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Dublin, July 9.

ON Thursday next his Grace intends to be present at a General Rendezvous of the Militia of this Province of *Leinster*, at the Curragh of *Kildare*, where 'tis believed there will be a handsome appearance. From *Galloway* we are assured of the arrival of four rich Prizes at that Port; one a Vessel of 300 Tuns, and 36 Guns, laden at *Amsterdam* with Spices, and bound for *Genova*; a second with Cordage, and all manner of Naval provisions; a third with Corn, and the other with Salt.

Milford, July 10. On Monday last two small Vessels were chased on shoar near the mouth of this Harbour by a Caper of two Guns, one of them being deserted by her men, was the next Tide got off by the Caper, but the other was defended by some Musqueteers that came timely in to her rescue.

Portsmouth, July 14.

On Friday the 12 instant, about 5 in the afternoon, after much shooting heard from the *Ile of Wight*, we discovered a Dutch Fleet of between 45 and 50 sail, (of all sorts) but the wind taking them short, they anchored in *Sandham-Bay*. Yesterday in the morning they weighed, and stood in for this place, making up with a shot of *Southsea Castle*, but then immediately tacking, and being becalmed, they came to an Anchor, where they staid till four in the afternoon: they then weighed again, standing toward *Sandham-Bay*, where by reason of the calm they continued that night: about two this morning, after the firing of some Guns, they went off to the Westwards, having not made any attempt in these parts.

Warsaw, June 26. Here has been much discourse, that the King intended to retire himself from publique business, and resign his Crown, which has occasioned the publishing of several writings dissuading from such a resolution; and shewing the great inconveniencies that might ensue thereupon in this present conjuncture.

Since the late confederation of the States of the Upper and Lower *Poland*, in favor of the constitution of the year 1602. against the Election of any Successor to the Crown, during the life of the present King, and the prohibition under the penalty of perpetual infamy, to discourse in favour of it, (which has been since confirmed and entered into by those of *Sandomir*) Several Deputies have been since sent to the Court with an Account of their Resolutions: The high Chancellor being chosen by the States of Upper *Poland*, as their Director with a power to command the Nobility, to put them into a posture of defence, in case the necessity of their affaires require it, the King is highly offended with these proceedings, and ordered the Bishop of *Poznia* to tell the Chancellor, that it was now too plain, that he was the chief Author and contriver of what had lately passed in the Upper *Poland*: to which the Chancellor answered, that he was resolved to adhere firmly to the said States, even to the hazard of his life, which (should he loose it on this Account) he supposed would be effectually revenged by all the true Lovers of their Country.

The Refendary *Marstein* has not given that satisfaction to the States of *Poland*, which they expected upon his Examination; as to the point of what passed in his Negotiation with *France*: he told them, his business was to desire their assistance against the *Turks*, which he had successfully prevailed for: the States replied, that during the Diet, they had solicited his Majesty to countermand him: to which he answered, that having not anything to that purpose in his Instructions, nor any information of their resolve in the Diet,

they were not to blame him, but those whose business it was to have better informed him. The high Chancellor having notice of what passed between these States and the Refendary has desired leave to return to them, but is hitherto detained. We have still great apprehensions of the *Tartars*, who give out that the *Sultan Galga* the Cham of *Tartary* is ready with 40000 men to pass into *Ukrania*, hoping to draw *Doratzensko* with the *R. b. Cossagues* to joyn with him, which agrees with the confession of some *Tartars* our Prisoners, though divers suspect such Rumors to have their rise from the Court: However the Grand Constable is drawing the Army together, to lie upon the Frontiers, and is already advanced as far as *Reuschlemburg*.

The *Sieur Gadiewsky* is arrived newly from *Adrianople*, with Letters from the Grand Signior, full of Compliments, The *Sieur Radziewski* who was sent Ambassador to that Court, was in his return through *Ukrania*, unfortunately killed by the *Peasants*, and his Instructions fallen into their hands, which they give out to be very prejudicial to the Republique.

Vienna, July 3. The success of the French in the Netherlands quickens the Court into a resolution of sending Forces to their Assistance, which is much pressed by the Circle of *Burgundy*, who have employed their Envoye hither for the same purpose; whereupon his Imperial Majesty has dispatched several persons to the Electors and Princes of the Empire, to take this business into consideration, and to take such farther care in it as the necessity of Affaires requires.

