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Rome, August 18.

BY an Express from Naples we have advice, that the people of *Messina* (who ever since the troubles there have besieged their Stratigo supreme Magistrate in the *Palace Royal*) having the 3 instant caused a Mine to be sprung by which a great part of the said *Palace* was thrown to the ground, and by other means reduced him the said Stratigo to the last extremity without any possibility of being longer able to defend himself there, he was forced to come to a Capitulation to surrender the said *Palace* into the hands of the people, on these conditions, That he should march out with such of the Family of the *Merli* and all the Spaniards that were with him, with their Armes, Bagage, and one piece of Canon, the rest being to be left to the disposition of the People. These Termes were punctually performed, and the Stratigo went with his Company to the Castle of *Salvadore*, which is not far from *Messina*, but not thinking himself safe there, he embarked for *Melazzo*, where he is accordingly arrived, and has had several conferences with the Marquis of *Bayonne* Viceroy of *Sicily* about reducing that City to it's Duty. We have other Letters from *Naples* of the 14 instant, which confirm what is above, and add that the *Messinois* have brought all the Countrey within 16 Leagues of their City under their jurisdiction; that they have sent several Deputies into forraign parts to solicit Succors and to buy Powder and other Ammunition, and that since this revolt 160 persons of the Family of the *Merli* (against whom they have an implacable hatred) and others have been executed at *Messina*, and amongst them 3 Women who were beheaded, and a Gentleman of the Family of *Pavardo*. The Spanish Ambassador hath prayed his Holiness to assist the Crown of *Spain* with his Gallies in order to the reducing this City, but his Holiness hath excused it; It is said that the Grand Duke of *Tuscany* and the Venetians have likewise refused to send their Gallies on this occasion, but the State of *Genous* has lent the Spaniards theirs.

Dantzick, Aug. 23. From *Warsaw* they write, that there was arrived a Turkish Aga, that he had had Audience of the King to whom he presented two Letters, the one from the Grand Signior, and the other from the Cham of *Tartary* with Proposals for Peace. The Letters from the Frontiers say, that the Cham of *Tartary* and the Grand Visier having joyned their Forces together, were marched to assist *Dorofensko* against the *Moscovites*; These Letters add, that the Grand Signior is come into *Walachia*, though at the same time we are told from other hands, that he has repassed the *Danube* upon advice that the *Persians* are fallen into his Countries with an Army of 100000 men. The King hath deferred his departure from *Warsaw* till Tuesday next. The Ambassador of *Sweden* is preparing for his return home, having taken his leave of his Majesty and been presented with a Turkish Horse with its furniture, being very rich.

Vienna, Aug. 23. Since the discovery of the Plot for the escape of the Prince of *Furstenberg*, he has been more closely guarded in his Prison at *Newstadt*; the Countess of *Lewenstein*, Sister to the said Prince, is gone from hence towards the Court of the Elector of *Bavaria*. And two dayes since was brought Prisoner hither the Sieur *Grammont*, Chanon of *Metz*, who it is said came into these Countries in disguise, and has been the chief contriver of the intended escape of the said Prince. We are told that the Emperor has given out Commissions for the making of levies in all the Hereditary Countries to recruit his Army, as well under the Command of General *Souches*, as the Duke of *Bourbonville*, the former being as we are informed considerably diminished, besides their loss in the Battle of *Senffe*. From *Belovia* they write that General *Spensky* continues with great Vigor to pursue the Rebels, who still greatly disturb the Peace of those Countries.

Hambrough, Aug. 27. From *Zell* they write, that their Duke was preparing to follow his Troops towards the *Palatinate*, that he would take with him about 4000 men for his Guard, who being joyned with his other Forces would in all make up an Army of 15 or 16000 men; We are assured that the *Brandenburg* Troops are likewise on their march: We have now certain advice from *Dantzick* that the Treaty between that Crown and the States General of the *United Provinces* is signed, and will be suddainly Ratified; It was reported by the Dutch, that his Majesty in pursuance to this Treaty would send a considerable Force to joyn with the Confederates, but as yet we have no account of the march of any of his Troops. We expect every hour to hear of the arrival of the Rycks Veltheer of *Sweden* in *Pomerania*, of which Province he is Governor.

Aix la Chapelle, Aug. 31. We have not any thing of News from the *Palatinate*, since what we told you in our last, viz. that the Confederates were on their march towards *Metz*, having passed the *Rhine* at *Mayence* and that Monsieur *de Turenne* continued in his Camp near *Landaw*, though several people look upon it as very dangerous and unsafe to leave so powerful an Enemy behind them. We have not as yet any certain advice that the French have quitted *Treves*, though many reports are spread abroad to that purpose.

Hague, Septemb. 4. We expect with much impatience to receive our letters from *Flanders*, not doubting but they will give us an account that the Confederate Army is set down before some considerable place in order to the besieging it; our last advices from thence told us, that near 15000 Bores with great numbers of Wagons laden with all Materials to be made use of in a siege, were marched towards the Army, and that the Count *de Monterey* resolved to follow himself in a day or two, having drawn most of his Troops out of their several Garrisons, and supplied their places with the Militia of the Countrey, so that from these great preparations we cannot but argue that some great designe is in hand, but
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