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Venice, July 29.

ON Sunday last arrived here an Express from Rome with an account, that Cardinal *Pignatelli* was on the 12th instant chosen Pope, by 53 Voices of 61 that composed the Conclave, among which were those of the French Cardinals, who at first were brought to declare in his favour by the dislike the Spaniards seem'd to have of him, and after they found their mistake, could not go back, for that *Altieri* and his Party would in that case have left them. The new Pope, who has taken the Name of *Innocent XII.* was born at *Naples* in *March* 1615, Son to the Prince of *Mincerbino* of the Family of *Pignatelli*, one of the most considerable of that Kingdom, the chief whereof is the Duke of *Terra Nuova*, Grandee of Spain. He came to *Rome* in the time of Pope *Urban VIII.* by whom he was made Vice-Legat of *Urbino*. He was sent by *Innocent X.* as Inquisitor to *Malta*, and afterwards as his Nuncio to *Florence*. *Alexander VII.* continued him long in that Employment, and then sent him as his Nuncio to *Poland*; By *Clement IX.* he was sent with the same Character to *Vienna*, and returning from thence, was by *Clement X.* made Bishop of *Lecchi*, and afterwards Secretary to the Congregation of *Bishops Regulars*, and lastly Master of his Chamber; He continued 5 years in that Station under *Innocent XI.* who promoted him to the Dignity of Cardinal, and made him Legat of *Bologna*, and Archbishop of *Naples*, where he lived in great Esteem. He has chosen Cardinal *Spada* to be his first Minister of State, but declared that he will not Employ any of his Relations that him, and that he will in all things endeavour to show the Pattern of *Innocent XI.* Upon this News, here have been Publick Rejoycings for three nights together, and the Procurators *Antonio Grimani*, *Silvester Valier*, *Giuliano Escarini*, and *Francisco Carnaro*, are named to be his Ambassadors Extraordinary to Compliment the Pope of the part of this Republick. By a Felucca dispatched by the Captain-General we have advice, that he had sent all the Venetian Garisons in the *Mores*, and that he was ready to sail with the Fleet from *Porto Porro* towards *Archipelago*; 'Tis thought he has a design upon *Ten-*

the Auxiliary Troops of *Brandenburg* to joyn them, and on the 20th were to march towards *Valkovar* and *Petro-Waradin*, designing to attack the Enemy if any considerable Body (as is said) be already come over the *Save*: In the mean time, divers Pieces of Cannon for Battery, and Mortars, with great quantities of Ammunition and Bombs, have been sent to the Army from *Buda*. We hear, that the *Rascians* have taken 80 Wagons with Provisions, that were going from *Belgrade* to *Temeswar*, after having cut off their Convoy. General *Domenich* is gone to command a separate Body on the *Theriss*, and there is a talk, that he will besiege *Great Waradin*, while Prince *Lewis* makes head against the Enemies main Army. This day, being the King of the *Romans* Birth-day, (when he enters into his 14th year) is Celebrated here with a great deal of Solemnity.

Hydelberg, July 30. The Elector of *Saxony* has removed his Camp somewhat nearer to *Neustadt*, which place he is now possessed of, and we are told, that he is going to send a Detachment to attack *Lautern*, which is still in the hands of the French. Several thousand Peasants are at work to repair the Fortifications of *Manheim*, and some of the old Inhabitants are returned thither, with intention to rebuild their Houses which were burnt by the French. The Bridge of Boats, that was laid over the *Rhine* at *Sandshofen* is removed to *Spire*, and the other near *Manheim* is finished, and the Fort that's raising for its security very considerably advanced. The French Army lies still at *Offenback* on the other side the River *Quick*, where they have received several Reinforcements, and may be now about 20000 men. The Garison of *Philipsburgh* is reinforced with two Battalions.

Cologne, August 3. The Letters from the Palatinate of the 30th past tell us, that the Confederate Army lay encamped between *Obshrim* and *Neustadt*, into which last place they had put a Safeguard; That they fortify *Manheim*, and have laid a Bridge there over the *Rhine*. That the French Army was retired beyond *Landau*, from whence they had removed the great Brass Cannon to *Straubourg*, and in stead thereof, had brought thither several Pieces of Iron Cannon, which looks as if they thought they should not be able to keep that place long. We hear, that the Forces of *Neubourg*, encamped near *Sleyden* in the Country of *Essefeld*, are ordered to march towards *Grolschin*, to attack the French Troops that are posted there.

Hamburg, August 3. The last Letters from *Warsaw* give an account, of the King of *Poland's* departure from thence to the Army, which had its Rendezvous near *Lomburg*.

Paris, July 31. The last Letters from *Flanders* tell us, that the two Armies continued very near each other; and that ours had destroyed all the Forage about *Dinant*. From the *Rhine* we have an account, that our Troops have quitted *Neustadt*; and that the *Marschal de Lorge*, not being strong enough to oppose the Confederates, was retired beyond *Landau*, and lay encamped behind the River *Quick*. From *Piedmont* our news is not very good neither, for we hear, that part of the German Succors were arrived in the Duke of *Saxony's* Camp, and that the rest were not far behind; That *Montieur Carina* had thereupon thought fit to repulse the *Pe*, and that in his march Prince *Eugene* of *Saxony* had defeated 3 Squadrons of our Horse; They write likewise, that our Troops are about quitting *Carnagnole*, directions being given for the undermining the Fortifications of that place, in order to demolish them. The Bishops that are about this City are

Venna, July 26. The report of the Grand Signior's death comes to us by several ways. They write from *Constantinople*, that he died at *Adrianople* on the 22th of the last month of a Dropsy, and that the Grand Vicer thereupon summoned a Meeting of his Friends and Creatures, with whom he resolved to place Sultan *Achmet* (a third Brother of the late Sultan *Mahomet* the 4th) upon the Throne; from *Esseck* we are told likewise by Letters of the 15th inst. that a Christian Prisoner, who escaped from *Belgrade*, assured them of the Grand Signior's death; And from *Peter-Waradin* they confirm the same; Though at all we still doubt this News, till we receive it from more authentick hands.

The last Letters from the Imperial Camp are dated the 19th at *Talshadinas*, between *Esseck* and *Valkovar*, and give this account; That on the 17th Prince *Lewis* viewed the Fortifications of *Esseck*, and was extremely satisfied with the good condition he found them in; That the Imperial Horse passed the *Drave* the same day, the Foot passed it like wise on the 18th, and the whole Army marched to *Talshadinas*, where they reitred the 19th, waiting for