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Rome, May 3.

THE Cardinals *d'Este* and *Fourbin* do very earnestly sollicite the Pope to grant his Bulls to the French Bishops who assisted in the Assembly of 1682, but hitherto with no great success; and at the same time many of the Cardinals, especially those called *Zealors*, endeavour all they can to prevent the prejudice which they believe the Church of *Rome* will suffer by the Pope's too easie compliance with the Court of *France* in this matter; and to that purpose have, both in private Audiences, and by Memorials in Writing, laid before him the whole state of this Affair, and the little reason he has to be satisfied with the steps that have been made in it on the part of the French. Upon the instances of the Venetian Ambassador, the Pope has sent Orders to *Civita Vecchia* for hastning out his Galleys, which are to joyn the Fleet of that Republick in the *Levant*; and the Land-men appointed to serve on them are to embark next week. The Prince-Royal of *Denmark*, who had passed some time here, in viewing the Curiosities of this place, parted on Monday last towards *Genova* and *Florence*. Cardinal *Chigi* is recovered.

Turin, May 4. Our Duke has since his return from *Milan* given Orders for drawing his Troops together: The Germans, with the Forces of *Milan*, are likewise on their march; and 'tis not doubted but that in a fortnight or three weeks the whole Army will be at their general Rendezvous. The French do still apprehend that there is a design formed to Besiege or Bombard *Pignerol*; and Monsieur *Catinat* is therefore preparing to put a new Supply of Provisions and Ammunition into that place. We hear also, That he is raising some new Troops in *Provence*, and that he has drawn out the Garisons of *Nizza* and other places, leaving the Guard of them to the Militia, to reinforce his Army, which is very much weakened by the Detachments sent towards *Flanders*, as well as by Sicknefs and Desertion.

Venice, May 9. This week 1400 new-raised Soldiers were embarked on the Convoy that lies now ready to sail for the *Levant*. We have an Account from *Dalmatia*, That our Troops have lately made an Incursion into the Enemies Country, where they committed great Spoil, and returned with a considerable Booty.

From the Imperial Camp before Great Waradin, May 7. On the 30th past arrived here from *Debreczin* General *Hessler*, with the Lieutenant-Generals, Count *d'Aversperg* and Count *de Truchses*, who went the same day to visit the several Posts about the place. The Enemy play'd their Cannon all the while very furiously, but did us little Damage. The 4th instant we opened our Trenches, and have ever since continued our Works, and carried on two Attacks with such diligence, that we are advanced on the Right within Thirty, and on the Left within Fifty Paces, of the Ditch of the Fortress, out of which we are endeavouring to draw the water, and are raising several Batteries for Cannon and Mortars, which we hope to have finished by the 14th or 15th of this month. In the mean time, we are expecting several Regiments that were lately posted on the River *Rheys*, with the Train of heavy Artillery, under the

Command of the Marquess *de Nigrelli*. The Besieged made two days ago a strong Sally, but were beaten back with loss.

Vicna, May 15. The Siege of Great Waradin is formed, and the Trenches opened: The Garison is much disheartened, and all the Officers inclined to capitulate, except the Aga of the Janisaries, who still flatters them with assurances of Relief. From *Transylvania* we have advice, that the Imperialists, who are posted at *Bescabara* near *Orsewa*, continue to hinder the passage of the Turkish Vessels designed with Cannon, Provisions, and Ammunition to *Belgrade*, which does greatly inconvenience the Enemy; and therefore they are drawing together some Troops from *Widin* and the Neighbouring places, who with the assistance of several Barks and Galleys will endeavour to force the Imperialists from the said Pass; and, to oppose their Design, General *Veterani* has sent thither a strong Reinforcement of Horse and Foot. The Disorders in *Turkey* are confirmed by our last Advices from thence, who say particularly, That in *Asia* a great number of people were in Arms, and demanded a Peace.

Hydelberg, May 20. We are assured, That the Elector of *Saxony* will act this Campaign with all his Forces on the Upper Rhine. The four Regiments of *Saxe-Gotha*, viz. two of Foot, one of Horse, and one of Dragoons, are on their march towards this place, and are for the present to have their Quarters on the *Neckar*. The Circles of *Suabia* and *Franconia* intend to bring 24000 Men into the Field this Summer; and there is a discourse that the Great Master of the Teutonic Order is to have the Chief Command of them. We have advice, That the Marschal *de Lorge* is arrived at *Strasburg*, and that the French design to form a Camp near *Landau*.

Cologne, May 23. The Brandenburg Forces quartered in this Archbishoprick are in motion. The two Bavarian Regiments that are going to serve in *Flanders*, are expected here this week.

Paris, May 23. We hear from *Flanders*, That the French King is encamped at *Givray*, and the Duke of *Luxemburg* at *Esiennes*. 'Tis said, That the Intendant of *Champaigne* has received Orders to send all the Corn he can to *Dinant*, which makes us think their Design is upon *Namur*. The last Letters from *Piedmont* say, That the Preparations that are making by the Duke of *Savoy* gave them every day more and more reason to believe that he would attack *Pignerol*. From *Marseilles* they write, That the French Galleys are fitting out there.

From His Majesty's Camp near Brussels, May 26. On Saturday last seven Battalions, part of the Garison of *Brussels*, marched into the Camp. The French are removed from *Givray* and *Esiennes*. The Duke of *Luxemburg* is now encamped about *Gemblours*, and the French King at *Convoy le Chasteau*, nearer to *Namur*, which place, 'tis said, they intend to besiege. There is in it a very good Garison, consisting of 14 Regiments, under the Command of the Prince *de Barbancon* the Governour, assisted by two General Officers, the Count *de Thian*, and Don *Manriques*. To morrow His Majesty marches from hence to *Dighem*, on the way towards *Louvain*, where we shall be joyned by 23 Battalions, most English and Scotch, commanded by Lieutenant-General *Mackay*, who came on Saturday from their Camp at *St. Amand*, and are now at *Memel*, about a League and a half from hence. The Earl of *Athlone* is likewise marching with a considerable Body of Horse to joyn us, and in few days we shall have together an Army of 50000 Foot, and above 20000 Horse.

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