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Naples, May 21.

**T**HE Prince of *Montefurchio*, General of the Spanish Armada, omits no diligence for the hastening the Men of War to Sea, and we are assured that they will be ready in 10 or 12 days. In the mean time, the Marquis of *Villa Franca*, Viceroy of *Sicily*, prepares things for a formal besieging *Messina* by Land, having already caused his Troops to take such advantageous Posts about the place, and so well fortified themselves in them; that a good step seems to be made towards the said siege; the French at the same time are not wanting on their part, being at present about raising a new Citadel, and a new Fort, at the mouth of the *Fare*, and making other Fortifications for the better strength of the place. We are told that the *Messineses* have chosen the Chevalier *de Villavoire* to be their Stratigo, an Officer of great power and authority among them.

*Venice*, June 1. From *Rome* we have advice, That the Pope had made a promotion of six new Cardinals, though with little satisfaction to the Crowns. The French Secretary here hath again complained to the Senate, of the liberty that hath been granted the Spanish Ambassador, to embark several thousand Men at *Trieste*, to be Transported to *Sicily*, in order to their serving against the French in *Messina*, and desires, that at the least the like may not be allowed for the future; on which Subject the Senate returned not any answer to the said Secretary, but have written a Letter to his Most Christian Majesty, to justify his proceedings. We have advice by the way of *Bossuna*, That *Abraham Bassa*, who is appointed to command the Ottoman Forces this Summer, was come with his Army to the *Danube*, over which he was making a Bridge for the passage of his Forces.

*Vienna*, June 2. Their Imperial Majesties will return hither from *Luxemburg* the sixth instant, that the Empress, who grows near her time, may Lie in here. The Emperor hath sent final orders to General *Cops*, who commands his Forces in *Silesia*, to join them with those of the Elector of *Brandenburg*, and to act jointly against the *Suedes*, who, we have advice, continue to commit Hostilities upon the Subjects of his Electoral Highness. On Sunday last parted hence an Express to the Imperial Minister at the *Port*, with instructions to him, to complain of several violences lately committed by the *Turks* on the Frontiers, and to demand satisfaction.

*Ratisbon*, June 6. Yesterday in the evening passed through this place an extraordinary Courier, being dispatched to *Vienna*, to give the Emperor an account of the death of the Elector of *Majence*. The Troops of the Elector of *Bavaria* continue still in their quarters, so that there is not hitherto any appearance of his Electoral Highnesses employing them this Summer.

*Majence*, June 7. The third instant, at night, dyed here our Elector, and the Thursday following was privately Entered without any Ceremony. The 13 of the next Month, the Chapter hath declared, they will proceed to an Election: From *Frankfort* they write, That

the Elector of *Brandenburg* was returned to *Switzfur* in *Frankonia*, where his Army had had its Head-quarter this Winter; That he had already caused part of his Forces to march towards *Maegdeburg* land, was resolved to follow with the rest in few days. The Troops of the Duke of *Lunenburgh* are on their march towards *Bon*.

*Strasburg*, June 7. This morning, very early, Monsieur de *Turenne* decamped from his quarters at *Akenheim* and *Schofheim*, with design, as is believed, to pass the *Rhine*, on the Bridge of Boats he has caused to be laid over the River near *Rheinaw*, which is now guarded on the other side by the Marquis de *Vaubrun*, with four or 5000 Men, who passed the *Rhine* at *Blisac*. It is said that Monsieur de *Turenne* intends to post himself at *Wilstadt*, on the other side of the *Rhine*, about two Leagues from this place, and so put himself between us and the Imperialists, though others are of opinion he will attack *Offenburgh*, about four Leagues from hence, where are at present 3000 Men of the Troops of the Circles, with their General the Marquis of *Baden Dourlach*. General *Montecuculi*, according to our last advices, having left Major General *Dunewaldt* with eight Squadrons of Horse for the guard of the Bridge near *Spire*, was encamped at *Langenbruck*, being resolved to march with all the diligence possible towards these parts. The Elector Palatine remains still at *Spire*, having lodged his Troops in a small place called *Martenstraut*, to hinder the Incurfions of the Garrison of *Philipsburgh*.