The Bishop of *Munster* Agent assures us, that his Master intends very suddenly to appear in this Court well attended with a large Train, and that he will in person give the Emperor full satisfaction of his zeal and affection to the Empire, and that all the Levies he has made are besides the defence of his own Country, intended for the Spanish service.

The fourth instant the lower *Hungary* with the *Croates* are to have an Assembly at *Presburg*; amongst other business to take order for the payment of the Garrisons in *Croatia*. The Town of *Parkans* is by the negligence of the *Turks* wholly burnt and destroyed.

'Tis now again discoursed, that the Emperor will in a little time go into *Hungary*, that Country having freely offered to entertain several Regiments upon their own expences for the service of the Emperor; 'tis said their Diet will be held at *Odenburg*, and that the Emperor will reside for some time at *Neustat*.

There happened lately so violent a storm of Hail in the *Turkish* Territories, that for fifteen miles compass has ruined and destroyed all their Corn and Vineyards; in so much, that they have commanded, that no Corn shall be this year carried out of the Country, as has been yearly practised, for fear of a dearth.

'Tis confidently reported, that *Transylvania* is now conferred by the Grand Signior upon Count *Solemmi*, who has engaged himself to cure the Tribute required of him.

Rome, July 2. His Holiness having dispatched several Courtiers with Letters written by his own hand to the Emperour; and the rest of the Princes his Neighbours, to acquaint them of his Assumption to the Pontifical Chair, and to exhort them to Peace, to which purpose he has also dispatched to them his Briefs, according to the usual custome; gave order for the Solemn Celebration of the Funeral Obsequies of the late Pope *Alexander*, to be three daies successively performed in the three Patriarchal Churches of *S. John*, *S. Peter*,

S. Peter, and *S. Mary the Great*, giving large almes to the poor; and the more to oblige his Subjects, has also taken off a part of the Gabels laid upon Corn and Pulse.

On *St. Peters Eye* at the Gate of his Palace, he received the *Negg*, and the accustomed Tribute for the kingdom of *Naples*, presented to him by the *Marquis de Astorga*, Ambassador from his Catholick Majesty, who was attended to that Ceremony by the Popes Guards of horse, and a numerous Train of Princes and Noble persons on horseback, followed by the *Switze* guard, after whom came many Bishops, and then the Ambassador himself nobly attended, and followed by several rich Coaches. This night and the two following were spent in Luminaries, Bonfires, and all publique signes of rejoycing, for the Election of the Pope, with fireworks and frequent discharges of the great Guns from the Castle.

Venice, July 8. On Saturday last the Duke of *Savoy* left this City after a weeks stay, being attended in his return, by many persons of honor, and particularly by the *Marquis de St. Germano*, the Master of his horse, and Governor of *Torin*. During the time of the Dukes stay here, he was lodged in the Pallace of the Count *di Lucerna* his Ambassador, going by the name of the Count *di Susa*, the better to conceal himself, and take his freedom in diverting himself with the view of all the curiosities of this place: before his arrival here, he went to *Catania*, in a visit to her Highness the Dutchess of *Bavaria*, where he staid some few days, presenting her, and the young Princess her daughter with Jewels, to the value of 2000 peices of Eight, giving besides many large presents to the Ladies, and persons of quality attending them: before his going from hence, he took a view of our shipping, especially of the Convoy under the command of Signior *Labis*, on whose ships he went on board, where he was received with a discharge of all their Guns, which was answered by the rest of the ships, to his great satisfaction, amongst whom he left some marks of his great liberality.

The Convoy is since put to Sea, with a fair Wind, the great ship called the *Marabotto*, was not fitted up to sail with them as was expected, but will be ready to follow them in few days: besides the Souldiers that are already on board her, 1000 more are expected from *Terra Firma*, which when Embarked, she may be ready to put to Sea.

The Senate still continues to prepare with all diligence, great quantities of Provisions and Ammunition for the supplie of the Fleet, and City of *Candia*, and have put an Embargo upon all the largest Vessels in these Seas, which they press for publick service, to carry all those necessaries to *Zante*, where they are to unlade them, from which place the Admiral has order to send for them according as he shall see cause.

Milan, June 25. Upon the General Muster of the Forces in this Dutchy, there was a far greater Appearance then was expected, and our strength more considerable, though the Spanish Souldiery have been much diminished, several Companies of them having been sent from hence for *Spain* and *Naples*.

