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Naples, May 22.

**T**HE Spaniards, according to our last Advices, continue to fortifie themselves in their severall Posts about *Messina*, and have now put the *Scaletta* and *St. Placido* in a good posture of defence; by means of which, and the other Posts they possess, they think they shall be able wholly to shut up the *Messineses* by Land. The Duke de *Vivonne* on the other side, is very intent for the raising of a new Citadell, which will be of great use, as well for the better security of the City, as for the French to retire to, in case things should so fall out. We are still fed with hopes, that the Armada will very suddenly put to Sea again, to block up *Messina* by water, though as yet we see but small appearance of it: and most people are of opinion, that nothing of that kind will be attempted, till the Squadron of Dutch Men of War, which, we are told, is sitting out in *Holland*, arrive in these parts, and join with the Armada.

*Milan*, May 24. Our Governor the Prince of *Ligne* is now perfectly recovered, and hath appeared abroad, to the great satisfaction of all people. His Excellency continues to hasten all he can the Levies that are making here for the service of *Sicily*.

*Copenhagen*, June 1. *S. V.* Yesterday 800 Foot Soldiers were shipped here, to be Transported to *Holstein*, and the next week 2000 more will follow; his Majesty intending to have by the middle of this Month an Army of 16000 Men on the Frontiers of *Holstein*, and about 14 days hence his Majesty intends to part hence on his way thither. Two Vessels are arrived here from *Holland*, having in them a good number of great Guns to be put on Board the Men of War that are sitting here, and a great many Seamen more are arrived from *Norway*, so that our Fleet will be very suddenly ready to Sail.

*Madrid*, June 6. Within few dayes have arrived here three extraordinary Couriers from *Catalonia*; the first brought an account, That the Duke de *Sabomberg* was entred with 10000 Foot, and 3000 Horse, into the *Lampourd*, and was come within two Leagues of *Gironne*, into which place the Duke of *St. Germans* had put severall Troops for the Re-inforcement of the Garison, and was himself posted hard by. By the second Express, which arrived here on Sunday last, we had advice, That the French had besieged *Gironne*, and that after two Assaults, with the loss of many Men on both sides, they had taken the Fort near the said City. But the third, which came hither the fourth instant, brought News, That the Enemy having likewise made two Assaults upon the City of *Gironne*, had been bravely repulsed, and that the Besieged had besides made a Sally, killed near 1000 of the Enemy, taken many Prisoners, and put their whole Army into so much disorder, that they were forced to raise the Siege, and retire towards *Figueras*. That *Don Francisco de Velasco*, General of the Artillery of *Catalonia*, commanded upon this occasion within the

place. And that at the same time the Governor of *Roses* had attacked 400 French belonging to the Garison at *Figueras*, and had defeated them. The Duke of *Holstein*, who was taken Prisoner at the Battel of *Senesse* in *Flanders*, is arrived here from *France*.

*Legorn*, June 7. The fifth instant, Sir *John Narborough* parted hence with the Squadron of Men of War under his command towards *Tripoli*, where, we hear, a new Bassa hath been lately chosen. By a Vessel come in here, we receive advice of the arrival of the French Fleet at *Messina*, to the extraordinary encouragement of those people.

*Warsaw*, June 8. From the Court they write, That the King, upon advice that the Cham of *Tartary* approached with a great Army, and that he was already come within 12 Leagues of *Lemburgh*, has sent out his general Letters for the summoning all the Nobility to appear in Arms for the defence of the Kingdom. *Dorosensko* likewise assembles his Forces, and, its feareth, will join with the *Tartars*. There are some advices from *Mosco*, which would, after all, persuade us, That the Czar will in reality join a considerable Army with that of this Crown this Summer.

*Frankfort*, June 16. Monsieur de *Turannes* passing the *Rhine*, having broken the measures which had been taken for the Siege of *Philippsburgh*, and obliged General *Montecuculi* to Re-pass the *Rhine*, and march back towards *Strasburgh*, the Elector Palatine is returned to *Heydelbergh*, and the Bridge of Boats which was brought from *Manheim*, removed thither again; and the Garison of *Philippsburgh* being now free again, hath made several Incurfions, and some with good advantage, having, as is said, seized upon some Wagons laden with Baggage, belonging to the Elector Palatine.

