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Dublin, August 18.

**O**N Thursday, the 23d instant, his Grace the Duke of Ormond landed at the Skerries, 12 miles distant from hence; And his Excellency the Earl of Essex, and the Privy Council, having disposed all things for his Graces more Solemn Reception. Several pieces of Cannon were fired to give general notice thereof, and a cert in number of the Privy Council were deputed and sent away to Compliment his Graces arrival. On the 24th, as his Grace approached this City, he was met and conducted in by the Sheriffs, and Militia Troops, the Royal Regiment, the Militia Regiment, the Battle-axes, and Troops of Guards were so plac'd, as that they made the numerous Train of Coaches fill'd with Nobility and Gentry at his Graces Reception, and the multitude of People attending that Solemnity, to be free from all manner of confusion. The City, to express their joy, form'd a Troop of Bachelors, who were all clothed in white very rich, and the Show very entertaining. At three of the Clock, his Grace was conducted to the Council-Chamber, where the Earl of Essex and the Privy Council being met, he was sworn Lord Lieutenant General of this Kingdom and received the Sword. The Earl of Essex retiring to the House of Mr. Solicitor General, where he intended to lodge, he was by his Graces direction attended thither by several of the Council; and his Grace coming soon after to the Castle, all the Horse, Foot, and Cannon fired the Volleys round, and at Night the streets were filled with Bonfires. The Earl of Essex came that Evening to visit his Grace, and was the next day not only visited by his Grace, but at his departure attended with all the Respect and all the Solemnity that those Preparations could bestow upon him.

*Naples, Aug. 17.* From *Palermo* we have advice, that the French Fleet was sailed from *Messina*, but upon what design was not known. That 13 French Tartanes, and 7 Men of War were arrived at *Augusta* from *Thoulon*, having on board 1800 Soldiers, which they had put ashore. That two persons of the chiefest quality at *Messina* had been sent to *France*, to represent several matters relating to that City to the King. Five Gallies were on their departure from hence for *Palermo*, whither they will carry 200 men.

*Munich, Aug. 29.* The last week our Elector held a general Rendezvous of his Troops, which consisted in between 12 and 15000 men. It was reported that his Electoral Highness would have put some of his Forces into the Emperor's Service, to be employ'd gainst the Rebels in *Hungary*, and that this Rendezvous was held purposely in order thereunto; but we now find those reports were without any ground, for all the Troops are gone back to their respective quarters, and there will continue, till there be occasion for them.

*Copenhagen, Aug. 31.* The Danish Cavalry, as I told you in my last, consisting in 6000 men, is returned to *Landskroon*, having lost 7 or 800 in their march, who were cut off by the Enemy. The Swedish Army has re-

ceived, as we are told, a reinforcement, and will approach towards *Landskroon*. According to the last Advice we had from our Fleet, it lay before *Calmar*, expecting a favourable opportunity to execute the design they had formed upon the Swedish ships that lay there.

*Ditto Sept. 4.* The King continues as yet here, though it's said that his Majesty will embark on Monday next on the ships that lie in this Road, to pass with them towards *Gottenburg*. In the mean time all things necessary for the attacking a place are providing here, and will be put on board the said ships. The Kings Guards are appointed to attend his Majesty in this expedition, but leave their Horses behind them, taking with them their Arms, Saddle and Furniture. The Masters of some Vessels come in from the *Baltick* report, that on the 21 and 22 past, they heard great shooting; we are apt to be in v. it may have been at *Calmar*, and that our Fleet hath made some attempt upon the Swedish ships that lay there.

*From the Camp before Stetin, Sept. 3.* Our great Battery is finished, and we are very busie to plant the Cannon there, which we shall begin to make use of in 4 or 5 dayes. The Besieged have since the 30 past made several Sallies, thinking to have done us much prejudice during the wet weather, but they still found us in a condition to receive them, at present the weather begins to clear up. The Besieged make little use of their Cannon, for we are come so near the Ditch, that they can hardly bring them to bear upon us, but they are not sparing of their small shot. We understand by some Deserters, that the Burghers do more service than the Soldiers, and are even more resolute in the defence of the place; they tell us, that they had even arrested their Governor, for that he shewed some inclination to treat; and that a Burgher who let fall some words tending thereunto, was killed upon the place. Our great expectation is to see how they will behave themselves when our great Battery begins to play.

