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Venice, August 27.

THE Secretary *Zuccato*, who carried the Duke the Ducal Bonnet, is returned from the Levant, with Advice, that the Venetian Army, composed of 7000 Men, was landed on the Island of *Negropont*, and had begun to attack the principal Forts of it, which they hoped to be Masters of before the end of this Month, tho' there was a very good Garrison in the Place, and that they wanted neither Provisions nor Ammunition: And that the Serasquier was in the Field with a Body of an Army, which was daily reinforced with the Troops that came from *Constantinople*; But these were all new raised Men, who were lifted by force, and with promises of double pay. The Letters from *Spalato* of the 15th instanc give an account, That General *Cornaro* was come with the Forces under his Command, And 40 pieces of Cannon, to *Scardona*, and that from thence he intended to march to *Clim*, to attack that Fortrefe, in which, as he was informed by the Deserters, there was a Garrison of 600 Men.

From the Imperial Camp before Belgrade, August 22. In our last we gave you an account of what had passed in this Siege to the 16th: And of the Duke of *Mantua's* arrival; He made his Entry into the Camp with a very numerous Train, and a Magnificent Equipage, having with him above 500 Men on Horse back, including his Guards, 40 led Horses, 24 Mules, 25 Wagons, with Baggage, and a very fine Coach with 6 Horses, followed by several others, and a great number of Servants in Livery: The Elector of *Bavaria*, accompanied with the General Officers, went a Mile from the Camp to meet him, and conducted him to the Head Quarter, where they dined together, and afterwards went to visit the Trenches; And in the mean time his Tents, to the number of 104, some of which are very rich, were pitch'd between the Elector's Quarter and that of General *Caprara*. The 17th by break of day we began to batter the Walls of the Castle with 6 pieces of half Cannon; And understood by a Deserter that the Enemy were hard at work in their Mines: In the Evening General *Caprara* being with the Elector in the Trenches, a Musquet shot pass'd through his Hat and Perriwig, without doing him any harm: The 18th the Enemies Cannon and Small shot plaid very warmly; Count *Gallenfels*, a Bavarian Colonel, was in the Trenches wounded with a Musquet Bullet in the Body, and the Lieutenant-Colonel Count *Lambert* in the Hand; And the Young Count *de Traim* had his Arm shot off: The Turks made a Sally, but were presently repulsed. The 19th we carried on our Trenches within 10 Paces of the Ditch, though not without great Opposition, and some loss; And began two new Batteries: The Elector, with the Generals *Caprara* and *Serini*, continued the whole Night in the Trenches. The 20th we possess'd our selves of a Mosque just by the Ditch, which the Turks, upon our advancing, abandoned, and retired into the Castle; But one of them, who was a little behind the rest, was taken; He told us there were 5000 Janisaries within the Place; That the Bassa, who commands there, does encourage them with the Assurances of Relief, promising at the same time not to let things come to the last Extremity; But there is no great Credit to be given to these Prisoners, some speaking to please, and others to deceive us. The Cannon and Bombs continued to play very furiously on both sides: The Prince of *Commercy* received a Contusion in the Arm by a piece of a Bomb; And the Sieur *Claudio Martelli*, Adjutant-General to the Army, was wounded in the Head; Many others were wounded, but only one kill'd. The 21th we carried on two Parallel Lines on the Right and Left, to take in a greater space of Ground, as well on the side of the Castle as the Town, and made two Redoubts to support the head of them. This day,

the 22th, we continued to perfect those Works. The great Cannon and Mortars arrived from *Buda*: And to morrow we shall begin to batter the Castle from a two Batteries, one of 12 pieces of Cannon, and the other of 14. The Deserters report That the Bassa caused an Officer to be hang'd on the 15th for offering to speak of a Surrender; And that he gives a Ducat to every Man that will venture to make a Sally: And confirm that *Yeghen* Bassa had, with his own Hand, kill'd the Bassa of *Agria*, who had reproach'd him with his ill Conduct, in suffering the Christians to pass the *Save*. A Party of Hungarians, who have been as far as *Sendrovia*, are come back with an account, that the Place is quite abandoned, *Yeghen* having carried the Inhabitants away with him: That both the Town and Castle are burnt down, but that the Walls remain standing: And that the Turks have left there 20 pieces of Cannon. They brought with them a Christian that had made his Escape out of the Ottoman Army, who assured us, that *Yeghen* was retired to *Nissa*, about 20 Leagues from hence, burning the Country, and carrying the People along with him. Orders are given for the bringing hither the Cannon the Enemy left at *Sendrovia*: And a great many Families of Rascians have offered to go and inhabit that City, upon condition there be put into it a Garrison for their Security. It can hardly be imagin'd how great a Plenty there is in the Imperial Camp; Provisions are cheaper here than at *Vienna*, or in any part of the Empire.

Vienna, August 29. Yesterday arrived here an Express with Letters of the 22th from the Imperial Camp before *Belgrade*; They tell us, that the Besieged made a vigorous defence. That on the other side the Christians carried on their Attacks with great Bravery; And were advanced very near to the Ditch. That the heavy Cannon and Mortars were arrived from *Buda*, with which they would, the 23d, begin to batter the Castle. That the Elector had caused the Bridge of Boats, which the Imperialists made use of in their Passage of the *Save*, to be removed to the Island of *Zigemer*. That 700 Hussars were come in a Body into the Camp, and had offered to serve the whole Campagne without any Pay. And that *Yeghen* Bassa, according to the last News they had of him, was encamped at *Nissa*, having retted all the Country in his march. Since the Account we had from the Army commanded by Prince *Louis* of *Baden*, of their having pass'd the River *Unna*, we have this farther advice, That they having, on the 13th, with some difficulty and loss, made themselves Masters of a strong Tower of Stone about a Mile from *Castanowitza*, Prince *Louis*, with two Battalions, and the Granadiers at the Head of them, and all the Horse, marched by covered and unusual ways, to surprize the Turks in their Tents, but they having Notice of his approach, left their Camp, and put themselves in good Order upon the side of a Hill, from whence they presently after began to advance towards the Imperialists, but the Chevalier *de Vaubonne*, having got unperceived with his Granadiers among the Bushes, at the Bottom of the said Hill, he saluted the Enemy, so soon as they were come near enough, with a Volley of Small shot and Hand-Granadoes, which put their whole Army into such a fright, that they immediately retired in great disorder, and with considerable loss, by the Benefit of their Hills. On the 14th Prince *Louis* march'd with the whole Army towards