*Maestricht*, June 19. This day the Most Christian King having received an account that the Prince of *Orange* was on his march towards *Ruremond*, with intention to pass the *Maese* there, passed the same River with his Forces over two Bridges, between this place and *Vifet*, and encamped at *Trembleur* near *Dalem*, about three Leagues from hence, having left severall Troops for the guard of the said Bridges. The Prince of *Cende* is encamped at *Herue*.

*Cologne*, June 21. The 18 instant, all the Cavalry of the Duke of *Lunenburgh*, and Bishop of *Osnabrugh*, passed the *Rhine* at *Mulheim*, being between 7 and 8000 strong, the Infantry remaining with their Artillery on the other side of the *Rhine*, for that, as we are told, the Prince of *Orange* onely desires their Cavalry, being already strong enough in Infantry; the Duke of *Lunenburgh* and Bishop of *Osnabrugh* are marched in person with their Troops, taking their way towards the River *Erpe*, which they will pass at *Caster*; the Duke of *Lorraine* remains here, but his Troops being 3000, marched yesterday from *Breuil*, and advance likewise towards the *Erpe*, and tomorrow or next day, it is thought they may join the Prince of *Orange* at *Wassenbergh*, which done, they will advance directly towards the Enemy.

*Strasburgh*,

**Strasbourg, June 22.** The Imperial and French Armies continue almost within sight of each other, and it is the wonder of all people no action passes between them. The French lie not at present so wide asunder as at first, but have contracted their Camp into a narrower space, and have removed their Bridge over the Rhine, about two Leagues nearer to *Strasbourg*, that so they may the better secure it, and least otherwise the Imperialists might have cut it off. The Magistrates of this City seem resolved to observe an exact Neutrality between both parties.

**Brussels, June 21.** Yesterday the Prince of Orange, and the Duke of *Villa Hermosa* our Governor, were still at *Ruremond*; and the Army lay encamped in the Neighborhood; it is reported, that 10000 Men had passed the *Meuse*; with orders to go and join the *Lorrain* and *Lunenburgh* Troops, and then to endeavor the relief of *Limburgh*. On Tuesday last, the Most Christian King, upon the advice he received of the Prince of Orange's intention to pass the *Meuse* at *Ruremond*, decamped from his quarters near *Vilz*, passed the *Meuse*, and went and encamped at *Trembleur* near *Dalem*; the Prince of *Conde* lying at the same time with a part of the Army at *Herve*, between *Liege* and *Limburgh*, to assist the Besiegers in case of need. In the mean time our Letters from *Namur* give us an account, That the Besieged defend themselves very well; That the French had on the 18, taken the Half-moon, but with a great loss of Men; and that, among other Persons of Quality, the Son of the *Marschal de Crequi* had been killed in that action; That the Besieged being in expectation of a sudden Relief, would, in all probability, hold out three or four days longer, though the Enemy was now advanced to the walls of the Town; That it was reported, that yesterday the French would make a general Storm upon the place: and Passengers arrived here this Evening from the Frontiers of *Liege*, assure us, that all day yesterday, and this morning, they heard very violent shooting, so that we suppose the place holds out still. On Wednesday night arrived our Spanish Letters, and brought an account of the raising of the siege of *Girona* in *Catalonia*, by a vigorous Sally of the Spaniards, who fell so furiously upon the French, that, as is said, 1000 were killed upon the place, besides many taken Prisoners, and that thereupon the French were forced to quit the siege. The Duke of *Aerschor*, has received his Commission from Spain, to be Governor of the Province of *Haynault*.

**Venice, June 22.** The 20 instant, early in the morning, the Dutch Troops began to pass the *Meuse* at *Ruremond*; and yesterday, about Noon, were all on the other side. The last Night his Highness was lodged at *Montfoord*; and will be this Night near *Susteren*.

