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Naples, June 2.

BY several Felucca's arrived here we have advice, that the French Fleet of Men of War, and Gallies is at Sea, and that 4 days since they took their course towards *Palermo*. We apprehend they will make some attempt upon our Fleet that lies at Anchor there. The three Spanish Men of War that have been so long in this Port are now ready to sail.

Marseilles, June 16. Three French Men of War are arrived at *Thouon* from *Messina*, who bring an account of the great Victory obtained by our Fleet at *Palermo*: the Particulars are, That our Fleet, commanded by the Duke de *Vivonne*, came upon the Dutch and Spanish as they lay at Anchor there, with so much surprize to them, that before they could put themselves into any posture of defence, our Fireships laid several of their chiefest Ships on board, and burnt the Admirals, and Vice-Admiral of *Spain*, and Rear-Admiral of *Holland*, and seven others, and six Gallies. Several Fireships are fitting out here for the service of our Fleet, and we are preparing a new supply of Provisions for our Fleet.

Copenhagen, June 16. This morning about six a Clock the Sieur *Griffenfelt* was brought to the place appointed for his execution, where he behaved himself with great courage and resolution, and with protestations of his innocency; and having kneeled down, and ready to suffer, he received the Kings pardon as to life. Several Regiments are already marched to the Leaguer near *Essenore*, and the rest will follow, so that the whole Army will be there in few dayes. We have not any News from Sea since my last, by reason of the contrary winds, though we all believe there has been an Engagement between the two Fleets; for the last Letters from Admiral *Tromp*, lest them so near each other, that the foremost ships begun already to engage.

Strasbourg, June 15. You have already known how the eleventh instant, the Imperial Army passed the *Rhine* over our Bridge their Artillery (to which was added out of the Magazine of this City, three great Cannon for Battery, with a considerable quantity of Ammunition) and Infantry passing down the *Rhine* by water, while the Cavalry marched by land. The French, who were so advantageously posted with their right Wing under the Counterescarp of *Saverne*, and their left reaching to *St Jean*, having the River *Sorr* before them, are since marched into the Plains, and the 13 and 14 encamped between *Hochfeld* and *Wiltzon*; since which time, the French Officers as well as the Commissaries have come hither in great numbers, to buy provisions, and other necessaries; and according to their report, the Duke of *Luxemburg* intended to decamp as this day, and to march to *Hague-naw*. The 13 instant arrived in the French Camp a great Convoy, with provisions from *Lorraine*.

Spire, June 16. The Imperial Army having passed the *Rhine* at *Strasbourg*, encamped the 14 instant at *Schebenfort*, and yesterday repassed the *Rhine* at *Lauterburg*, upon the advice the Duke of *Lorraine* received, that the Enemy came down this way. It is said that his Highness will again advance towards *Hague-naw*, and

offer the Duke of *Luxemburg* Battle, or as others believe, that he will Post himself at *Weiss-nburg*. Four great pieces of Cannon, and two Mortar pieces, have been sent from *Frausfort*, to the Camp before *Philipsburg*, from whence they write, that they will now very suddenly begin the Siege in form, and that the Governor of the place, hath put some of the principal Burg-hers out of the Town.

Cologne, June 19. The French continue to make frequent incursions into this Diocess, and the Dutchy of *Fuliers*. Some days since a party appeared between this place and *Bonne*. On Tuesday last the Sieur de *Louwigny* arrived here from *Flanders*. The Troops of *Osnaburg* are now on their march towards us; the 14 and 15 instant they encamped at *Banninghausen*, the 16 at *Werle*, in this Diocess, and in four or five days we expect them in this Neighborhood.

Hamb 19, June, 19. The Suedish ships that came to succor *tae*, are still in the *Elbe*, expecting, as is said, some other Men of War to come and join them. Hitherto *tae* continues free from a Siege, as does *Stetin* in *P m ren*. We have not any other advice concerning *Wlg st*. From *Berlin* they write, That the Treaty of Marriage between the Electoral Prince of *Brandenburg*, and the Princess of *Hesse*, sister to the present Queen of *Denmark*, was wholly concluded, and signed by his Electoral Highness. The Letters add, That the Elector was parted from thence to *Potsdam*, from whence he would go into the Field, his Troops being already on their march under the command of the Duke of *Holstein*.

Brussels, June 19 Yesterday morning early the Most Christian King decamped from *Ninoven*, in the Countrey of *Aost*, and marched towards *Acsh*, having before sent a small detachment to join the Marechal d' *Humieres*, who is at present in the Neighborhood of *Cambrai*, and has sent to the Countrey people to bring in a great number of Cares and Wagons. This morning our Army likewise decamped, and came and lodged at *Lon bee Nostre Dame*, two Leagues from this City. From *Cologne* of the 16 instant they write, that the 13, the *Osnaburg* Troops, consisting in four Regiments of Horse, two Squadrons of Dragoons, and three Regiments of Foot, marched through *Lipstadt*, towards the *Rhine*. We are assured, that 18 Squadrons of Horse are some days since marched from *Charleroy*, towards *Germany*. From *Liege* they write, That it is the general opinion there, that the French are going to quit *Limburg*.

Dissin, June 23. On Thursday last, as we have already told you, the Most Christian King decamped from *Ninoven*; the next day his Majesty had his quarters at *Cambren*-Abby; on Saturday marched to *Perwers*, between *St Guislain* and *Conde*, part of the Army passing the River that day at *Pont a Haine*, as the rest did on Sunday at old *Conde*, near which place his Majesty encamped; the Troops that had passed at *Pont a Haine* advancing to *Kierwain*, which they are fortifying; whether it is believed the King will in a day or two march with the whole Army; this gives us a great apprehension that his design may be upon *Valenciennes*, and the rather, for that we hear the Marechal d' *Humieres* is fortifying *Hasse*, between *Valenciennes* and *Cambrai*. Our Army continues at *Lambic Nostre Dame*, and will decamp on Thursday, and take its march towards *Mons*, to observe the Enemy. We expect with much impatience the coming up of the *Osnaburg* Troops, when we are assured some Siege will be taken in hand by the Prince of *Orange*, who, to that end, has sent for a great many Cannon for Battery from *Holland*. We have Letters from *Valenciennes*, which give us an account, That the Governor having on Friday last been informed, that three Squadrons of French Horse were abroad, and that they designed to pass near *Valenciennes*, sent out Colonel