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Briqueras, about a League and a half from Pignerol, August 10.

ON the 7th of this Month the Regiment of French Protestants, commanded by the *Sieur de Loche*, arrived at *Barges*, without any disturbance from the Enemy, though we passed very near them. The 8th, we marched to *Bebiano*, (meeting in our way with the *Marquis de la Pareille*, Lieutenant-General of the Duke of *Savoy's* Army, who was sent to *Bebiano* to give some Orders about the Militia, after which he returned to the Duke's Camp) and having secured the most considerable Posts round that place, we advanced to a Hill within a quarter of a League of *Lucerne*, where we found *Monsieur Arnaud* with a Guard of about 30 Men of the Militia. Colonel *de Loche* having observed the several Posts the Enemy were possessed of in and about *Lucerne*, he detached 200 Men to joyn the *Chevalier Vercelli*, who; by order of the Duke of *Savoy*, had put himself at the Head of *Monsieur Arnaud's* Troop. This Detachment passed within Musquet Shot of *Lucerne*, and having joyned the *Vaudin* that were posted behind *Roura*, and the 200 Men commanded by the *Chevalier Vercelli*, they marched towards the Fort which the French had built on a Hill not far from *Lucerne*, and attack'd it about an hour before Sun-set. The French, who had received a strong Reinforcement from *Lucerne*, made a good resistance for some time, but at last, not being able to withstand the close and vigorous Assaults our Men made upon them, they fled out of the Fort, and we pursued them to the Walls of *Lucerne*. In the mean time Colonel *de Loche* had alarm'd the Enemy on the other side, and understanding that they were in a great consternation at *Lucerne*, he sent notice thereof to the *Marquis de la Pareille*, and of his design to attack them. The next day the *Marquis* came himself with some Troops of the Militia, and marched towards *Lucerne*, being followed by the *Sieur de Loche's* Regiment, but before our arrival there the Enemy were marched out, and had already passed the wooden Bridge, and set fire to several Houses near the Vineyards. Some of the Militia of *Mondovi*, that came with the *Marquis de la Pareille*, fell upon the Enemies Rear, but advancing too far, were repulsed by their Horse and Dragoons. This did not discourage us from pursuing them, and being all joyned together, we attack'd them on the other side of the burnt Houses. The Enemies Horse made several stands to cover the Retreat of their Foot, but our Men, though they were very much fatigued, beat them from place to place, and pursued them to *Briqueras*, and forced

them to abandon an old Castle fortified with Palissadoes. The Colonel caused the Town to be attack'd in three places, which we entred, and made our selves Masters of it, and took divers Prisoners, who had intrench'd themselves in the Church, and two Colours. All our Men behaved themselves extremely well in these several Actions; and had we had some Horse with us, in all probability there would very few of the Enemy have escaped, though they very much exceeded us in number; for they had at *Lucerne* 3000 Foot, and 4 Squadrons of Horse, and 6 more went from *Briqueras* to meet them, and we, besides our sick Men and the Guards we left at *Bebiano* and *Lucerne*, had not above 1000. We had 5 Officers, *Vaudin* and French, and about 50 Soldiers, killed. The Enemy lost above 1400, the Ground in all the places where they made a stand being covered with dead Bodies; Those that escaped fled to *Pignerol*, and to their Camp. We are now Masters of the Valleys, by which means we shall be able to hinder any Succors from coming to *Monsieur Catinat* from *Dauphine*, and hope to be shortly strong enough to make further progress on that side. By two Prisoners that are escaped from *Pignerol*, we are assured, that the Hospitals there are full of sick and wounded Men, and that the French have lost in the Actions above related 2 Colonels, 3 Lieutenant-Colonels, and many other Officers.

Venice, August 25. It is confirmed by all the advices from the *Levant*, that the Turkish Fleet, commanded by the Captain-Bassa *Megomorto*, was at Sea with a design to relieve *Napoli di Malasia*. But the Letters of the 10 instant from *Cyprus* say, that the Forces of the Republick continued to keep that place very closely block'd up, as well by Land as Sea. The new *Proveditore-General* of the *Mores* Signior *Antonio Zen* parted from hence the last week with divers Vessels laden with Ammunition and Provisions, and new-raised Troops, for the *Levant*. We have an account from *Malta*, of the death of *Don Gregoria Caraffa*, Great Master of that Order, and that they had chosen *Alarans de Vignacourt*, who was before Great Treasurer of *Malta*, to succeed him.

Cologne, September 5. The Letters from the Palatinate give an account, that the Electors of *Saxony* and *Bavaria* being joyned together, they marched with the Forces under their command towards *Durlach*, and from thence advanced on the 28th of the last Month to *Esingen*, within 5 German miles of *Rastat*, near which place the French Army, under the command of the Dauphin, lay very advantageously encamped. That they rested there the 29th, and intended to continue their march the next day towards the Enemy, with a resolution to fight them, having for that reason sent