day, after Monsieur d'Almeras arrival; That those French men of War are to remain cruising on that Coast. From the same place the 23rd past, That there was in that River, a French man of War, who came in to get a new main Top Mast, and reported, that Monsieur *Chasternaut* was cruising on his Coast, with a Squadron of 7 Ships, of which that Vessel was one.

Rome, June 3. On Monday last was held a Consistory, where his Holiness was present, appearing very strong and vigorous, to the great wonderment of all the Congregation, considering his great age, and the continual indisposition he hath of late had upon him; some were of opinion, that the Pope would in his Consistory, have proceeded to a nomination of Cardinals, but it seems that is still deferred, contrary to the expectation of many; the 200000 Crowns which his Holiness so lately sent to the King of *Poland*, to be employed for the defence of that Kingdom against the Turks, remains still, as we are told, in the hands of our Nuncio at that Court, on what account we know not; but this week we are told of Letters arrived from that King to the Pope, in which, he desires his Holiness to compleat his good intentions to that Crown and to give order for the payment of this Money. The Cardinal *Branucci* continues still very

ill, insomuch that his recovery is despaired of by many. The Bishop of *Marseilles*, who lately arrived here from *Florence*, whither he was sent by the most Christian King to compose some misunderstandings at that Court, is gone hence again on his way home. It is said, that the Duke de *Gravina* hath, for some particular reasons, desired to be excused from performing the Ceremony of doing homage on *St. Peters* day, on the part of the Crown of *Spain*; and that Father *Nitbard*, the Spanish Ambassador, very much resents this refusal.

Genoua, June 7. The two French men of War, continue to take all such *Genouefe* Vessels as they can meet withal; and we hear of two that have some days since fallen into their hands. This Senate hath not as yet as we can hear of, taken any resolution for the composing the differences, which has occasioned this Seizure of our Ships by the French. This States Admiral Ship is careening here, and so soon as ready, will sail for *Spain*, to meet our Convoy which is coming from thence, so that they may be the better able to make their defence, in case of any accident. The French Gallies are at present at *Monaco*, and some tell us, will come hither. This State seems at present disposed to give his Holiness satisfaction in the matter of Precedency, between the Duke and the Archbishop of this place.

Cole ne, June 16. The 13 instant Sir *Lionel Jenkins* and Sir *Joseph Williamson*, the English Plenipotentiaries arrived here; the Earl of *Sutherland*, being a week or two, still detained by his indisposition at *Paris*. The same evening the Dutch Plenipotentiaries likewise arrived.

Antwerp, June 20. You may easily imagine what news we have here from *Holland*, concerning the late Engagement, the advices we receive from thence on such occasions, always agreeing in the main point, viz. That they have obtained a great Victory, as they do at this time, though it appears no other proof of it, then that they are pleased to tell us so; The French carry on the Siege of *Maestricht* with a great deal of earnestness; they have, its said, finished their Batteries, and this day they intended to begin to make use of their Cannon. The Count de *Montroy* has lately received, as we are told 600000 Crowns by Bills of Exchange from *Madrid*, part of which he will imploy towards payment of the Militia. The States of *Holland* have sent his Excellency an account of the late Engagements, which we do not see made publick, and therefore may well conclude, it is not the same that is published in *Holland*. Our Letters from *Lipsstadt* of the 13 instant, tell us, That Monsieur de *Turenne* was broken up with the Forces under his Command, from his Quarters in the County of *Mark*, and that he took his march down the *Rhync* towards *Maestricht*, to assist at the Siege of that place. The Dutch continue to write of the coming down of the Imperialists, but our last Letters from *Vienna*, said, they lay then in their Quarters near *Egra* in *Bohemiz*.

Hague, June 19. The States General are at present Asssembled, their chief debate being about raising of Money, towards the payment of the extraordinary charge this State is at both by Sea and Land; this Morning