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Naples, July 2.

THE news of the besieging of *Melazzo* by the French, hath a little allarmed us here; our Viceroy upon the first account he had of it, immediately caused six Gallies to prepare to sail, and this day they are gone out, having on Board 1600 Spaniards and high Dutch, for *Palermo*, where they are to join six Gallies more of *Spain*, four of *Genoua*, and six of *Sicily*, and that done, they are to go and relieve *Melazzo*, which, its feared is somewhat streightned. The Spanish Men of War that are here, will not be ready to sail in a considerable time. We still hope that *Don Juan* of *Austria* will arrive ere long in these parts. Our Viceroy is raising a very large sum of Money by way of Loan, from the most considerable Merchants.

Madrid, July 4. We have the confirmation, that the Infidels have besieged *Oran* in *Barbary*, which greatly disturbs the measures that have been taken at Court for the reduction of *Messina*; and it hath been thought fit to order, that the six Men of War, and the succors that were designed for *Sicily*, shall be now employed for the assistance of the besieged in *Oran*, and to endeavor to raise that Siege, which is formed as well by Sea as Land. Our advices from *Catalonia* seem to assure us, that the French Troops, who are in *Lampourdam*, are in great want of Provisions, one or two considerable Convoys, which were going to them with Provisions, having been cut off by the Miquelets, and they particularly tell us, that the said Miquelets have lately defeated a very great Convoy, consisting in 3000 Men, and commanded by the General of the Artillery, and the General of the Cavalry; that 600 French had been killed upon the place, and amongst them the said two Generals, of which we must expect a confirmation. *Don Juan* continues very much indisposed, which retards his journey to *Italy*.

Legorn, July 12. By a Vessel arrived here this day from *Palermo* in *Sicily*, we have advice, That the Duke *de Vivonne* at *Messina*, having assembled what Troops he could together, had caused them to advance towards the *Scaletta*, as if he had had intention to attack that place, and by that means had drawn several Spanish Troops from *Melazzo*, which the Vic-roy of *Sicily* (who is there in Person) immediately sent to reinforce the Garrison in the *Scaletta*, whereupon the Duke *de Vivonne* had on the sudden discovered his design upon the *Scaletta* to be but feigned, and had changed his march towards *Melazzo*, which at the coming away of the said Vessel he held besieged by Water and by Land, having possessed himself of several Posts, which may be of great advantage to him; the Master of the Vessel adds, that the French had forthwith made themselves Master of the Town, by the help, as is thought, of some intelligence within. The Viceroy being retired into the Castle, which he resolved to defend, though in its self not very strong, and as is feared, not very well provided with Provisions.

Demmin, July 9. The Suedish Army is at present encamped in our Neighborhood, the Constable *Wrangel* being at present in Person with it, giving the necessary orders, for the putting the Army into a posture to take the Field again, and to make head against the Enemy; in order whereunto, several Troops are expected from *Sueden*, and some days since several Troops of Cavalry arrived at *Straelsund* from *Riga*, having been drawn out of the Suedish Garisons in *Livonia*. General Major *Gorzkhen*, who was taken Prisoner near *Wistock*, is sent to *Straelsund* to continue there, till he be ransomed, or other order taken about his liberty.

Hamburg, July 19. The 17 instant, the Elector of *Brandenburgh* was encamped with his Army at *Kyriwitz*, about four Leagues from *Wisnar*, which place it is not doubted but his intention is to besiege. The Suedish Army according to our last advices, lay within three or four Leagues from *Straelsund*, expecting the arrival of several Troops from *Sueden*. From *Francfort* on the *Oder*, our Letters of the 15 instant say, that 6600 Imperialists were passed by there, in order to their going to join with the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, whose Army is already reckoned at 18000 Men. We are likewise told, that about 3000 *Brandenburgs* are drawing together out of the Countrey of *Cleves*, and that together with 4 or 5000 *Munsterians*, they are to act for the observing the motions of the Duke of *Hanouer*. The Accommodation between the King of *Denmark* and Duke of *Holstein*, is now quite concluded, Danish Garisons being received into *Tunningen* and other places, the Duke returned to *Gottorp*, and the King gone to *Copenhagen*, with purpose, as is said, to be back with his Army in a Month or three Weeks. From *Bremen* they write, that nine Vessels were arrived at *Carlesburg* on the *Weser* with Soldiers from *Sueden*, for the strengthening the Forces of that Crown in those parts; though at the same time we are told, that the Suedes purpose only to put good Garisons in *Stade*, *Carlesburg* and *Boeckhoeede*, and to raise their other places in the *Stift Bremen*, that so they may be able to send the more Forces for the reinforcement of the Army in *Pomerania*. Several Danish Troops continue still quartered within two and three Leagues from hence; upon whom our Magistrates have a very watchful eye, and upon whatever else they think concerns the security of this City.

Balen, July 15. Several skirmishes have of late happened between the parties sent out from the two Armies, in which the Imperialists still pretend to have had the advantage. We are told, that some Troops sent out from *Offenburg*, have very much disturbed the French Foragers, and took several Prisoners. On Saturday last, Prince *Herman* of *Biden*, Prince *Pio*, General *Vermulder*, and other General Officers went out of the Imperial Camp with 1000 Horse, to take an account of the posture of the Enemy, and returned again yesterday morning; and few hours after, the Count *de Caprara* was commanded out with 4000 Horse, upon some design, which is kept secret, and of which we impatiently expect the success.

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