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Rome, Sept. 23.

THe first instant dyed here, Cardinal Lorenzo Impejate, in the 62 year of his age, and the 20 of his Cardinalate, to which he was promoted by Pope Innocent the X. by his death several considerable Benefices are become void, which his Holiness has not as yet disposed of. The Envoy of the Czar of Muscovy is still here, not being as yet able to adjust the difference with the Ministers here, concerning the Title to be given to his Master. This afternoon the whole Colledge of Cardinals assisted at a solemn Funeral Service, which was performed with great Pomp and Magnificence, for the Cardinal deceased.

Francfort, Oct. 8. The greatest part of the Imperial Army lyes at present Encamped on this side the *Main*, at *Gelnhausen*, in which place General *Montecuculi*, the Duke of *Bourbonville*, and the other Generals of the Army have their Quarters: Monsieur de *Turenne* is at *Ashaffenburg*, with most of his Cavalry, the rest of the Army being Encamped all along the *Main* as far as *Mittenberg*, where he hath caused a Bridge to be layd over the River; he hath likewise a Bridge at *Ashaffenburg* and another at a place called *Ebenwebach*; In the interim, the French Army receives daily considerable Reinforcements, and continues in very good condition, and in great heart to fight the Enemy.

Mentz, Oct. 11. General *Montecuculi* lyes at present with the greatest part of his Army on this side the *Main*, at *Orbes Gelnhausen*, *Salmanster*, and *Flumersbach*, he himself having his Quarters at *Gelnhausen*; the rest of his Troops are still at *Wirshouge*, to guard the River there, we hear they begin to be in great want of Victuals. Monsieur de *Turenne*'s Forces lye encamped in very good order all along the *Main* from *Wersheim* as far as *Ashaffenburg*. The Imperialists pretended to have put 1500 Men into *Hannam*, but the Magistrates and Inhabitants would not admit them.

Cologne, Octob. 12. Our Letters of the seventh instant from Mentz tell us, that Monsieur de *Turenne* having put strong Garrisons in *Wersheim*, *Mittenburg*, and other places in those parts, was marching back towards *Ashaffenburg*, greatest part of his Cavalry being at the coming away of these Letters, Encamped not far from *Galgenbergh*, and that the Imperialists had passed the *Main* at *Lhor*, and took their way towards *Elsminersbach*. From *Treves* of the tenth instant they write, that the French Garrison there, had been lately Reinforced with nine Companies of Foot, that they are very busie about repairing their Walls, and making their Trenches higher; that the Deputies which the Magistrates of the Towh had sent to his most Christian Majesty, to pray his Majesty would be pleased to ease them, in certain points of the Capitulation for their late Surrender, were not as then returned. From *Germersheim* they write; that a body of French Horse had passed *Bellheim*, on their way to *Phillipsburg*, and that the sixth instant several other Troops of Horse, under the Command of Monsieur de *Puiffy*, passed by *Lautern* towards the same place, to Reinforce that Garrison, apprehending a great part of the Emperors Forces which are on the frontiers of *Alsacia*, may have some design upon it.

Cologne, Oct. 13. The Dutch Ambassadors having made us long expect their answer to the last and most moderate Demands of the two Kings, have, instead of giving any kind of Answer thereunto, acquainted the Mediators, that they could not proceed in the Negotiation of the Treaty, except their Allies the Emperor, the King of *Spain*, and the Duke of *Lorraine* were received as Principals into it; and that accordingly they expected Passes from the two Kings for the respective Plenipotentiaries of the said Princes, especially for those of the Duke of *Lorraine*, otherwise that they the Dutch Ambassadors had Orders to return home; at which the Mediators were very much surpris'd to see them go about to put an end to all that has been done here since the Congress, by involving new Parties, and with a multiplicity of new Interests, altogether foreign to the present Treaty.

Verja: lvs, Oct. 13. Their Majesties arriving the second instant with the whole Court at *Banzow*, parted from thence again the next morning early, and came that night to *St. Menchould*, where their Majesties stayed the next day, to give the Troops leisure to refresh themselves, being much incommoded by the continual Rains. The 5 their Majesties lodged at *Nostre dame de l'Espine*, the 6 at *Sillery*, the 7 at *Cormey*, and the 8 having dined at *Mifontaine*, they arrived at *Laon*, from whence they parted again the 10, and lodged that night at *Soiffns*, the 11 at *Villers-Correts*, and yesterday at *Dun-martin*; This day their Majesties having dined at *Clitj*, where the Dauphin met and dined with their Majesties, they arriv'd here.

