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Naples, Aug. 1.

THe news we receive from Sicily greatly displeaseth this Court, and our Viceroy the Marquis d' Astorgas endeavors all he can to send a speedy assistance thither for the reducing the City of Messina to his Duty and Obedience; and the rather for that our last advices from thence, say, That the People there continue still in Arms; that they have forced the neighboring places to furnish them with great quantities of Provisions, which they lay up for their future occasions; that they have taken from the several Orders of Religious in that City, all their Plate which was employed for Holy uses, and Coynded it into Money; and that though several overtures had been made to them; on the part of their Viceroy, for the accommodating of matters, his Excellency shewing himself very ready to give them any reasonable satisfaction, and offering to remove the Stratigo who is their chief Magistrate, which was the chief thing they at first desired; that they persisted in this undutiful way, and in answer to what his Excellency had caused to be proposed to them, made very high and extravagant demands; so that we very much fear these Mutiniers have some encouragement from abroad.

Dantzick, Aug. 18. Our Letters from Warsaw give us an account, that his Majesty had received advice of the surrender of Cochim to the Turks, who without having any regard to the Capitulation, had put all the Garrison to the Sword; That *Machmet Kari Aga*, Son to the Visier of Tartary, was on his way to Poland, being sent by the Cham to offer his Mediation for the concluding a Peace with the Grand Signior, till whose arrival at Warsaw, and that the Turks know what effect his Negotiation has, they will not employ their Arms with any great vigor. People are generally of opinion, that a Peace will be concluded, with the exclusion of the Emperor and the Czar of Muscovy, and especially the latter. From Riga they write, That the Ambassadors which had been at Mosco on the part of the Crown of Sweden, were returned thither; and that they were to be followed by a great Embassy, which the Czar is sending to the King of Sweden.

Vienna, Aug. 22. Yesterday in the afternoon the *Sieur Michieli*, Ambassador from the Republick of Venice, made his publick entry here, and in a day or two will be conducted to his Audience. On Thursday last the *Sieur Burman*, Secretary of the Elector of Cologne, who was some days since made a prisoner by the Emperors Ordes, was examined by the Baron de Hoche, Chancellor of the Court, assisted by the *Sieur Alele*, Secretary of State, and near 8 hours were spent in this examination, of which we cannot learn the particulars, though, in general, it is said, that Monsieur *Burman* has by Bills of Exchange, received a considerable sum of Money, to corrupt the Guards that are about the

Prince of Fussenberg, in order to his escape; and some add, that Process will be made hereupon against the said Monsieur *Burman*, notwithstanding the quality he has from the Elector of Cologne. We are here very much in the dark, as to what parties in Hungary, however, it is certain that the Rebels, notwithstanding they receive frequent, though inconsiderable defeats, continue very much to disturb the Peace of those Countreys. Many people here seem to fear, that if a Peace be concluded between the Grand Signior and the Crown of Poland, the first may turn his Arms against Hungary, but with what ground we know not.

Francfort, Aug. 23. We expect now very suddenly to see an Army of 25 or 30000 Men, march against the French in these parts, viz. The Imperial Troops under the Command of the Duke of Bournonville, which together, with those of the Duke of Lorraine, are reckoned to be 10000 Men, the Troops which the Marquis of Baden has brought from the Meuse, and are 5000: The Lunenburgh Forces about 12000, who are now within two Leagues of this place, a Regiment of Saxony, a Regiment of the Circle of Franconia, and 1300 Men of the Circle of the Upper Rhyne, to which the Elector Palatine will join his Forces, and some say, That his Electoral Highness is preparing to go into the field in person. We are farther told, That the Elector of Brandenburg hath sent to tell the Elector Palatine, that he hoped yet before this month is expired, to be with his Army in the Palatinate. Monsieur de Turenne continues in the mean time with the Forces under his Command near Landaw in Alsatia, where he fortifies his Camp.

Coblentz, Aug. 28. Our Letters from Francfort of the 26 instant tell us, That on Saturday last the Duke of Bournonville, the Duke of Lorraine, and the Marquis of Baden, having 16000 Men under their Command, held a general Rendezvous of the said Troops at Geinsheim, that the next day they decamped, and took their march towards the Palatinate; that the same day the Lunenburgh Troops passed the Main below Francfort, 600 Dragoons with 33 pieces of Canon having only passed through that City; when these Troops, as likewise some others that are expected, are joynd with the Duke of Bournonville, there will be together an Army of 20000 Foot, and 12000 Horse. Monsieur de Turenne continues his Quarters near Landaw, having lately received from Metz and Alsatia, a reinforcement of 20 Squadrons of Horse and 3 Bataillons of Foot, and besides these, expects yet 2000 Men more.

Nuis, Aug. 28. Three hundred Men are daily at work here for the demolishing our Fortifications. The 26 instant the Regiment of Bavaria, composed of 800 Men, which hath been some time in Garrison here, was drawn out, and marched homeward, taking their way through the Countrey of Hessen. From Magdebourg they write, that the 22 instant the Elector of Brandenburg arrived there, and that the next day he parted thence with her Electoral Highness to Ostersleben

to *Stosfurt* and *Eysleben*, where they resolve to repose themselves for some days, and then his Electoral Highness will follow his Forces, which were told, march towards the *Palatinate*.

