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Milan, Octob. 24.

Several Levies have been made here by order of our Governour the Prince of Ligne, to be employed against *Messina*; and some days since his Excellency sent for the respective Officers to know in what forwardness they were, who acquainted his Excellency they were all ready; so that now, care will be taken for their transportation into *Sicily*, the Viceroy of which Kingdom has lately written to his Excellency, to pray he would dispatch these new raised Troops to him, with all possible diligence.

Venice, Octob. 26. From *Constantinople* they write of the 15 past, that they had certain advice there by several perions who had been sent on purpose towards *Persia*, to learn the posture of the *Persians*, and are returned, That the *Sophy* was in person in the Field, with an Army of 50000 Men, and a Train of Artillery, consisting in 120 pieces of Cannon; that he was encamped upon the fruitful Hill of *Halvadog*, in the Province of *Hamadan*, which is about 20 days march from *Babilon*, having plenty of Provisions, and all things necessary; that it was said, the Army would not decamp from thence, till after the great Heats were passed, which would be about the middle of *September*, and then they would go and besiege *Babilon*.

Rome, Octob. 27. The Courier that was dispatched from hence by the French Ambassador, to give his Majesty an account of the difference that has happened between the Ambassadors and the Cardinal *Alieri*, concerning the Imposition lately laid on all foreign Merchandises, and of their having been refused Audience of the Pope, which they had demanded, to represent the whole matter to his Holiness, is returned, and brings his most Christian Majesties entire approbation of the proceeding of their Excellencies in this affair, with order to the French Ambassador, to persist in his demands for satisfaction therein. Our Letters from *Naples* tell us for certain, that the instant the *Calle of St Salvador* was surrendered to the *Messinians*, who immediately put it into the possession of the French.

Warsaw, Nov. 3. We have Letters of the 23 past from *Slesow*, a place on the Frontiers, where our Army was then encamped to this effect. Yesterday was held here a great Council of War, and this morning the Army decamped, and as we are told, will march directly into the *Ukrain*, with the King at the head of it; there seems at present very small appearance of a Peace with the *Turks*, his Majesty being resolved never to yield to them by Treaty, *Cambric* and the other Conquests they have made in the *Ukrain*, which the *Turks* with great obstinacy continue to insist upon. As for no time is certainly set for the King's Coronation, who declares, he would first endeavour to restore his honourable Peace to this Kingdom. We have had several reports here of the death of the Grand Signior, yet cannot give any absolute belief to them; but on the other hand, the Letters we receive from the

Ukrain this week make not any mention thereof. His Majesty has resolved not any longer to give ear to the Propositions that are made on the part of the *Turks*, in order to a Peace, finding they are only intended to gain time and amuse him.

Hambrough, Nov. 13. Many Officers come daily into these parts from *Denmark*, to raise Men. Here have been several reports spread abroad, concerning the march of the *Swedes*; General *Wrangle*, according to our last advices, was still at *Wismar*. From *Stockholme* we are told that above a dozen of the best, and greatest Merchants Ships, that usually bring Salt from *Portugal* for *Sweden*, and by reason of their bigness, use to enjoy great advantages in the Customs, have been cast away in their return thither, by the late violent storms; by which means, the Salt begins already to rise in all Ports of *Sweden*, and it is likely will do so more and more; and this being a Commodity, without which there is no living in these Countreys. They write us from thence, that his Majesty the King of *Sweden* hath declared publicly, That it shall be free for all other Nations and strangers, to bring in as much *Portugal* Salt as they please; and that for a further encouragement, he hath promised, that whoever brings any Salt into any part of *Sweden*, shall enjoy the same privileges, as the *Swedes* themselves, which is above Twenty in the Hundred.

Cologne, Nov. 13. The Marquis de *Grans* being returned from *Coblenz*, where he had been to adjust the designe upon *Treves*, with the Elector of that name, to *Ben*, sent hither yesterday Major *Kilmansie*, to cause the Imperial Companies that were here, to march out, except one, which is to continue in this place; which they accordingly did this morning, and took their way for *Ben*, in order to the conjunction with the other Troops designed towards *Treves*. Here is much discourse concerning the likelihood of having the Negotiations and Conferences between the Ambassadors of the several warring Parties, very suddenly set on foot again, and they write from *Paris*, that it was thought there, that the place of Congress would be nominated within 15 days. The advice we had from *Vienne* of the Pope's Nuncio's Secretary, and the Secretary of another publick Minister, having been taken into custody by the Emperor's Order, is not confirmed, and indeed our last Letters made not any mention of those matters.

Cologne, Nov. 16. Major General *Faris* is arrived with several Dutch Troops at *Grimbinkhusen*, seven Leagues from hence, and so morrow is expected at *Bromley*, having been joined with 1500 *Brandenburgers*, from thence they will continue their march towards *Treves*, whither many Troops are drawing from several parts. Our last Letters from *Saraburg* are dated the 12 instant, they bring not any news, the French remaining in their quarters at *Deffeleter*, and the Confederates in theirs not far from *Saraburg*. A party of *Brandenburgers* hath, as we are told, taken the Baggage of the Marshal de *Cregui*, laden