*Hamburg, Sept. 4.* The Conference between the Chancellor of *Denmark*, and the Ministers of the Princes of *Lunenbourg*, has not produced any effect. The Siege of *Stetin* proves a work of great difficulty, occasioned by the ill weather they have had of late, the continual Rains having rendred that part on the side of the *Lastadie* inaccessible, insomuch that the Besiegers have been obliged to give over their Attacks on that side. The Burghers have, as we are told, entred into a Solemn Engagement to defend the place to the very last extremity.

*Cologne, Sept. 3.* Letters from *Alsace* of the 30<sup>th</sup> tell us, that Lieutenant General *Monclar* had been for some dayes posted so near the Camp of the Duke of *Saxe-Eyfenach* at *Hunningen*, that he had, from a Hill he had gained, played very furiously upon it with his Cannon, the Imperialists being not wanting to do the like on their side; that this had continued some dayes with continual Skirmishes on both sides, but that the French having received several Recruits, and expecting more, it was believed they would put the Imperialists hard to it, and oblige them to repass the *Rhine*. The same Letters

add, that the *Suisse Cantons*, notwithstanding the great endeavors used by the Imperial and Confederate Ministers to the contrary, had given leave to the Most Christian King to raise 10000 men in their Territories, 6000 to be in two new Regiments, and 4000 for recruiting those that are already in the *French Service*. Letters from *Spire* say, that the Emperors Commissary had been there several dayes to regulate the Winter-quarters in those Parts but that he meets with great difficulties in that matter, the Cities of *Suabia* and *Franconia* pretending to be exempted.

*Frankfurt, Sept. 4.* What was said of the march of 3000 *Saxons* towards *Alsace*, to reinforce the Duke of *Saxe-Eyrenach*, comes to nothing. The States of the Circle of *francoya* are assembled at *Bamberg*, to find out some way to ease their Countrey of Winter-quarters, which the Inhabitants declare they are not longer able to bear. From *Basse* our Letters tell us, that the Imperial Troops commanded by the Duke of *Saxe-Eyrenach* are hard pressed upon by the *French*, who not only exceed them in number but have the advantage of several Batteries, which they have raised on such advantageous ground, as very much to incommode the Imperial Camp. The *Sieur de Monclar*, as we are told, has sent to the *Sieur Fay*, Governour of *Briscia*, to send him several pieces of Cannon of 24 pounders, with which he will extremely gale the *Germanes*. Our former Letters from *Vienna*, spoke of some indisposition the Emperor had contracted, by eating of Fruit, but those we receive this morning assure us, that his Imperial Majesty was in perfect health again, and that he intended to part the 30 of the last month with the Emperess from *Vienna*, to go to *Newstadt*. The Imperial Army under the command of the Duke of *Lorraine*, is coming towards the *Rhine*.

*Liege, Sept. 7.* We have Letters from the Prince of *Orange's* Camp dated yesterday, they tell us that some resolution had been taken in order to the undertaking some enterprize, and that in order to it, all the *Confederates* were to join together again as this day. A great number of *Pioneers* is summoned out of this Countrey, but in what design they will be employed we do not yet learn. The *French* of *Maestricht* have plundered and burnt *Sittard* a second time; the States of this Countrey have sent Deputies to the Governour of *Maestricht*, to complain of the burning of *Tongres*.

