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Rome, Aug. 12.

Cardinal *Nerli*, late Nuncio in *France*, is arrived here, though as yet he hath not appeared in publick. The Muscovite Envoye is not yet come to Town, being detained in his journey by some indisposition; In the mean time his Holiness has ordered he shall be received with much kindness, and respect. His Holiness continues in very good health, to the great satisfaction of his Relations and the whole Court. We hear the difference between the French and the State of *Genoua*, is now quite determined.

Genoua, Aug. 23. Here is arrived Sir *John Finch*, Ambassador from His Majesty of *Great Britain* to the Grand Signior; on Thursday last he made his publick Entry, having been received by order of the Senate with all imaginable Honor and Respect; his Excellency, it is said, will part hence again in a day or two, expecting onely the arrival of the Man of War appointed for his Transportation to *Constantinople*.

Vienna, Aug. 23. His Imperial Majesty has declared his intended Marriage with the Archduchess of *Inspruck*; great preparations are making, as well here, as at *Gratz* in *Stiria*, for the celebrating it the 15 of *October* next. On Thursday last parted hence the Prince of *Drettrichstein* for *Egra*. From the Court we have advice that the 14 instant his Imperial Majesty arrived at *Pilsen*, where he continued the next day, being the Feast of the *Blessed Virgin*; that the 16 his Majesty parted from thence, proposing to be the 18 at *Egra*. From *Poland* we have Letters, which tell us of a late Battle between the Muscovites and the Turks, on the Frontiers of *Russia*, and that the latter were defeated, having lost several thousand Men, who were killed upon the place; but this will need a confirmation.

Egra, Aug. 22. The 18 instant his Imperial Majesty arrived here, having been received by our Magistrates with all the Solemnity this place is capable of a Triumphant Arch having been erected on this occasion; The Elector of *Saxony* is likewise here, with the young Prince his Son, the Duke of *Saxon Lauenburgh*, the Marquis de *Culmbach*, the Duke of *Eggerbergh*, and the young Duke of *Wirtemberg*, with several others of eminent Quality.

Litstadt, Aug. 27. Wednesday last, General *Spren*, Governor of this place, parted hence with intentions to goe and wait upon the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, who it is said, will be at *Egra* to meet the Emperor there. The Regiment of Colonel *Goltz*; which hath for some time been quartered here; marched out from hence on Thursday last, to goe into its former quarters in *Pomerania*. The Bishop of *Munster* who hath been some time at *Swolt*, came the 22 instant to *Borkelo*, after having given order for the Conjunction of his Troops with those of *France* and the Elector of *Cologne*, which were to march under the Command of the Sieur *Mornas* into *Friesland*, to Attack, as is said, the Quarters of Prince *Maurits de Nassau*, at *Heerenveen*.

Coblenz, Aug. 28. The French Troops which have

for some time been quartered here and there in the Electorate of *Treves*, have been all drawn together and marched under the command of the Chevalier de *Fourilles* towards *Treves*; some say, that he has Orders to invest that place, though others tell us, that he is to goe and joyn the King in *Alsacia*. Some People here in Town pretend to have Letters from *Egra*, which advice them of the breaking up of the Imperial Army thence, so that we may now expect to hear in a short time of some action. The Elector of *Saxony* is at *Egra*, with several other Princes of the Empire, to consult with his Imperial Majesty concerning the present posture of affairs. The Elector of *Bavaria* continues very much to oppose the march of the Imperial Lists.

Cologne, Aug. 29. The 20 instant we hear the Count de *Conningseck* arrived at *Katisbonne* from the Elector of *Bavaria's* Court, and parted thence immediately for *Egra* to give the Emperor an account of the Success of his Errand, which it is said, was to press his Electoral Highness to declare, how he intends to employ the Forces he has on foot. The 26 instant his most Christian Majesty was expected at *Brisac*, and from thence intends to pass to *Philipsburg*, where Monsieur de *Turenne* has directions to wait upon his Majesty. Every day seems to give us less hopes than the other, of the Success of the Treaty, the Dutch through some strange insaturation, shewing themselves more and more obstinate and averse to the Peace, inasmuch, that we are told, that the Mediators begin to complain of their Carriage, they having declared, That the Propositions of the two Kings are so just and reasonable, that if a Peace be not concluded, it can onely be attributed to the perverseness of the Dutch.

Bruges, Aug. 29. In my last I gave you what account we had from *Holland* of the late Engagement; they will not yet own the loss of any one Man of War, but all our Letters from *Amsterdam* and other places assure us, that they have lost a great many Men, and some Men of War, and that such great endeavors are used to conceal the truth of things from the People, that it is no wonder they know to talk of nothing but of the Enemies losses, being in the mean time ignorant that their own are yet greater. The States are using all possible diligence to reinforce their Fleet with fresh Ships and Men; the latter, it is said, they have resolved to take out of the Capers of *Zeland*, which when they come to execute, it is believed, will occasion great disturbance in that Province. We have several reports here concerning the Dutch *East India* Ships; most apprehend that they are fallen into the Enemies hands, the thoughts of which, occasions a general trouble in *Holland*. We now expect every hour to hear of the Imperial Armies being broke up from *Egra*, and of their being on their march towards the *Rhine*; In the mean time the French put themselves in a good posture to receive them, and as some report, will march to meet them.

Brussels, Sept. 1. From *Francfort* we have advice; that the French having finished the Bridge which they were making over the *Mahn* near *Sglingstadt*, have since possessed themselves of that place, which is a Post of great consequence; The Marshal *Turenne* has put 3000 Men into it, and is making two Forts to secure the