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Constantinople, May 23.

ADVICES from Bassora of the 24th of January inform us, that the Cheaia of Solyman Pascha arrived there with a very large Body of Soldiers to bring that City under entire Subjection, as most of the Inhabitants sided with the Captain Pascha; accordingly they entered in the Night and surprized the Place, but the Captain Pascha, his Family, and many Friends, went on Board the Gallies; and rowed off down the River. The Mutzolem soon followed him on board a Dutch Ship then there, with many Soldiers, and took his Harem, Deputy, Secretary, and 13 other of his Officers Prisoners, nine of whom were soon beheaded; and the rest, with the Women, were sent to Bagdat. The Captain Pascha, with some few People, escaped to Bender Bushoor. After this Success, the Cheaia put the City under excessive high Contributions, and has oppressed all the Merchants excessively. And by Advices from Bassora of the 7th of March we are informed, that the Affairs of the Kingdom of Persia are in a worse Condition than ever, having at present no less than five Competitors for the Throne: The very best Accounts assure us, that the ancient Lores, or Baetrians, who plundered Spahan, have made a great Progress in their Conquests; and the young Man they have set up for King, being of the old Race, induced the People of Shyras to deliver their City into his Hands without Resistance; notwithstanding which, the Place was instantly in the utmost Confusion, and all the People carried into Slavery. The Credit of this Acquisition has occasioned all the wild Tribes in Zarce, or the Hot Countries, to follow their Fortune, more for the Sake of Plunder than any real Design to assist them. It was imagined Jaroom, Dorob, and Iressau, would have made a bold Stand, but they have all submitted themselves to Slavery, for the Lores make no Distinction between Force or voluntary Submission. Lore, which is one of the Chief Cities, and all those Parts of the Kingdom, are in the utmost Consternation; and as the ill Treatment the English Gentlemen met with at Spahan, left them no room to hope for Favour or Mercy, both they and the Dutch came to a firm Resolution to leave Gombroon, and 'tis not doubted but that they have done so before now, so that their grand Scheme of Plundering the two European Factories, where they imagined half the Wealth of Persia was contained, will prove Abortive. Mushatt, and the Carassan Parts, are also in as bad a Situation, by the daily Inroads

of the Ophgoons, Tartars, and other wild Neighbours, having no one to protect them; for Shawrooke Shah is certainly Blind, and destitute of Money, and consequently without Friends, so that the Kingdom of Persia is in a most deplorable Condition.

Florence, June 18. By Letters from the Port of Stefano, dated June 4, we have Advice, that on the 2d Instant, the Duke of Martino, who Commands two Neapolitan Gallies, named the Capitana and St. Gennaro, having received Information that two Corsairs from Barbary, with 60 Men on Board, were then at the Island of Giglio, weighed Anchor in the Night from the Port of Ercole, where he then was, and the next Morning was off Giannuti, and as he was steering round the Hill in quest of those Pyrates, a Boat came off to him, the Master of which, named Josaffatta Coppo, of Ischia, acquainted him, that, an Hour before Day Light, his Bark, loaden with Wine, was taken off the Cannelle by a Barbary Corsair, himself and his Crew having escaped in their Boat; on Notice whereof the Commodore steered northerly by the Bay del Paese, and coming round the Bay del Campese, he met with one of the Pope's Gallies, who, after having fired several Guns, had sent his Boats to take Possession of one of those Corsairs, which the Moors had abandoned, as also of a Felucca which that Corsair had taken. And the Commodore perceiving the other Corsair behind a small Fort, with the Neapolitan Bark he had taken that Morning, came to an Anchor directly fronting him; and, manning the Boats of both Gallies, sent them with Directions to bring off the Neapolitan Bark. But the Commander of the Fort declaring he could not possibly permit them to do it, without first acquainting the Governor of the Island, the Neapolitans landed Part of their Men, who posted themselves within half a Musket's Shot of the Moors, and were waiting for the Governor's Answer, when the Corsair began to Fire upon them; and at the same Time the Governor acquainted them, that if they did not go on board again, he would also Fire upon them, as he immediately did several Musket Shot, which so encouraged the Crew of the Corsair taken by the Pope's Gally, that they likewise put themselves in a Posture to attack the Neapolitans, who were then obliged to secure themselves in two Houses, and to keep firing continually upon the Moors, in order to keep them off. During this Encounter the Neapolitans, who were left in the Boats, boarded and carried off to the Gallies, the Corsair, and its Prize, with 14 Moors on board. The Fort then fired against the

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