*Brussels, Sept. 7.* Yesterday the Duke of *Villa Hermosa* with the Confederate Troops passed the *Sambre* at *la Bouffiere*, between *Charleroy* and *Mauberge*; and joined the Prince of *Orange*, who was encamped near *Mauberge*. The Duke of *Montalto*, General of the *Spanish Cavalry*, is returned hither from the Army, and, as is said, will not go thither any more, upon some misunderstanding fallen out between the Duke of *Villa Hermosa* and him. The Duke of *Luxemburg* is encamped with the *French* Army between the *Lis* and the *Schelde*, having, as we are informed, sent a considerable detachment, commanded by the Count de *St. Geran*, towards *Aeth*, who is to join with those Troops under the command of the Baron de *Quincy*, and to fix their quarters at *Enguien*. All the *Dutch* Bilanders with his Highnesses Cannon and Ammunition are still in the River before *Antwerp*, where they are to expect farther Orders. From *Metz* they write, that the Duke of *Lorraine* was encamped near the same place, where the *Mareschal de Crequi* was defeated at the time of the Siege of *Treves*, and that the *French* Army is advanced to the Plains of *St. Barbe*, to observe the motions of the *Imperialists*. This Evening the News in Town is, that our Army is going to besiege *Dinant* on the *Mense*

above *Namur*, from whence they will be supplied with Cannon, and other Necessaries, they may have need of.

*Dussel, Sept. 10.* The Duke of *Luxemburg* taking the advantage of our Armies being so far from us, is advanced this way, encamping the last night at *Alst*, and, as we are told, is this day marched towards *Pons Busie* upon the Canal; we apprehend the *Enemy's* intention is to pass the Canal towards *Mahims*, and to ruine all that Countrey. Several expresses have been sent to acquaint the Duke of *Villa Hermosa* (who in conjunction with the Prince of *Orange* continues encamped on the other side of the *Sambre* between *Mons* and *Mahange*) to acquaint him with the *Enemy's* motions. The Letters we receive from *Treves* of the 3d instant inform us, that the Imperial Army had been encamped some dayes at *Vandfangen* on the *Saar*, and that it was marching when these Letters came away towards *Sarbruck*. That the *Mareschal de Crequi* was encamped not far from *Metz*, but that his design was to march by the way of *Vic* towards *Alsace*. From *Vienna* we have an account, that the Emperor, after an indisposition of some days, was perfectly recovered. We are here in a great Alarm, upon the News we have had the *Enemy* have made themselves Masters of the Fort the *three Isles*, and have cut our Canal, we know not what they will do next. *Mareschal d'Humieres* is with another Body in *Flanders*.

*Amsterdam, Sept. 10.* Two dayes since sailed out of the *Vlie* about 80 Sail of Merchantmen with their Convoy bound for the *Baltick*. From *Antwerp* they write, that they have News there, that the *French* of *Maestricht* had likewise burnt *Sichem* and *St. Tron*. That the Duke of *Villa Hermosa* had repassed the *Sambre*, and that they were in expectation to hear of some action of importance. From the *West Indies* we have an account, that six Capers belonging to *Zesland* were at *St. Christophers*.

*Paris, Sept. 11.* The Letters we receive from *Flinders* give us an account, that the Prince of *Orange* with the *Dutch* Troops was encamped below *Mauberge*; that the Duke of *Villa Hermosa*, with the other Confederate Troops lay on the other side of the *Sambre*, over which the Prince of *Orange* had caused two Bridges to be laid. From *Metz* they write, that the Imperial Army was the 3d instant at *Vandfangen*, betwixt the *Saar* and the *Moselle*. And the 7th, the *Mareschal de Crequi* was encamped at *Fougville*, sending out frequent Parties to observe the *Enemy's* motions, and to watch their designs, of which we cannot yet make any judgment. The Court will continue till the 24 instant at *Fontainebleau*.

*Pennant, Aug 30.* On Monday last, the Wind being at W. S. W. and blowing very hard, came into this Harbor the *Portland* and *Newcastle* frigates, with a Fleet of Merchantmen under their Convoy bound for the *Straites* on Wednesday morning the Wind at E. they sailed again, but in the evening the Wind changing, they were all forced back into the Harbor, where they are at present, with several other small Vessels, among which is the *Fortune* of *London*, laden with Sugar and Cotton from *Jamaica*. Here is come in the *William of Daver* John Atkins Master, who reports, that on this side the *Ile of Wright* he met with two *Dutch* Capers who were returning home from the *West-Indies*, having with them five Prizes.

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