The proceeding of the French in the Netherlands admonishes us to stand upon our Guards, and to secure our Frontiers especially from surprises: The Fortifications being in all places repayed, and strong Garrisons put into them, with all Provisions necessary for their defence. It is much suspected, that there is a good understanding, and some say a strict alliance between *France* and *Savoie*; and 'tis believed, that as soon as the differences between *Savoie* and *Geneva* can be composed, some attempts will be made on this Dutchy, and the Duke be employed as General.

The Duke of *Baviera* is returned into *Germany* by Post, having left his Dutchess behind him at *Padoua*, where she has received a Visit from the Duke of *Savoie* her brother, who is since Incognito, diverting himself in taking a View of the Curiosities in *Venice*.

Paris, July 23. From *Brest* they tell us, that the Duke of *Beaufort* has received orders from the King to have his Fleet in readiness, and to store it with three months victuals, but for what employment we yet know not.

The *Sieur de Busca* is newly arrived here from the Army

with an Account of the surrender of the Town of *Courtrick*, and in two dayes after of the *Cittadelle*, out of which Marched about 700 Men. Our loss before this place was not very considerable, having onely one Captain killed, and about 150 Souldiers, and the *Sieur de Passage* Lieutenant to the *Marschal d' Aumont* lightly hurt.

Since this the two Armies of the *Marschall's de Turenne* and *d' Aumont* have received Orders to joyn their Forces, as 'tis said, to lay siege to some place of great importance, where his Majesty intends to be present: all the Regiments of Horse are ordered to carry with them Hand-Mills, for the grinding of Corne; and great preparations are made for Convoys of Provision and Ammunition, to secure their passage to the Army.

The Duke of *Enguien* has made his escape, and recovered *Arras*, and the Prince of *Espanoy* has his liberty given him by the Spaniards, upon his Parole and security entred into by the *Sieur de Gournouville*.

Bruges, July 24. Since the surrender of *Courtrick* the French Army lies still, and 'tis yet uncertain to what place they next intend to bend their Force: The King of *France* is at present at *Arras*, and 'tis said, the Queen is following him with a train of 200 Ladies attending her; his Majesty is expected at *Doway*, for whose entry they are preparing Triumphall Arches, and the Streets to be hung with Arras and Tapestry.

From *Hambourg* we are assured by Letters of the 16. Instant that a Courier in six dayes passed by that place from *Stockholme* with Articles agreed upon between the Emperor and the King of *Sweden*, and that he took his way for *Vienna*.

Edinburgh, July 9. The Country taking notice of a murder lately committed by one *Patten*, formerly a Lieutenant, they zealously got together for the apprehension of the Murderer, which has given an occasion to a false rumour of a new disturbance.

This night accidentally happened a quarrel betwixt some of the Generals Guard, and some of the souldiers of *Leish*, which came to that height, that two persons were killed, and some others hurt; but the General happily appearing, put an end to the quarrel, and returned them friends. The Country is in all parts peaceable, and in a good condition.

Hull, July 15. Yesterday in the evening were brought into *Humber* 3 considerable Prizes, one of 400 tuns, laden with Spanish Salt and Sugars; a second of 300 tuns, with Oyles; and the third of 400 tuns, laden for the most part with Sick, and about 50 tuns of Logwood: We hear likewise of several other Prizes sent into other parts, all taken upon the Coast of *Norway*.

Lyme, July 15. Yesterday several Vessels passed in our view to the Westwards, supposed to be part of the Dutch Fleet.

Dartmouth, July 15. Yesterday a Fleet, judged to be about 60 Sail, were discovered off this place, but attempted nothing: One of them only supposed to be a Sloop, came into the Road, but went off again, passing round *Portland*, and along the Bay, somewhat near the Shoar. The Fleet supposed to be Dutch were about Sun-setting gone out of sight to the Southwards.

Plymouth, July 15. The Dutch Fleet consisting of 41 sail, are now at an Anchor in the *Sound*, their Men of War not above 25 Sail, the rest Fireships, Pinks and Gillions: should they attempt us here, they will not find us unprepared to receive them as becomes us, but as yet we have not heard of any violence offered by them upon the Coasts.

Harwich, July 16. Several of the Dutch Fleet are discovered about the *Sledway*, and off *Eardsey-Sands*; but the winds being high, they stir not from their Anchors.

These are to certifie, that Mr. Robert Grocer near *York-Gate*, is appointed in the room of Mrs. Warwick at the end of the *Pell-mell*; and Mr. Magns Stationer in *Russel-Street* in *Covent-Garden*, in the room of Mrs. Leason near the *Rose Tavern* in the same Street, to receive all Letters paid and unpaid, and to carry them to the Office for dispatch.