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*Melazzo, Aug. 23.*

**Y**esterday morning 21 *French* Gallies appeared in sight of this place, and at the same time 8 Squadrons of Horse, and 3 Battalions of Foot approached very near us by Land, upon which we fired our Cannon upon them, and as we believe did some execution, for they presently retired to *Fondo*, where they continued that day. The last night as well the said Troops as Gallies are retired to *Ibiso*, two of the Gallies having, as we are informed, received great damage. We have reason to believe that the design of the Enemy in coming hither, was only to amuse us, and to give us occasion to draw our Troops hither from *Catanea*, whither we believe they are now gone.

*Reggio, Aug. 25.* We have been continually in Arms for these 8 days past, for that the *French* gave out they would come and set fire to this place, in revenge of our designing to burn their Fleet at *Meffina*. In the mean time the *French* have been before *Melazzo*, but without attempting any thing; and yesterday in the afternoon their Fleet returned into the *Fare*, where 12 Tarranes, and 9 Men of War, who for two days lay in sight of this place, joined them. The whole *French* Fleet, consisting in 21 Gallies, and 27 Men of War, is now under Sail, and takes its course towards *Catanea*, where we have the more reason to hope they will not effect any great matters, for that the place is very well fortified, and provided with a Garison of 1000 Horse, and 3000 Foot.

*Dantzick, Sept. 15.* The King of *Poland* continues to demand one of our principal Churches for the use of the *Roman Catholics*, which our Magistrates cannot yet be persuaded to consent to; for besides the inconvenience of the thing it self, they apprehend it may open a door to greater pretensions; some of which already appear, viz. of introducing some of that Religion into the Magistracy. This, it's feared, may put this City into the Kings displeasure, and may be of prejudice to it in other matters; in a short time we shall see the issue of this affair. From *Warsaw* we have an account, that the Plague, which had raged there very violently, was so far decreased, that many People who had left the Town, and were retired into the Countrey, were returned thither. We are told that the *Suedes* being without any fears of the *Moscovites*, were raising Forces to form an Army in *Livonia*, to attack the Elector of *Brandenburg* in *Prussia*.

From the Camp before *Stein*, Sept. 17. The 14 instant, between 9 and 10 at night, the Besieged made a vigorous Sally upon the *Brandenburgs* quarter, but were so warmly received and repulsed, that they were followed to the very Counterscarp, and had the Besiegers been provided at that time upon the place with Spades, Pickaxes, and other Instruments necessary for the intrenching themselves, they might have been able to take Post upon the said Counterscarp; the night following we fired very furiously from our Cannon, which have done so great execution, that we cannot see any one House left standing in the Town. Yesterday about 11

in the morning the Besieged made a Sally upon the *Lunenburgs* quarter with six Squadrons of Horse, and three Battalions of Foot; since which, nothing of moment has passed.

*Hamburg, Sept. 21.* We have an account from *Pomeran*, that the *Danes*, consisting in about 20 Ships, had been seen off of the Isle of *Rugen*, upon which Count *Coningmark* repaired thither immediately from *Stralsund*, with what Troops he could draw together. The Besieged in *Stein* have, since our last, made several brisk Sallies, and, according to the report of several Deferters, the Burghers grow every day more and more obdurate, to defend the place to the last extremity. The Elector of *Brandenburg* has, as we are told, promised his Soldiers the plunder of it for three dayes, when it shall be taken.

*Strasbourg, Sept. 17.* Since the 14 instant, the *French* Army is come over the Mountains, by the way of *Saverne* and *Lutzelstein*, into *Alsace*, being for the convenience of their march, divided into three Bodies, who on the 15 instant rejoined at *Ingweiler*, from whence the whole Army decamped yesterday, and came to *Weygersheim*, which is three Leagues from hence, having in their march burnt *Haguenaw*, at least that part which remained of it. To morrow the *Sieur de Monclar* will join the *Mareschal de Crequi* with his Troops, and it is said that the Duke of *Saxe-Eysnach* will be the 19 instant at the Fort of *Kiel*, which is a Fortification that guards our Bridge on the other side of the *Rhine* to make good that Post, in case the *French* should endeavor to pass the *Rhine* here.

*Spire, Sept. 17.* The 15 instant the Duke of *Lorraine*, and the Duke of *Saxe-Lawenburg* passed with the Imperial Cavalry by *Deux-Ponts*, taking their march towards *Landaw*, the Prince of *Baden* marching at the same time with the Infantry and Artillery towards *Keyserlauterne*, and in a day or two the Army will be joined again.

*Franckenale, Sept. 18.* The Infantry of the Imperial Army was encamped the 16, and yesterday, at *Keyserlauterne*, the Cavalry being advanced over the Mountains by the way of *Newstadt* to *St. Lambert* and *Landaw* in the Palatinate, whither the Infantry will likewise march to join them. We are told that the Imperial Troops will take their Winter-quarters on this side the *Rhine*, and that for the better subsistence Magazines will be provided at *Spire*, *Wormes*, and *Philipsburg*.

*Brifac, Sept. 19.* The Duke of *Saxe-Eysnach* having, as you have already heard, passed the *Rhine* with some precipitation, encamped the 14 instant near *Friburg*, where he still remains. The 17, the *Sieur de Monclar* arrived at *Benselt* near *Schlestadt*, and there joined a detachment commanded by the Marquis de *Valbelle*. Yesterday he passed the *Rhine* over our Bridge, and entered into *Brifgow* with the Troops under his command. The Duke of *Lorraine* advances with the Imperial Army towards *Landaw* and *Weissenbourg*. The 16 instant, the *Mareschal de Crequi* encamped within three Leagues of *Strasbourg*, and is at present near *Benselt*.

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