*Cologne*, June 11. The ninth instant, the Sieur *Fischer*, the Imperial Minister, returned hither from *Coesveldt*, where he had been, to confer with the Bishop of *Munster*, on the Subject of the late Treaty concluded by his Envoy at *Vienna*, which the Bishop promises he will now ratifie, and accordingly cause his Forces, which are to consist in 9000 Men, to march, pursuant to such orders they shall receive from the Emperor, or his General. The Troops of the Duke of *Lunenburgh* are arrived within six Leagues of *Bon*; the ninth arrived here a Gentleman dispatched to our Magistrates, by the Duke of *Zell*, to desire liberty to buy up a quantity of Corn for the use of his Army, which was granted. The Forces of the Bishop of *Osnabrug* are likewise on their march, and it is thought, that by the 15 instant, may be the Conjunction of these Confederates, the Duke of *Lorrain* continuing in the Neighborhood of *Bon*, for that purpose. The Governor of *Bon* having, it seems, some apprehension, that the Enemy may this Summer make some attempt upon that place, caused the Magistrates of the City to assemble the sixth instant, whom he desired, that the necessary provision of Corn might be made by the several Inhabitants, and care taken in all things that depend upon them, for the security of the place, in case of the worst.

*Bon*, June 11. We now expect in few days to see the Conjunction of the Troops of *Lunenburgh*, *Osnabrug*, and *Lorrain*, in our Neighborhood; the *Lunenburghs* are reckoned at 8000 Men, those of *Osnabrug* at 5000, and the Troops of the Duke of *Lorrain*, who are at present quartered in the Villages hereabouts, 3000, so that

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that together they will make a Body of 16000 Men, which will be commanded by the three Princes in person. We are told that the Garison here will be Re-inforced with 2000 Men, our Governor, though we know not upon what ground, seeming to apprehend, as if we might ere long have an Enemy before our Gates. Our Letters from *Spire* advise us, That the Troops of the Elektor Palatine, and several Squadrons of Imperial Horse, posted near *Philipsburg*, keep that Garison in a manner blocked up, and free the Neighbouring Countries from its Incurfions.

*Brussels*, June 14. Our Advices from *Namur* give us an account, That on Monday last in the morning, the *French*, making about 15000 Men, under the command of the Marquis *de Rochefort*, took their Posts about *Limburgh*, and formally besieged it; That the Prince of *Nassau*, Governor of the Province, and now in that City, had thereupon immediately given orders for 300 Foot, and 100 Dragoons, to make a Sally; which they did so successfully, that, it's said, 200 of the Enemy were killed upon the place; That towards the evening of the same day, the besieged had made another Sally, and so briskly attacked the *French*, that they were forced to quit their Posts, but afterwards recovered them again; Captain *Kaering*, with about 20 more, having been killed on the part of the besieged; the Garison in *Limburgh* is composed of 2000 Men, and though we doubt not but they will make a brave resistance, yet we seem to look upon this place as lost, it being of it self not very strong, and several of its Fortifications not quite finished. The Most Christian King is at present encamped with his Army on this side the *Meuse* near *Maastricht*, to keep all Relief from coming from hence to the besieged in *Limburgh*, of which place, we are told, the *French* pretend to be Masters before Sunday next, they shooting into it at present from 3 Batteries, Yesterday about 2 in the morning, the Prince of *Orange* and our Governor, decamped with their Forces from the Neighborhood of *Louvain*, and marched five Leagues towards *Diest*, with intention, as is said, to advance directly towards the Enemy; the Princes Army is composed of 43 Regiments of Foot, each Regiment reckoned at 700 Men, and 8000 Horse and Dragoons, besides 6000 *Spanish* Horse; so that the whole Body consists in above 30000 Foot, and 14000 Horse; his Highness, before he decamped from *Louvain*, sent all his heavy Cannon for Battery to *Malines*, instead whereof lighter Cannon hath been brought to the Army from thence. From *Cambrai* we hear, That Friday last, a party sent out from that Garison, beat a considerable party of the Enemy near *Landresy*, and took a good Booty, and many Prisoners.

*Hague*, June 14. We are told of an Express arrived this day from *Cologne*, which gives an account of the arrival of the Duke of *Zell* with his Forces, the 12 instant, near *Bon*. At *Amsterdam* are fitting out 25 Men of War, at the charge of the Crown of *Spain*, to be employed against *Messina*; it is said that they will be very suddenly ready to sail, though it is not yet known who shall command them in chief. By a Vessel come to *Amsterdam*, we have an account of four *French* Men of War having attacked in the Channel our Fleet of Merchantmen coming from *Portugal*, and the Men of War that Convoyed them; that two of the said Merchantmen had been taken, and one sunk, by the *French*. The King of *Denmark* is certainly bringing his Army together, and, it is said, that he will act with it towards *Bremen*.