Paris, Oct. 14. Their Majesties are arriv'd with the whole Court at *Versailles*, where it is thought they will continue some days, and then remove to *St. Germain*. The last Letters we had from *Germany* told us, that General *Montecuculi* was about passing his Army over the *Main* at *Lhor*, and that Monsieur de *Turenne* was upon advice therof, had likewise order'd a Bridge to be made over that River at *Mittenberg*, to pass it at the same time the Imperialists should thereby intending still to follow them, and have an eye upon all their motions.

Wirrecht, Oct. 16. The 27 and 28 past a part of our Cavalry marched for *Smol*, and the Regiment of Colonel *Sa's*, which was lodged above the *Wuert*, is order'd to march for *Grave*; 600 Men have likewise been sent to *Worlen* to reinforce the Garrison there, so that they will have 2000 Men in that place; and in the mean time we are told, that Monsieur de *Luxemburg* is bringing a Body of an Army together near *Sernhem*. From *Groningen* we have advice, that the *Count Rabenhaupt* was march'd with the Forces under his Command towards *Couverden*, intending to go and Ravage in the Territories of the Bishop of *Munster*.

Hague, Oct. 13. Yesterday our Forces began to Decamp from *Rosendael*, and to march towards *Brabant*; where they are to joyn with the Spanish Troops; which way they will afterwards proceed, we cannot yet learn, and what is said of it are only guesses. From *Utrecht* we hear, that the Duke of *Luxemburg* is bringing a Body of 15000 Men together near *Nimwegen*, which gives us great umbrage. This day we expected to have received news from *Brussels*, of the Rupture between the

the two Crowns, but as yet we remain unsatisfied as to this particular. From *Frisland* we have advice, that General *Raoulaup* was ordered into the Territories of *Munster*, with intentions to plunder and destroy whatever he met. Colonel *Walden*, who Commands in chief during the Prince of *Orange's* absence, hath caused most part of the Infantry in Garrison in *Muyden Heide*, and *Norden*, to be drawn out into a Body, intending as is said, with intent to give the French a diversion, and to hinder them from having that way upon the Prince of *Orange*, which they might otherwise do. We are told of an Ambassador to be suddenly sent from hence to the Crown of *Spain*.

Hague, Oct. 17. We expect here by order of the States, two of our Plenipotentiaries from *Cologne*, more particularly to inform them of the Negotiations there. Monsieur *Kirshub* of *Delf* is Nominated to go Ambassador from this State to the King of *Sweden*. The first news we had from the Prince of *Orange* was from *Herentals*, where he was then Encamped, having joined the Spanish Troops; we cannot yet penetrate into his design, though some people take, that *Bommel*, *Grave*, or *Coeveker* will be Besieged. From *Zeland* they write of 180 Cases that were fitting out here, besides those that were already abroad.

Amsterdam, Octob. 14. In the *Texel* and the *Uyde* several Merchantmen ready to sail, with four or five men of War appointed to be the Convoy, they are bound to the *Soual*, and other place to the Northward. All the news we have here is, that the Count de *Montreux* will now in a day or two certainly declare War against the French; and that the Prince of *Orange* is Marched from *Resendael*, in order to the attempting something considerable upon them.

Amsterdam, Oct. 18. Yesterday, we hear, Don *Bernard de Sillinas* acquinced the States that the Count de *Montreux* had sent a Trumpeter the 16 instant to go and declare War against the French; and at the same time our Letters from *Antwerp* tell us of a Placard that had been published at the Castle there; whereby Licence is given to the troops in service of those Countreys, to enter into the French Territories, all there to plunder and destroy whatever they met with, by way of Reprisal, for the damages they pretend to have received from the French; and this is what we call a Declaration of War.

