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Rome, July 14.

At last we have got a new Pope; The Honour of which is very much owing to the Cardinals *Casimiri* and *Guidici*; who finding the Difficulties that lay in the way of *Barberigo*, *Acciajoli*, *Conti*, and *Marescotti*, were not to be overcome, began underhand to endeavor the Promotion of Cardinal *Antonio Pignatelli*, Archbishop of *Naples*, which they managed with that Address, that when the French spoke of it to *Guidici*, he seem'd very cool in the Matter, as if he thought it could not succeed, for that *Pignatelli* would be very unacceptable to the Spaniards, on account of the Differences that formerly happened between him and the Viceroy of *Naples*: This had the Effect he proposed, and made the French, together with the Party of *Alcieri* and *Orsiboni* more zealous for him. The Spaniards seeing the French engaged, concurred with all their Voices, as did likewise most of the Zealots, and the Party of *Chigi*, so that at the Scrutiny on Thursday the 12th instant in the Morning, of the 61 Voices that composed the Conclave, 55 were given for Cardinal *Pignatelli*; who being accordingly chosen Pope, the same was soon after declared to the People; The Cardinals and Foreign Ambassadors have made their Compliments and Submissions according to Custom, and to morrow will be performed the Ceremony of his Coronation. He is a Neapolitan, aged 76 Years, and 4 Months, was Created Cardinal in the year 1631, by *Innocent XI.*, in Consideration whereof he has taken that Name: He possessed great Dignities in the Kingdom of *Naples*; has a Brother who is Grandee of *Spain*, and a Cousin that is Maître de Camp General in *Catalonia*; He has chosen Cardinal *Spada* to be Secretary of State, Cardinal *Panciatichi* for *Datary*, and Cardinal *Abasi* for Secretary of the Chiphres; And has declared, that he will maintain the Decrees of his Predecessors for the Abolishing of *Nepotism*. This Election has been Solemnized here with the usual Demonstrations of Joy.

Turin, July 17. The State of Affairs in these parts is very much changed. The Raising of the Siege of *Coni* has gained great Reputation to his Royal Highness's Arms, and very much dejected the French, who will be put upon Acting on the Defensive so soon as the German Succours arrive, of which the Regiments of Foot of *Mersbourg* and *Stadel*, are in 2 or 3 days expected in our Camp, and the Bavarian Regiment of *Strimm*, that of Horse of *Bareyth*, and the Dragoons of *Savo* are arrived near *Como*. The Duchess of *Savo* is on her return hither from *Vercell*.

Vienna, July 19. Prince *Louis of Baden* arrived the 15th instant in the Imperial Camp near *Mohatz*, and the next day the Army marched towards *Essecke*, having advice, that a Body of Turks, (who at first were reported to be 40000, but as we hear since, are nothing near that number) had passed the *Savo*, and encamped at *Salankement*: The last Week 20 pieces of great Cannon for Battery, with divers Mortars, and a vast quantity of Bombs and Ammunition, were sent from hence down the River, towards *Buda*, where they are to expect Prince *Louis's* Orders. *Great Waradin* is again blockt up; and they talk of attacking *Temeswar*. General *Dunewalt* parted from hence on the 20th for *Hungary*, to Command a separate Body of German and Hungarian Troops upon the River *Tayffe*; and the Duke of *Croy* is gone to Command in *Croatia*. They write from *Essecke* of the 12th, that the Party designed to Attack *Pessiga*, was come back without attempting it, not having had Provisions sufficient for so long a march; but that the Rascians had in a late Excursion taken 70 Turkish Prisoners, with two Ensigns, and good Store of Booty. General *Veterani*, who Commands in *Transylvania*, has given an account to the Council of War here, that he had received advice of the Grand Signiors Death at *Adrianople* of a Dropick, and that the Son of the late Sulran *Mahomet* was likely to succeed him, but we wait for the Confirmation of this News. A Courier is arrived here from *Moscovy*, to acquaint this Court that 100000 Russians are actually marched against the Crim

Tartars, and are to be joined by 60000 Cossacks, which will make a powerful Diversion, and recal all the Tartars from our Borders. Yesterday Morning arrived here an Express from *Rome*, with an account of the Election of Cardinal *Antonio Pignatelli*, a Neapolitan, and Archbishop of *Naples*, to be Pope, who has taken the Name of *Innocent* the XII. The Promotion of one who has been always in the Interests of *Spain* and the House of *Austria*, does not a little rejoice this Court, and is doubtless a great disappointment to *France*.

