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S I R,

I Am obliged to tell your Sacred Imperial Majesty, that I do not comprehend in the least, why Marshal Seckendorff does not communicate a Word to me of the Conferences held between him and Marshal Noailles at Lauterbourg, either in relation to the Maintenance and Augmentation of your Imperial Majesty's Troops, or to the Forming of a sufficient Army to act immediately for your Majesty's Interests, or to a Plan of Operations for the next Campaign. One of the principal Points of my Instructions from the King my Master being, however, that I am to support, and speak in his Name, to the most Christian King, and all his Ministers, upon every Thing wherein your Majesty's Interests are concerned: But how is it possible I should do it, when every Thing is concealed from me? I am nevertheless persuaded, that your Imperial Majesty is convinced of my Zeal and Attachment to your Interests, and, I think, that in the present Situation of Affairs, the King my Master's Credit, and the Regard they have for him here, would have a good deal contributed towards the more speedy settling of the Sums and Troops, which are necessary for making the Imperial Army considerable enough, to be able to rely upon its own Strength, and likewise to the Assignment of sufficient Funds for the Augmentation of the Imperial Troops, and adding, towards the Spring, a sufficient Number of other German Troops, for enabling that Army to make Advances towards Austria on the right Side of the Danube, with all possible Vigour, as that of the King my Master will do on the Left.

I open my Heart to your Imperial Majesty in telling you, that if People do not proceed in this Business with more Cordiality for the

Publick Good, by setting aside the Passions, Factions and Brigues, which I observe here with the greatest Grief, the finest Aspects of Affairs in the World, and the more than sufficient Materials which we have in our Hands, will come to nothing, and be dissipated a second Time.

Marshal Noailles, with whom (as far as I can judge by Appearances) I am very well reconciled, brings nothing to a Conclusion, because he sticks to no Plan. The last is with him always in the Right. However, I dare assure your Majesty, in all Secrecy and Confidence, that the most Christian King is well apprized and persuaded of the Faults that were committed from the 12th to the 24th, and since that Time, and that the Credit of Noailles is very much sunk. A Day has not passed, in which I have not solicited the Ministry here, especially Argenson and Noailles, for the Compleating your Majesty's Army, that it may be, at least, of 45,000 fighting Men, and that they would give eight Pieces of Battering Cannon, and four Mortars, (since Seckendorff has asked no more) as well as the Pontons. But as the said Seckendorff does not correspond with me, I never know Things till after the Evil has happened; for Example, the six French Battalions and fourteen Squadrons I thought had joined: I thought that the eight Battering Cannon and four Mortars, with the Pontons, would have been sent immediately from Villengen to join the Army destin'd for Bavaria, as Noailles had assured me they would; but I learn Today, that all That has not been done, and that very far from it, as Villengen has been abandoned by the Austrians, and that the French have taken Post there, the Artillery is carrying back towards Fribourg, to join the Army of France there, which is to form the Siege of that Place, and which will have invested it in three Days Time.

I know also, only by the publick Way, that your Majesty designs to go and put Yourself at the Head of your Army, and that you are to set out the 18th of September; but may I venture, Sir, to represent to your Majesty, that, in the present Circumstances, I think that Reso-
lution

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