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Naples, May 22.

THE 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. *Dorofensko* likewise assembles his Forces, and, its feared, 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 *Turenne* 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,