From the Elector of Saxony's Camp near *Oberheim*, July 27. Count *Palfi*, who was sent out some days ago with 300 Horse to observe the Enemy, returned yesterday with an account, That they had abandoned *Neustadt*, and that the Marschal de *Lorge* is encamped between *Landslad* and *Philipsburg*. Several of the Inhabitants of *Neustadt* are since come into our Camp, and confirm the same, telling us farther, That the Marschal de *Lorge* expected a Reinforcement from the *Moselle*, but had yet received but 700 Men; That his Army was weak, and in no condition to make head against the Confederates, so that he would be still forced to retire as we advanced. We are now making another Bridge over the *Rhine* near *Munheim*, and are raising several Works to secure it; His Electoral Highness has likewise given Orders for the Fortifying of *Munheim*.

Cologne, July 31. The Letters from the Palatinate of the 28th instant, tell us, that the Elector of *Saxony* march'd the same day from *Oberheim*, and advanced towards *Landslau*; that the French Army lay between *Landslau* and *Germerheim*, being covered by the River *Quich*, but that they would hardly be able to maintain that Post upon the approach of the Confederates. They write from *Essecke* of the 15th, that the Turks had repaired the *Savo* upon Advice that Count *Guido of Staremberg* was advancing that way with a Body of German Troops; that the Imperial Army, being reinforced by the Auxiliary Forces of *Brandenburgh*, was on its march from *Mohatz* towards the *Drave*; and that a Spy was come from *Belgrade* to *Essecke*, who Reported, That the Grand Signior was Dead, and that this had caused a great disorder among the Turks.

Paris, July 28. On the 25th instant the Dauphin entered into the Council for the first time. The Sieur de *Pomponne*, who was divers years ago put out of the place of Secretary of State, is recalled to Court, and made Minister of State; as is likewise the Duke of *Beauvilliers*. The Sieur de *Barillon*, who was formerly Ambassador in *England*, is dead lately after a long Sickness. We are told from *Marseilles*, That the French Squadron Commanded by the Count d'*Espre*, has been before *Barcelona*, and Bombaraded that place, having shot above 700 Bombs into the Town, and that they threaten the like to *Ivica* and *Alicant*. From *Spain* we have an account, That several Genouel Merchants have been Imprisoned at *Madrid*, *Cadix*, and *Alicant*, for bringing French Merchandises into *Spain*, contrary to the King's Declarations. By an extraordinary Courier we have advice, That Cardinal *Pignatelli*, Archbishop of *Naples*, was on the 12th instant chosen Pope, and that he has taken the Name of *Innocent XII*.

Brussels, August 1. The two Armies continue very near each other, and almost in the same Stations mentioned in our last, except that the French are retired a little from *Florennes*, and have posted themselves behind *Philippville*; The King does all he can in order to advance towards them, having caused the Woods to be cut down, the Ways to be plained, and several hollow Grounds to be filled up. The Enemy begin to suffer through the scarcity of Provisions, a Loaf of Bread that's worth but 3 Sols, being Sold in their Camp for 15 and 20 Sols. It is impossible that these great Armies can long subsist in so narrow a compass of Ground, as is this where they are now between the *Sambre* and the *Meuse*; and it will be very difficult for them to part without a Battle. Our Governor General marched the 27th past with the Troops that were encamped at *Heuer*, on the Canal near this City, and advanced towards *Hamme* on the *Denare*, where he was yesterday expecting the Detachements that are drawn from our Garisons