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Nice, November 11, N. S.

ON the 4th Instant, in the Evening, the Spanish Colonel Don Lopez de Mendieta, who commanded the Castle of Villa Franca, seeing we made very great Progress by the Briskness of our Fire, and particularly by the Bombs; and perceiving another Battery to be preparing, thought fit to capitulate. Accordingly a Sett of Articles were drawn up and sent him, on the King of Sardinia's Part, and were accepted and signed by both Parties before Midnight. In Consequence thereof, one of the Gates was immediately consign'd to the Sardinian Grenadiers, and the Place itself entirely evacuated by the Enemy the next Morning. The Garrison consisted of 270 Spaniards and 218 French Men, who all, both Soldiers and Officers, have engaged by the Capitulation, and their Parole, not to serve against the King of Sardinia or his Allies, for the Term of 18 Months, and were, a Day or two after, transported by Sea to Antibes. By the Reduction of Villa Franca, an excellent Port is opened to his Britannick Majesty's Ships; and accordingly Commodore Hughes arrived there the Night before last with the Essex, Bedford, and the Terrible Sloop, together with the whole Convoy of Artillery, War-like Stores, and the Military Chest, for the Imperial Army. The Nonsuch and Antelope, which have been left at Vado, with a Convoy for the King of Sardinia, are expected to arrive every Hour. At the same Time Commodore Hughes arrived at Villa Franca, his Britannick Majesty's Ship the Chatham, which had been cruizing for several Days off Cape Garoupe, was towed into Port quite disabled, having lost her Main Mast, and near founder'd at Sea. The Imperial Infantry continue daily to arrive, and since the 4th Instant the Regiments of Roth, Daun, and Staremberg have joined us; two more are expected by the 14th or 16th, which will compleat the Body of Infantry at first designed for this Expedition; but it is thought that Marquis Botta will add some more Battalions and another Regiment of Dragoons. The Head of the Imperial Cavalry was to be on this Side Coni on the 13th, and will move forward as soon as the Infantry has all passed the Var; and we shall probably, in a Day or two, push forward a Body to the other Side, and establish our Bridge upon that River, for which every Thing is ready.

There is no Reason to apprehend any Opposition on the Part of the Enemy, as they have broken up the Camp they had on the other Side within these two or three Days, and, by our Intelligence, are withdrawing farther into the Country, in two separate Bodies, Part towards Antibes, and Part towards Vence. The Infant Don Philip is already removed to Arles, very much indisposed with a Tertian Ague; and by all the Accounts we receive, there is great Reason to believe the Spaniards will by no Means concur in the Defence of Provence, but will, upon our Approach, hasten to join their Cavalry, which is all but two Regiments arrived in Savoy. We had News three Days ago, that General Brown had of a sudden been taken so violently ill at Genoa, that he could not possibly attend the Command of the Army; but by subsequent Letters from the Imperial Quarters at San Pierre d'Arles, we are assured, that he was so far recovered, that he would set out for Nice as this Day or To-morrow on board his Britannick Majesty's Ship the Liverpool, which has been attending him at Genoa, and is expected here on Sunday or Monday, when it is thought every Thing will be settled; and as soon as that is done, the King of Sardinia will leave the Whole under his Command, and return to Turin. In the mean while the Sardinian Battalions, which are not designed for Provence, are marching back to Savona, in order to besiege the Castle in Form. All the Preparations for this Operation are so far advanced, that as soon as the Troops order'd thither, are arrived, which will be about the 24th Instant, the Trenches will be opened, and the Work carried on with the utmost Vigour and Diligence. We just now hear, that the French and Spaniards are embarking all the Magazines they had at Antibes, with most Part of their Artillery and Stores, for Toulon; and that six Battalions and a Regiment of Dragoons dismounted, being Part of the Spanish Troops, have likewise been embarked some Nights ago; but it is not said whether for Spain or Naples.

Munich, Nov. 21, N. S. The Court has received Advice from Bonn, that the Elector of Cologne was upon the Point of setting out for Dusseldorff, to pay a Visit to the Elector Palatin, from which Place his Highness proposes to come to Mergenthat about the End of this Month, and from thence thither.

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