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Vicenna, Octob. 19.

**T**He news of the taking of *Strasbourg* by the French, and of their being possessed of *Casal*, does not a little perplex this Court; as to the latter, the Empress-Dowager as a Daughter of *Mantoua* claims a right of Succession; and it's said here, that the Duke of *Mantoua* holding his Dutchy as a Fief of the Empire, he cannot part with the whole, or any part of it, without the consent of the Emperor and the Empire. The Affairs of *Hungary* likewise do not please us; the Rebels attacking several places, and being hitherto Masters of the Field, and it being feared that the Dyet at *Oedenburg* will not end with the satisfaction to the Protestants, that is to be wished, and that seems so necessary, in order to the restoring the Peace of that Kingdom.

*Berlin*, Octob. 21. The *Sieur Gersdorff*, the Elector of *Saxony's* chief Minister, is now here, and, as we are told, is treating an Alliance between his Master, and our Elector; the Terms of it we do not yet hear; but most People, that have any knowledge of the Affairs of this Court, think it to be very far advanced. We have news here of the death of the young Czar of *Moscovy*, which if true, will make a great change in the Affairs of those Northern Parts.

*Strasbourg*, Octob. 24. The 20th Instant our Bishop arrived here, accompanied with his Brother, Prince *William of Furstemberg*; the next day he took possession of the Cathedral (which has been in the hands of the Protestants for these hundred years) and Re-consecrated it, which was performed with a great deal of Ceremony. The 20th the French King and the whole Court parted from *Eussheim*, and Lodged that night at *Colmar*; the 22 their Majesties came to *Benfeldt*, and the next day after Dinner they arrived here, being received without the Gates by the Marquis de *Chamilly*, and by our Magistrates; and being saluted by 265 pieces of Canon, (placed for that purpose out of the Town) which were thrice discharged. The King and Queen lighted at the *Hôtel de Dourlach*, which was prepared for them, and presently after the King and the Dauphin took Horse, to visit the Fortifications, and the Ports on the *Rhine*, and to view the place where a Cittadel is designed; and at the same time the Duke and Dutchess of *Orleans*, went to make the Elector's-Palatine Dowager, their Mother, who came hither incognito, a visit. This day their Majesties were at Mass in the Cathedral, being received at the Door by our Bishop and his Clergy.

*Brussels*, Octob. 28. We begin to hope that what has been reported of the French their intending to fall into *Flanders*, and particularly into the Countrey of *Alost*, was rather occasioned by the apprehensions people had, then by any real ground there was for it; for the Letters we now receive from *Lille* and other places of the French Conquests say, That the *Mareschal d'Humieres* is not drawing any Troops into a Body, or making any extraordinary preparations; that some of the Garrisons had indeed been changed, and that had raised the report of the march of their Troops. However, our Governor the Prince of *Parma*, neglects nothing that may contribute towards the putting the most important places of these Provinces into a posture of Defence, and has drawn most of the Cavalry to this side; to cover the Countrey of *Alost*, and the little *Brabant*; and by the end of the next week, his Highness will have 4500 Horse and Dragoons in a Body. His Highness went yesterday to *Malines*, to see Hories distributed to those of the Cavalry in Garrison there; that wanted them, and returned again in the Evening. From *Liege* they write, that they are in much fear that the French intend to take Winter Quarters in that Countrey; Some of their Troops being, already come into the neighborhood of the Countrey of *Eyselt* and *Stavelo*, and having possessed themselves of the Castle of *Salme*. On Sunday came hither from *Holland* the Deputies of the Admiralties, to liquidate the several sums they pretend from the Crown of *Spain*.

*Brussels*, Octob. 31. We are expecting what the French will do, with reference to the Countrey of *Alost*, and its Dependencies, when the term of six weeks expires, which it does on Monday next; in the mean time we do not hear of any motion of their Troops upon the Frontiers; only there is a Letter from *Tournay* of the 28th which says, that they were putting the Copper Pontons that are there, in order. The Prince of *Parma* in the mean time continues his care and diligence, in order to the putting himself into a condition to make head against the French, in case they should invade these Provinces. From *Liege* they write, that the Prince of *Orange* had given Orders for the demolishing of *Husselt* and *Maseyck*, with intention to restore them to the Elector of *Cologne*. We have Letters from *Hungary*, which say, that the Rebels besieged *Zatmar*, and that it was very much feared they would take it, though Count *Serini*, the Governor, defended it very bravely.

*Hague*, Nov. 1. The States of *Holland* and *West-Friesland* meet again the 5th Instant, against which time the Prince of *Orange* is expected here. The Foreign Ministers here are often together, on occasions