**Hague, June 25.** On Sunday last, was read in all Churches here, a Letter from his Highness, of the 19, instant, to the States of *Holland*, in which he informs them of his being about passing the *Meuse* at *Ruremond*, in order to his Conjunction with the *Lorrain* and *Lunenburgh* Forces, and desires that seeing the Armies were so near, that in all probability some Action would pass between them, Publick Prayers may be made for the good success of his undertakings. We know not what to conclude with certainty concerning *Limburgh*, the Letters from the Army of the 21, said it held out, and that the Besieged made a brave defence; others report, that the Town was taken by storm, and that the Garrison was retired into the Castle; but the Letters come this day from *Brabant*, say, the place was surrendered the 21, the Garrison obtaining Conditions to march out with Arms and Baggage, and two pieces of Cannon, and that the Most Christian King had re-passed the *Meuse*.

**Tarris, June 26.** Our last Letters from the Kings Camp give us an account, That the Besieged in *Limburgh*, after a brisk defence on their part, and that the Trenches had been opened seven dayes, found themselves obliged to come to a Parley the 21 instant, and the Capitulations for the surrender of the place having been agreed on, the next morning the Garrison accordingly marched out with Arms, Bag and Baggage, and two pieces of Cannon, towards *Ruremond*, to join the Prince of Orange. That the King had passed the *Meuse* with his Army, but that it was not known what his Majesties farther design was. Our Letters from Monsieur de *Turennes* Camp are dated the 22 instant, and say, That the Imperial Army, under the command of General *Meneucalli*, was posted at a place called *Schem*, and our Army at *Attenheim*, the two Camps being so near, as to hear each others Drums and Trumpets; That Monsieur de *Turenne* had drawn his Forces nearer together, that so they might have the less ground to defend; That on one side of his Camp was the *Rhine*, and on the other *Wisser* on the River *Kinseeg*, which runs into the *Rhine*, by which means 12 Boats were already arrived with Provisions for his Army from *Brjac*; That the Germans were likewise very advantageously encamped in Meadows, where their Horse may subsist for some time, covered with a Wood; That they drew their Provisions from *Suabia*, but that they were somewhat incommode; for want of a great quantity of Bread, which had been provided for them at *Strasbourg*, with which place they cannot at present have any communication. We may expect that the Armies will not long continue in this posture, but that they will suddenly come to some action; which however neither can oblige the other to without great disadvantage to themselves. From *Naples* we have advice of the 31<sup>st</sup> past, which tell us, That the French Fleet was arrived at *Messina*; That 3000 Foot Soldiers, and 300 Horse, had been put ashore, with a great quantity of Arms, Ammunition, and all sorts of Provisions; That the Gallies were not yet arrived, but hourly expected, not having been able to keep company with the Men of War, by reason of some bad weat her they met with.

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W Hereas a Report hath been spread abroad, That the Sicknes of the Plague is within the City of *Bair*; These are to give Notice, That it hath been Certified under the Hands of several Persons of Quality now residing there, that the said City, and Country adjacent, is wholly free of the said Sicknes, or any other Contagious Distempers whatsoever.

W Hereas several Vagrant Persons do wander about the City of *London*, and Countries, pretending themselves to be Lunaticks under Cure in the Hospital of *Beihlem*, commonly called *Bedlam*; with Brass Plates about their Arms, and Inscriptions thereon. These are to give Notice, That there is no such Liberty given to any Patients kept in the said Hospital for their Cure, neither is any such Plate as a distinction or mark put upon any Lunatick during their being there, or when discharged thence. And that the same is a false pretence, to colour their Wandring and Begging, and to deceive the People, to the dishonour of the Government of that Hospital.

W Hereas a Female Child about three years old, having six Toes upon the Right Foot, was left in the West-porch of *Stepney Church*, in *Oxher-lane*; If any can give Notice of the Owners of the said Child, to *Mr. William Lee* in *Spirit-Fields*, or *Mr. Thomas Tate* at the *Gun* on *Mile-end-green*, shall have 20s. Reward.