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Naples, May 21.

THE 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 *Franconia*, 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