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Harmich, Octob. 2.

Yesterday we heard here a great many Guns, of the occasion of which, we have since this account; Two English Merchant men, the one called the *Loving Friendship* of *Newcastle*, *Thomas Green* Master, and the other the *Maryland Merchant*, *Roger Wray* Master, mounted each with eight or ten Guns, who lately came home with the Fleet from *Virginia*, and were now going for *Newcastle*, were Attacked off of *Oxford* by two Dutch Capers, the one a Fregat of good force, and the other a Dogger of about 12 Guns, the Merchantmen defended themselves very well, and were engaged with the Enemy above four hours, during which time the *Loving Friendship* was boarded four times, but still the Enemy were beaten off with considerable loss, and the last time were forced to leave their Mace and Gunner wounded behind them, who are brought ashore here; The *Maryland Merchant* was likewise boarded thrice, and the Dutch as often beaten off with loss, though the Master himself lost his life in defence of his Ship. We hear not of any killed of the English, but of some wounded; the Dutch finding they could do no good upon them, were glad to leave them.

Warsaw Sept. 15. Our last Letters from the Count told us, that the King being pretty well recovered of his late indisposition, intended to proceed yesterday on his journey to *Zamosch*, where the Principal Officers of the Army, and the Senators of the Kingdom, are to meet his Majesty, in order to the taking a final resolution concerning the declaring War, or else maintaining Peace with the Turks; The Muscovites continue with much earnestness to persuade the former; and promise great assistance, but yet after all, the general opinion is, that if the Turks will permit us to be quiet this year, we shall be willing to be so, and not begin the War on this side, which we are not as yet so well prepared for, as might be wished.

Strasbourg, Octob. 1. Notwithstanding the Imperialists have published that they have had several Rencounters with the French, yet we certainly know that there hath not happened any thing considerable between the two Armies, since they came near each other, unless on the 14 past, Monsieur de *Turenne* having placed 300 Men at a very advantageous Post, not far from the Imperial Camp, to guard a Passage of great concern to the French; General *Montecuculi* thereupon sent a party of Infantry much stronger than the French, to force them from their Post, but they received the Imperialists with so much vigor, that they not only refused, but pursued them with their swords in their hands, without greater loss on their side, then of four killed and fifteen wounded; whereupon Count *Montecuculi* sent out a party of Cavalry to bring off the Infantry, but the Count de *Guiche* coming at the same time likewise with a party of French Horse, the Imperialists were forced absolutely to retire, and to leave the French in the quiet possession of their Post. Monsieur de *Turenne* having some days since ordered a considerable quantity of Bread to be baked in the Suburbs of *Wertheim*, which was about seven Leagues from his Camp, and Commanded a Convoy of 50 Dragoons to attend there; Count *Montecuculi* upon notice there-

of, sent out 1000 Horse, who came so on the suddain upon the French, that they could hardly save themselves in the Castle; however they took all the Bread and Corn they found there, and laded it on several Boats, to carry it to their Camp, but Monsieur de *Turenne* being informed thereof, immediately Commanded out a party after them, upon whose approach the Imperialists set fire to the Boats, and so retired; this accident happened to the French by means of the Bishop of *Wurtsburg*, who permitted the 1000 Imperialists to pass through his Town, contrary to the promise he had made to Monsieur de *Turenne*, to continue Neuter, and notwithstanding which, hath received an Imperial Garrison into *Wurtsburg* and Commanded all his Boots to destroy the French Soldiers wherever they met them, which they too faithfully executed having set upon and killed 40 Victualers, and their Servants, who relying upon the promise of Neutrality, were dispersed in the several Villages in this Bishoprick; the French by way of Reprisals, for so unworthy an Action, have caused the Murderers to be taken, and several Villages and considerable Houses belonging to the said Bishop, to be plundered and fired. In the mean time Monsieur de *Turenne* who was Encamped about three Leagues on the other side of *Wurtsburgh* on the *Main*, considering that that place being in the hands of the Imperialists, would hinder the Boats from coming to his Camp, and him from attacking the Enemy, in the place where they are Posted, thought fit to change the place of his Camp, and by that means endeavor to cause the Imperialists likewise to Decamp; accordingly he came and Posted himself with his Army at *Mariendal*, four Leagues above the mouth of the *Tauber*, between *Wurtsburgh* and *Wertheim*, which is five Leagues from the Imperial Camp; this change of place is very advantageous to the French, for here they have the *Main* open from their Camp to the *Rhine*, and are Masters of the said River, to pass the same as they shall see occasion, and to follow the Imperialists which way soever they take their way; in the mean time the French have put Garrisons in *Wertheim*, *Bischofsheim*, *Landau*, *Mariendal*, *Rottingen*, *Konigshoucm*, and some other places in *Franconia*, to preserve the Victuals and Forrage, of which those places are full; so that the French may easily subsist above four Months, at the cost of the Bishop of *Wurtsburg*, who is likewise Duke of *Franconia*, in case the Imperialists continue to refuse a Combat.

Frankfort, Oct. 4. Nothing has as yet passed between the two Armies, the Imperialists are Encamped at *Remlingen*, between *Wirzburg* and *Wertheim*, and it is said, that part of them are already passed the *Main* at *Loh*, and that the rest will follow in order to their passing downwards the *Rhyn*; In the mean time Monsieur de *Turenne* continues to have an eye upon them, who lyes now not far from *Schaffenburg*, and will it is thought, take the first opportunity he can have to fight them.

Cologne, Oct. 6 From *Kissenburg* they write, that the Imperialists begin to march towards *Wertheim*, and that the French Army, under the Command of Monsieur de *Turenne* lyes between *Mitzenbourg* and *Affschaffenbourg*; The French Ambassadors here, have as