*Paris*, June 15. Our Letters from the Kings Camp, tell us, That the seventh instant, *Huy* was surrendered to

the Marquis of *Rochefort*, the Garison marching out with their Arms and Baggage towards *Bon*; That that day the King, who was encamped at *Tanne*, sent out a Body of 6000 Horse, on a design that was kept secret; That the eighth, his Majesty commanded the Marquis *de Rochefort*, to march with the Troops that had been employed before *Huy*, to *Limburgh*, and to invest the place. That the ninth, at two in the morning, his Majesty decamped from *Tanne*, and lodged in the Village of *Haudet*, and marched again the tenth, and encamped at a small place called *Fera*, about half a League from *Tongres*; where the Army continued the next day. We have Letters from *Thionville* of the 11 instant, which say, That the Marechal *de Crequi*, who commands a Body of an Army, for the observing the motions of the Duke of *Lorraine*, and the other Confederates, having remained some days with his Forces in the Neighborhood of *Carrignan*, expecting the Kings orders, parted thence the sixth instant, and went and encamped at *Mazenille*, where he continued the two following days; the ninth, he decamped at break of day, and marched to *Riobement*; and the tenth, passed the *Moselle* at *Thionville*, taking his way towards *Treves*. From *Alsacia* they write, That the fourth instant, the Imperial Army, under the command of General *Montecuculi*, had on the sudden re-passed the *Rhine* near *Spire*, upon advice, that Monsieur *de Turenne* was making a Bridge over that River, with design to pass it; That the seventh instant, Monsieur *de Turenne* accordingly decamped from his quarters near *Strasbourg*, and caused his Forces to pass the *Rhine* near *Rheinaw*, four Leagues above *Strasbourg*, over a Bridge of Boats, brought from *Brisac*; but that the weather proving very wet, the whole Army had not passed the River till the eighth; That Monsieur *de Turenne* went and encamped the next day at *Willstadt* on the River *Rints*, a place of great importance in this Conjunction, about two German miles from *Strasbourg*, and at the like distance from *Offenbourg*, where lay 3000 men of the Troops of the Circle, under the command of the Marquis of *Baden* General of the Empire; That *Montecuculi* was on his march likewise towards *Strasbourg*, with which place he cannot now have any communication, as long as Monsieur *de Turenne* continues where he is. From *Kouffillon* we have advice, That the Duke of *Schomberg* hath taken the Fort of *Montjuic* near *Gironne* in *Catalonia*.

*Whitehall*, June 9. His Majesty being come this morning into the Houfe of Lords, attired in His Royal Robes, with the Crown upon His Head, and seated in His Throne attended with the usual Solemnity, was pleased to send for the Houfe of Commons up, who accordingly attending His Majesty at the Bar of the Lords Houfe, His Majesty was pleased to pass several private Bills, and to make a most Gracious Speech to the Two Houses on the Subject of their Prorogation; which done, the Lord Keeper, by His Majesties Command, Prorogued the Parliament till the 13 of *October* next.

#### Advertisements.

These are to give Notice to all whom it may concern, That Mr. *Matthew Poole*, the Author of the *Synopsis Criticorum Aithoritarum Sacre Scripture Interpretum*, hath, at the earnest request of many worthy Persons, undertaken to make an *English Synopsis*, or Collation of Comments upon Scripture; which also he is authorized to do: concerning which, as he was obliged by an extraordinary occasion, to give this general Notice, so he intends in due time to give a particular account.

Lost on Tuesday last, in or near the Strand, a Steel Ring, and on it three or four Cabinet Keys, and three Seals, One all Steel, having the Arms of *Boabe*, viz. Three Boars heads, Erect and Braz'd, Impaled with a Cheveron betwixt three Ravens heads. A second, the same Boars heads, Impaled with the Arms of *Cromer*, in Gold Enamel'd. The third, a Head set in plain Gold. Whoever will give notice of them to Mr. *Lowndes* a Stationer near the *Savoy*, shall have 20 s. Reward.