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Naples, May 8.

THe Banditti of this Kingdom, as they increase daily in number, so are they become more insolent and audacious, to the great disturbance of the Country people. It is said, That they have lately seized on Signior *Passorelli*, Bishop of *Isernie*, though, we hope it is a false report. Our Viceroy continues to give our Commissioners for the raising of Men to be sent for *Catalonia*, &c.

Milan, May 16. On Sunday last, our Governor the Duke of *Ossuna*, returned hither from *Mantova*, where he had been to visit the Duke of that name. We have advice from *Catania*, That the second instant, the Duke of *S. Germain* began to march with his Army towards *Rouffillon*. The Senate of *Genova* have disbanded the greatest part of their Troops.

Vienna, May 20. On Thursday next their Imperial Majesties are expected here from *Luxemburg*, and in few days after, it is said, the Court will go to *Newstadt*, where the Prince of *Sursenbergh* is now prisoner; but the discourse is, That he will be removed to a certain Castle among the Mountains in *Siria*. The Count of *Starebergh*, his Imperial Majesties Envoy to the King of *Sweden*, is returned, and hath given the Emperor an account of his Negotiation in that Court, which we seem here to be very well satisfied with; in the mean time, the Ministers of that Crown, as likewise of the Elector of *Brandenburg*, endeavor so to dispose Matters, as may facilitate a General Peace. It is reported, That the Rebels in *Hunzary* have raised new troubles, and that it will be necessary more Forces be sent thither. The Rendezvous of our Army at *Egra*, will, as we are told, be the twenty fifth instant, and the thirtieth they will begin to march. The Emperor has ratified the Treaty with the Elector of *Cologne*, and the Ratifications have been sent to the Baron *d'Isola* at *Bon*, to be exchanged.

Hamburg, May 25. The eighteenth instant, the King of *Denmark*, parted from *Copenhagen*; and this day his Majesty is expected at *Gluckstadt*, having in the mean time appointed the Rendezvous of his Troops, to be the third of the next month near *Kollinguen*; We cannot possibly learn on what design his Majesty intends to employ so great a force as he is now bringing together, and that makes us very apprehensive of his Majesties intentions towards us. From *Warsaw* our Letters tell us, That it had been resolved that the Diet should continue till the twentieth instant, there being no possibility of finishing the Matter of the Election sooner.

Frankfort, May 27. The Count de *Souches*, General of the Imperial Army is passed towards *Coblentz*, to proceed from thence to *Bon*, having with him a Convoy of 300 Cuirassiers. From *Heilbron* we have advice, That the States of the Circle of *Swabia* have appointed to assemble there the twenty eighth of this Month. The Regiments of Horse of the Marquess de *Barceith*, and of the Baron *Metternicke*, with 2800 Foot, are, as we are told, on their march towards the Palatinate. It is now said, that the Duke of *Lorraine* is coming back with his Troops from *Rhinfielden*, to joyn with the For-

ces of the Elector *Palatine*. The Marquess de *Vaubrun* continues at *Hagenaw*, his Troops lying dispersed in their Quarters in that Bishoprick.

Cologne, May 29. The Count de *Souches* arrived not at *Bon* till the 26 instant; in his way thither he was to wait upon the Elector of *Treves*, with whom he had a Conference concerning Matters relating to the present Conjunction. Here are arrived Commissioners appointed by the Elector of *Mayence* and *Treuss*, with the Emperors approbation, to adjust the differences between the Duke of *Newburgh*, and the Nobility of the Countrey of *Bergh* and *Juliers*. The Duke of *Lorraine* is coming back with his Troops towards the *Palatinate*, not having been able to accomplish his design of succoring the *Franche Comte*. Monsieur de *Turenne* is likewise coming that way with the Forces under his command.

Liege, May 30. The Imperial Army continues quartered between *Limburgh* and *Verwirs*. Yesterday the Prince of *Nassau*, Governor of the Province, treated the Duke of *Bourbonville*, and the other principal Officers of the Army at dinner. This day or to morrow the General *Souches* is expected to arrive in the Army from *Bon*.

Besuncon, May 27. The twenty one instant the besieged in the Cittadel here, finding themselves reduced to the last extremity, and without any hopes of being longer able to defend themselves, began to desire a Parley, which was accordingly granted them; the Capitulation was, That they should march out with only white sticks in their hands, leaving their Arms and every thing else, but their Cloaths, behind them. The three and twenty his Majesty, accompanied with the Duke of *Orleans* his Brother, saw the Garrison draw out, at the head of whom marched the Baron de *Soye*, Governor of the Cittadel, being come within thirty paces of the King, he alighted from his Horse, and made his reverence to his Majesty, who returned his compliment in a very obliging manner: The Garrison is said, at its marching out, to have been near 1000 Men; that Afternoon the King went to see the Cittadel, which his Majesty found strangely ruined by his Cannon, inasmuch that there was not one place left in the whole Castle, where any of the besieged could have remained an half hour with any security; and, it is said, that near 500 Men have been killed with great shot. His Majesty has been pleased to make the Duke de *Duras*, Captain of his Guards, Governor of this Province. The two and twentieth the Prince de *Vaudemont* had the honor to dine with the King, and was treated at Supper by the Duke of *Orleans*. The five and twentieth his Majesty, having given the necessary orders, for the filling up the Trenches made during the siege, and the repairing the Fortifications, as well of the Town, as of the Castle, parted from hence towards *Dole*, to besiege that place, which, and *Salins* only, remain at present to compleat his Majesties Conquest of this Province.

From the Camp before *Dole*, May 28. His Majesty having parted from *Besuncon* the 25 instant, encamped that night at *S. Riff*, the next day at *Orchem*, and yesterday his Majesty arrived here, finding the place already