Ghent, Oct. 14. The Count de *Montreux*, our Governor, continues still at *Antwerp*, from whence all the Troops, as well Horse as Foot, that were quartered thereabouts, Marched the 12 instant farther 12 into *Brabant* towards *Louvain*; and at the same time the Prince of *Orange* began to move from *Resendael*, with the Cavalry and Dragoons he had with him there, for his Infantry lies most part of it at *Maden*, we are as yet altogether in the dark, as to the design in hand, and people discourse variously of them, & are of thoughts, that the Prince of *Orange* having joined the Spanish Troops, will march towards *Liege*, to Besiege *Maseyck*, or some other place the French possess in those parts, or else that they will pass that way onely to secure themselves good winter Quarters: In the mean time frequent Expresses pass between his Majesty and the Prince of *Orange*, who I lodged last night with his Cavalry at *Herentals*. Our Letters from *Cologne* tell us, that the Imperial Army under the Command of General *Montecuculi*, having passed the *Meuse* at *Lux*, was advanced as far as *Hanow*: The said Letters give us daily more and more cause to despair of the success of the Treaty, the Dutch raising still new difficulties, accompanied with so much insolence and obstinacy, that the Mediators openly complain of them.

Ghent, Octob. 17. The Count de *Montreux* parted the 13 instant from *Antwerp*, and took his way towards *Michelen*, where he is since arrived; Our Forces we hear begin to march; The 12 instant Don *Antonio Francisco d'Agurto* arrived at *Cumbray*, with several Squadrons of Horse under his Command, and was to pass thence the next Morning, to enter into the French Territories, as all our other Forces have likewise orders to do, and there to commit what Hostilities they please, in revenge of the damages we pretend to have received from the French to which purpose a kind of Placard was yesterday Published at *Brussels* and *Antwerp*, which some call a Declaration of War. The Prince of *Orange* being Encamped at *Erenbaut*, between *Lipro* and *Herentals*, a considerable Body of our Forces joyned him there, under the Command of the Marquis *Affenar*, Maître de Camp General of these Countreys, since which, his Highness is broke up from thence, and on his March, though we cannot yet say whither. On Wednesday last the Prince de *Condé* decamped with his Forces from *Andenarde*, and having marched with them till within three Leagues of *Tournay*, left them to encamp there, himself proceeding to *Arras*.

Bruges, Oct. 17. Having for several days together been told of a Declaration of War, which was intended to be made by this Government against the French, we at last hear from *Antwerp*, of a Placard published by the Government of the Castle there, according to which, it is said, many other Commanders will do the like; The honor of which being very extraordinary, we herewith give you a copy of it, and at the same time we say, that this is not to be counted an open Rupture with the Crown, but that we only proceed by way of Reprisals for the damages we pretend to have received from the French.

Don *José de Villaspardo*, Marquis, &c.

It has it been resolved to Treat the Subjects of the most Christian King, as Declared Enemies of his Majesty and his Kingdoms, and to use all Hostilitie and Force of Armies, at sea, and otherwise, admitting any Correspondence, Communication, or Commerce with them, but by all means to make them feel the rigor of the War. All persons are required to take notice thereof by the Place. At the Castle of *Antwerp*, October 16, 1673.

Calais, Oct. 7. Yesterday a party of Spaniards, in all about 400 Horse and 10 Foot, who came from *Ornars*, fell into a small place called *Gur*, 8 or 9 miles from hence, which they set on fire in several places, but without any great execution, the fire having been soon quenched by the Inhabitants upon the retreat of the Spaniards who not daring to make any stay there, presently retired again, which however they too late now go to town, but that they were pursued by the French, who tell us on their Rear killed many of them, and brought several prisoners thither.

A *Verisements*.

Lost on Thursday evening, being the second of *October* in *Stant* in *St James's Park*, a small panel Bitch, brown and white, the ears all brown, a speckled nose, and a snip on her forehead, her right leg before all brown, with a small cut taylor, whoever brings news of her to the Queens Hack Street, discovers where she is, shall be well rewarded for their pains.

Colleen *Sops* 30 from the Grounds of *Mythenry Bowes Inn*, 1 Colver at the *George* in *Exnington*, one brown Bay Gelding, fifteen hands high, his off foot behind white, a few white hairs in his forehead, four years old; one other Bay Gelding, between 12 and 14 hands high, a pound star in his forehead, and a little white on the upperlip, about nine years old, all his Paces; whoever gives notice of them or either of them, to the said *Henry Bowes*, or to Mr *Robert Tabor* at the black Bull Inn in *St James's Lane London*, shall be well rewarded.