

The London Gazette.

Published by Authority.

From Thursday October 4. to Monday October 8. 1677.

Naples, Sept. 14.

From Reggio we have Letters of the 10th, and Catania of the 8, which say that the French Fleet lay then in sight of this latter place, but had not as yet disembarked any of their Troops; that the Duke de Vivonne was there in person, and that several Gallies were gone back to Messina, to fetch more Troops from thence; that in the mean time the Duke of Ganzano, Governour of Catania, was putting things in a good posture of defence; and that the Duke de Bourbonville was drawing together a Body of an Army to observe the Enemies motion.

Venice, Sept. 24. Yesterday was published here an Order made in the great Assembly against the extravagance in wearing Apparel, and several Persons are appointed, whose peculiar business it is to see the same punctually executed. Certain Merchants come from Dalmatia, report, that of 10 Turkish Saiques which were returning to Constantinople, the Christian Corsairs had taken eight. At Grand Caire the Plague is broken out again very violently, and we are assured that there dies daily not less than 200 persons. The Letters we receive from Constantinople are very silent as to any appearances of a War between the Turks and the Moscovites, but rather seem to intimate that the Grand Visier turns his thoughts to Peace, by that means to replenish the Grand Signiors Coffers, which he found very empty. Most people seem to wonder that the Pope does not make a promotion of Cardinals, there being at present eight Caps vacant, and one or two Cardinals very desperately ill. The Cardinal Altieri, according to our Advices from Rome, has not hitherto been able to reconcile himself to the Court of France, which is so far dissatisfied with his proceedings during the Reign of the late Pope, when he was Cardinal Patron, that the French Ambassador will not have any Correspondence with him.

Ratisbonne, Sept. 29. It is very much to be wished that the matter of providing Winter-quarters for the Imperial Troops was settled, because of the ill consequences many people are apt to apprehend it may produce, for the great Excesses committed as well by the Officers as Soldiers in the Countries where they wintered the last year, are yet so fresh in peoples memories, that they are most averse to the thoughts of harbouring such Guests again. The Regents of the Duchy of Wirtemberg have positively resolved not to admit any Troops whatsoever within their Territories; and to be able to make good that resolution, they have armed all the Country people, and have posted them in several Bodies, with Orders to oppose with Force any Troops that shall pretend to winter among them. And this, it's thought, may give example to other Princes to do the like, in the mean time the Count de Frobenius Furstemberg is endeavouring all he can to dispose the States of Sussia who are assembled at Ulm, to yield to the present necessity of Affairs, and to accord Winter-quarters to the Imperial Troops, promising that care shall be taken to prevent all cause of complaint for the future, concerning their vexatious way of living.

Dantzick, Octob. 2. The Letters we have from Riga in Livonia say, that the Swedish Army was incamped in their Neighborhood, and was ready to march upon the first Order, which was expected in a day or two; and that they would take their march directly towards Prussia. The Country people there, as they write from Coningsberg, begin to be troubled at the News of the march of an Army, and begin to shelter themselves in the strong Towns. It is said that the French Ambassador makes Levies here, though privately, for the service of Sweden. The matter in difference about the Church desired by the Roman Catholicks, is not yet determined.

Copenhagen, Octob. 2. In my last I gave you an account of the Kings arrival from Rugen; his Majesty has since been at Landskroon, to take a Review of the Troops that are there: in a day or two he will return to Rugen, and take with him several fresh Troops, with which our Army will be 9000 men effective, whereas Count Coningsmark can hardly make up 6000. The Swedes in Schonon have divided their Army into three Bodies, the one is marched towards Eisenburg, the other towards Christianstadt, and the third towards Helmstadt.

Ditto, Octob. 5. This morning, by Express, the King has advice from Schonon, that the Swedes have quired the Blokade of Christianstadt; that the King of Sweden had sent part of his Forces towards Matmac, and that he was marched with the rest towards Gottenburg, to make head against the Sieur Guldentieu on that side, or, as others say, towards Stockholm, to assist at the Assembly of the States the 11 of this month, Yesterday sailed from hence several Vessels laden with Soldiers, Ammunition, &c. for the Isle of Rugen; at the same time Prince George went hence to Warnburg, from whence he will pass over to the said Isle, and the King, as we are told, purposes to follow to morrow. Our Fleet, under the command of Admiral Fuels, alarms all the Coast of Sweden, since they have been ashore at Westermoycke, and burnt that Town, they have been at Northopping and done the like there, which has sent the Alarm as far as Stockholm, and this is said to be the reason of the King of Sweden's being gone thither, to give Order for the security of the Sea Coasts.

From the Elestor of Brandenburg's Camp before Steirn; Octob. 4. The 2d instant, about four in the morning, the Enemy sprung a Mine under one of the Lodgements we had made on the Counterscarp, which succeeded so well, that it buried all that were there, several were killed, and about 40 were digged our alive, though some of them very severely treated; however, we maintained our Post. The same day came a Deserter into our Camp, who assured us, that the Besieged had lost a great many men, and that the 27 past there were 100 men killed in the Trenches; that notwithstanding the generality of the people would not hear of a Treaty, though some of the better sort of the Inhabitants seemed desirous to save themselves and their Town from utter ruine by a Capitulation. The Lunenburgs on their side are Masters of the whole Counterscarp, and are preparing