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Rome, Octob. 20.

THe difference between the Cardinal *Altieri*, and the Ambassadors, about the new imposition imported on Merchandises, hath not yet been able to admit of a compromise, though great endeavours have been used, in order to it; but on the contrary, is come to that point, that it is said, the Ambassadors will not hereafter, upon meeting the Cardinal *Altieri* in the street, cause their Coaches to stop, a Respect which hath been always shown to the Cardinal Patron. The Spanish Ambassador here on all occasions, presses the Pope to employ his Power for the composing the disorders at *Messina*, and that failing of effect, to assist the Crown of *Spain* with the Forces of the Church, for the reducing that City, and preventing thereby the troubles all *Italy* may be involved in by means thereof.

Warsaw, Octob. 24. Our last Letters from the Frontiers advise, that the Troops of *Lithuania* were come up, and had joyned those of this Kingdom, and that his Majesty had now an Army togethler of 30000 brave Combatants; that the King had been informed from good hands, that the Grand Signior was retreated towards the *Danube*, intending, as was thought, to return to *Constantinople*, to give Orders about the affairs of *Asia*; and that the Grand Vizier was arrived at *Lemnia*, to look after Matters in those parts. Our advices concerning the *Moscovites* are very uncertain, and vary every Post, so that we can hardly tell in what posture they are, in relation to the War, or what course they intend to take; They have indeed a great Army togethler, under the Command of an old experienced General *Rodanowski*, and according to the Treaty between the Czar and this Crown, he ought to joyn part of his Army with ours, and prosecute the War vigorously against the Common Enemy, but those People are by nature so jealous and distrustful, that they give credit to every report that is spread abroad, of a Peace being concluded between the Turks and us, and on that account, keep at a distance, as if they feare us more then the Turks.

Madrid, Octob. 24. The news we have this week from *Cathonia* does not at all please us, for our Letters tell us, That Lieutenant-Admiral *Van Tromp* having landed 1500 Men at *Roses*, the Duke of *St. Germain*, for whose reinforcement they were intended, had declared, that so small a number of Men was no way sufficient to enable him to keep the Field, and make head against the Enemy, that thereupon Lieutenant-Admiral *Van Tromp* had taken his Men on board again, and was sailed to the Westward, in order to his return home, he having, as he said, positive Orders from the States-General, not to winter abroad; That the Duke of *St. Germain* finding the Fortes he had with him to be very few, and besides, in no very good condition, had put them into winter Quarters, and was himself returned to *Barcelons*. We had promised our selves here, that this Squadron of Dutch Men of War, under the Command of Monsieur *Tromp*, would

have assisted us in the reducing the City of *Messina*, and his so suddain return towards *Holland*, seems a great disappointment to this Court, who begin to look upon the troubles at *Messina* to be of very great consequence, in relation to the peace of the Kingdoms of *Sicily* and *Naples*, and have therefore resolved to act in this affair, with all the vigor possible. The Royal Armada failed some weeks since from *Barcelons*, consisting in 22 Men of War, towards *Messina*, and we are in daily expectation to hear of its arrival there; the Gallies of this Kingdom, being 12 in all, are likewise failed that way. We do not yet hear of the arrival of our New-Spain Fleet, which we expect with great impatience.

Venice, Octob. 26. We have now advice from *Legatione* of the taking of *St. Salvador* by the *Muscovites*, and their having put the same into the hands of the French, but we do not yet give an entire credit to it. We hear, that twenty Spanish Men of War have appeared off of *Trapani*, being on their way towards *Sicily*, to be employed against *Messina*.

Hambrough, Nov. 6. General *Wrange* is as we hear at present at *Wismar* in *Pomerania*, but our Letters speak not of the march of any Soldiers in those parts, however, there is much discourse, that the Swedes are about bringing an Army together, and that this Crown will very suddainly declare in favor of his most Christian Majesty, of which the King of *Denmark* seems to have great jealousy, and has sent several Officers towards these parts to raise Men. The Velt Marshal *Warts* has put himself into the service of the Crown of *Sweden*; and as is said, pretends to the Government of *Saxony* on the *Elbe*; the present Governour thereof, the Count *de Horn* being removed from thence, to serve his Majesty in *Lithuania*. Here is the Duke *de Vetry*, who goes in quality of Envoye Extraordinary from the most Christian King to General *Wrange* at *Wismar*, to be present at the Rendezvous of the Troops which is to be held there. We have several Letters from *Poland*, which tell us of the death of the Grand Signior, and that the King of *Poland* had upon the news of it, orderd all his Forces to march towards *Podolia*.

Vienna, Nov. 7. The 5 instant arrived here an Ambassador from the Czar of *Moscovy* with a Train of 50 persons, he brings with him several rich Presents for the Emperor and the Empress, and it is said, his business is to propose a Triple League, between the Czar, the Emperor and the King of *Poland*, for the prosecuting the War against the Grand Signior. We are told that the affairs of *Hungary* begin to look with a better aspect then formerly, the Rebels finding themselves disappointed of the great assistance they expected from the *Turks*; and besides, it is said there is a very good agreement among their Chiefs. On Monday last the Count *Quasnarnt*, Ambassador Extraordinary of *Sweden* had a private Audience of the Emperor, who has appointed Commissioners to Treat with his Excellency on the subject of a Peace.

Francfort, Nov. 10. Our Letters from *Strasbourg* of the