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Naples, October 3.

WE have a sad account from the Provinces of *Otranto*, *Puglia* and *Bari*, of a Pestilential Distemper that rages there to that degree, that several Villages are quite Depopulated; and that there are no Labourers to be had to gather the Fruits. And here we fear we shall be afflicted with another Plague, that of Famine, for here is already great scarcity of Corn.

Vienna, Octob. 15. The sad condition of this place is hardly to be described, though God be thanked the Plague abates, there having died the last Week 300 less than the former, and better Order is likewise now observed than could be at first, for which we are obliged to the Count of *Swartzenburg*, who two days since caused 9 Persons to be hanged, for having stole several Rich Goods out of infected Houſes, under pretence of assisting the Sick. In the mean time while the Plague decreases here, it spreads it self into the neighbouring Countrey, and grows so violent in the Parts hereabouts, that a great many people would come hither, but that they are not permitted.

Prague, Octob. 16. This City continues hitherto free from all Infection, so that there is not now any discourse of their Imperial Majesties removing from hence; and that we may continue in Health all possible care is taken, and no Person is permitted to come hither till he has performed a Quarantine; and to see this observed Commissioners are appointed. The *Empress* is at present indisposed, and its feared she may miscarry. Several of the Emperors Troops are disbanded at *Egra*, and most of the Men are gone to put themselves into the Service of the Elector of *Brandenburg*, or the City of *Hamburg*.

Hamburg, Oct. 24. The *Lunenburg* Deputies are returned to the King of *Denmark's* quarters, to endeavour to obtain some farther moderation in his demands upon this City, in which they are the more likely to succeed for that the *Sieur Rabenac* the French Minister has received orders to join with them in this Mediation. In the mean time our Magistrates have forbid the carrying of any Provisions to the Danish Camp upon very severe penalties, but have given leave to the persons employed by some of the Danish General Officers to provide 12 Tun of Beer and some Wine for their particular use, they demanded 24 Tun, but it would not be allowed. It is said here that they begin already to have a scarcity of Provisions in the Danish Camp; and that for this reason two Regiments have left it, and are gone into winter quarters, which is an Argument likewise that things are in a fair way to be accommodated.

Hamburg, Octob. 24. While we are expecting to know the final resolution of the King of *Den-*

mark upon the Overtures that have been made him by the *Lunenburg* Ministers since our last, we are not a little troubled to hear that the Danish Men of War, who lay at *Gluckstadt*, 14 in number, have stopt several Merchant Ships that were coming hither, viz. two English Ships, two Hollanders, and one belonging to this place; the former are simply stopt from coming hither, but as for the latter we fear the Danes will proceed to confiscation. The *Sieur Rabenac* received, two days since, Orders from the French Court, to repair to the King of *Denmark*, and to endeavour to reconcile the differences between him and this City. This day the said *Sieur Rabenac* parted hence for *Haerburg*, to communicate the matter of his Instructions to the Duke of *Zell*; and from his Offices joyned with those of the Princes of *Lunenburg* we promise our selves a good effect.

Amsterdam, Octob. 27. From the *Hague* we have an account that the Deputies of the States General have had several conferences with *Monſieur d'Avaux* the French Ambassador; whom they acquainted, That the States could not think fit to enter, at present, into the new Alliance proposed by his Excellency, adding the Reasons that lead them to this Resolution, with which they desired the Ambassador to be satisfied, assuring him that they would, on all occasions, shew the high value they set upon the Friendship which the King his Master is pleased to honour them with. We are likewise told that *Mr. Sidney*, Envoy Extraordinary from His Majesty of *Great Britain*, has had conferences with the Ministers of the Dukes of *Lunenburg*, concerning the Affairs of *Hamburg*, which according to our last Letters from thence, we have great reason to hope will be amicably accommodated seeing the Most Christian King is become a Mediator therein. The States have sent orders to their Ambassador in *England* to return His Majesty their Most humble and hearty Thanks, for having by his Mediation procured a general Peace; and to assure His Majesty that they will have a perpetual remembrance of his Kindness and Goodwill towards them, and that they will, on all occasions, shew their acknowledgment thereof. The Duke of *Monmouth* is gone for *North-Holland*, and in 8 or 10 days will be back again at *Utrecht*.

Hague, Octob. 27. The last week the Elector of *Brandenburg's* Minister here presented a Memorial to the States General concerning the Arrears of Subsidies due to his Master, in which he earnestly presses them to take some speedy resolution, that his Electoral Highness may know what Measures to take; sets forth the great Services done by the Elector to this State, That he had exhausted himself in the prosecution of the War, and at last had been forced, to give up all his Conquests by the Peace; But declares however, that in case the States do satisfy him in his just pretentions, his Electoral Highness will be glad to maintain the ancient