Hague, Aug. 28. The last Letters we have from our Army are dated the 17 instant, and tell us not any thing of news, but we have since an account from several private hands; That it was resolved, That the Confederate Armies should take their way towards *St. Quentin*, and pass the *Somme* near that place, and so continue their march into *France*, but many people make great difficulty to give any credit hereunto, and cannot believe the Confederates will think it safe to march so far, and leave the Prince of *Conde* behind them; who, besides that, he may cut off all Convoys that are sent to them from *Flanders*, may in their absence march directly to *Brussels*, which place would not be able to make any great resistance. All people here seem extremely to wonder that we have not any news from our Fleet; though we are told, that Lieutenant-Admiral *de Ruyter* will do great matters in the *West-Indies*. The Siege of *Grave* advances not according to our expectation; It is said that the French in a late Sally they made, did the Besiegers considerable damage; amongst those that were in that Sally killed on the French side, was the *Sieur Pas*, late Governor of *Nacarden*, who before he went out, as we are told, was Confessed, and received the Sacraments, designing to attempt some great, nay even, desperate action, to wipe off the blemish, lay upon him for the surrendering of *Nacarden* to the Dutch. The Besiegers have at present 46 pieces of Canon planted on several Batteries, and are about raising another, on which they will plant 12 pieces more; but notwithstanding this, we say here, that the Besieged may hold our very well yet these three weeks. What we advised you in our last of the French having quitted their Out-works, and being retreated into the Town, is now contradicted again. We are told, that the Confederates having after the Fight, called over their Muster Rolls, found 5300 Common Soldiers missing.

Brussels, Aug. 31. On Tuesday last parted from hence a great Convoy towards the Confederate Army, which is at present about *Valenciennes*. The Count *de Monterey* is still here, but makes great provision of all things requisite for a Siege, and will very suddenly return to the Army; The Prince of *Conde* is at present Encamped with his Army near *Thuin*, between the *Sambre* and the *Meuse*. From *Charleroy* they write, that on Sunday last was Entered there the Marquis *de Fovilles*, who dyed of the wounds he received in the late Fight, in which he served in the quality of Lieutenant-General of the French Army; The Letters add, That the Marquis *de Rocafort*, Lieutenant-General, is likewise dead of his wounds, and that Monsieur *de Montal* is not yet out of danger. From *Ruremond* our Letters tell us, that the Besieged in *Grave*, defend themselves very well, and very much annoy the Besiegers in the frequent Sallics they make upon them, so that there is not as yet any appearance that the Dutch will succeed in this Siege, at least not so suddenly as some expected.

Ghent, Aug. 31. By Letters from *Bouchain* of the 29 instant, we have advice, that on Monday last our Armies encamped between *Kieuraing* and *Valenciennes*; that it was reported that they were to decamp yesterday, and advance to *Haspe*, a small Village in the middle way between *Valenciennes* and *Cambray*, and about a League from *Bouchain*; though at the same

time we have Letters from the Camp, which says that they should not remove in 4 or 5 days, or at least not till the great Convoy was arrived from *Brussels*, which consisting of six Dutch Regiments of Foot, and 4000 Horte, under the Command of the Prince of *Vaudemon* and Major General *Fario*, encamped last night near *Chasteau*, about a League and a half on this side *Mons*, and it is thought, may join the Army tomorrow. The Prince of *Conde*, according to our advices, lies encamped between *Marsinne au Pont* and *Thuin*, having drawn his Army nearer the *Sambre*, the better to observe the motions of the Confederates. It is reported here, that a party of our Hesse hath fallen upon and defeated a French Convoy, between *Tournay* and *Aeth*, but the particulars being very variously related, we know not as yet what credit to give thereunto. From *Brussels* they write, that the Count *de Monterey* had out of the Province of *Brabant*, summoned in 3000 Bores, who are to serve as Pioneers, and 400 Waggon, the Bores are to receive 20 days pay each, and are to carry with them 14 days provision. A like number of Bores is summoned out of *Flanders*, and are to repair hither, and out of other Provinces proportionably; it being said, that his Excellency intends to have 10000 Pioneers; The Letters from *Brussels* add, That in a day or two his Excellency will march from thence, with what Troops are now there, to go and joyn the Armies, taking with him the said Pioneers, Waggon and other Instruments necessary for a Siege.

Paris, Sept. 1. It is said, that his Majesty has sent directions to the Duke *d'Enguien*, to repair hither, in order to the putting himself at the head of the Nobility and Gentry, and marching with them against the Enemy. The Marquis *de Fovilles* is dead of his wounds, as are several other Officers that were wounded in the Battel of *Seneffe*; It was some days since reported, that Lieutenant-Admiral *Van Tromp* was come back on our coast with the Dutch Fleet, but it being not confirmed since, we believe it a mistake. The Prince of *Conde* since the Fight, has repassed the *Sambre*, keeping a watchful Eye upon the Confederates, who according to our last advices, were about *Quefnoy*, which makes the Countrey people in those parts, fly with their Goods and Families into the fortified places.

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○ *ON* Saturday night the 8 instant, was stolen out of the Grounds of *Mrs. Penelope Hayes* near *Windsor*, an old White Gelding, about 14 hands high, thorow-paiced, shorn Mane, and short Tail, with a swelling on his near Leg behind, if any one can give notice of him to Mr. *Brown*, Scrivener, at the Flying Horse in *Cornhill*, or to Mr. *Adam Felton*, Stationer, in the *Middle Temple Lane*, he shall be well rewarded for his pains.

James Forrier of *Lyn Regis*, Upholster, about 25 years of age, short Black Hair, in a Gray Gambler Suit, Pastaloone Breeches. Whoever shall apprehend him, and give notice to *William Pesson* of *Lyn Regis*, or to Mr. *John Combe* at the Green Dragon in *Ch. ap. St. London*, shall be very well rewarded.