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Rome, May 10.

ON the 4th instant the Cardinal *de Fourbin* had a long Audience of the Pope, who the day following held a private Conclave, where he gave leave to the Cardinal *d'Estree* to propose the 4 French Churches that were Preconised in a former Conclave; but would not permit the going on with the Preconisation of the other French Bishops, who assisted in the Assembly of 1682, declaring, That he expected first the Satisfaction which the Court of France had promised him in the matter of the 4 Propositions, and the Regale. The French Cardinals are now endeavouring to adjust this Point; the consideration whereof is referred by the Pope to a Congregation of 7 Cardinals. The Popes Gallies will Sail in 8 or 10 days to joyn the Venetian Fleet in the *Levant*.

Turin, May 18. Our Troops are marching to their Rendezvous near *Montcalier*, where 4000 Germans are already encamped; and 4000 more are on this side *Milan*, in their march thither. The Chevalier *de Noailles* is come with 30 French Gallies, and several Figars, before *Oneglia*. On the 15th instant Died here the Princess *Ludovica Maria*, Aunt to his Royal Highness, to whom she has left all her Estate; and her Jewels, which are very considerable, to the Dutchess.

Venice, May 23. We have advice from *Dalmatia*, That the Turks have emptied all their Garisons on that side, by the Detachements they have sent to their Army in *Hungary*. The Count *de Trautsmendorf* is arrived here, and has received his Commission to be Lieutenant General of our Land Forces. The last Convoij that went hence to the *Levant* has suffered very much by ill weather, and one Ship, which had on board some Soldiers, is cast away. By a Vessel from *Napoli di Romania* we understand, That our Fleet lay there ready to Sail.

Vienna, May 25. The last News from our Camp before *Great Waradin*, is; That on the 17th they began to Fire upon the place from two Batteries, and made a large Breach in one of the Battions. Most of the Water was already drawn out of the Ditch. Three Regiments more, to wit, those of *Heister*, *Houffin*, and *Stirum*, were arrived in the Camp; and every thing was preparing for an Assault. On the other hand, the Besieged began to be very much disheartned, since the Succors that have been so long promised them, did not yet appear, and they talk'd of Capitulating. The Imperial Forces that are to compose the main Army in *Hungary*, are marching to their Rendezvous; and in the mean time, a flying Camp is forming on the *Sava*, under the Command of the Duke of *Croy*. The Turks draw together at the same time towards *Sclawia*, where, as they give out, their new Grand Visier is shortly expected. Here is a Report, That the Imperialists have upon Articles with the Turks, quitted the Cave of *Pescobara*. Yesterday passed by this place a Bavarian Regiment of Foot, of 1800 Men, towards *Hungary*; and another of Dragoons will follow in 2 or 3 days.

Frankfort, June 1. The Elector of *Cologne* is passed through this City in his way towards *Municken*. Here arrive daily Recruits for the Imperial Forces quartered in these Parts, who are now going to leave their Winter Quarters, and march into the Field. The French do form a Camp of 8 or 10000 Men near *Neustadt*, between *Wintzingen* and *Mesbach*, where 4 Irish Regiments

of Foot are lately arrived. The Marechal *de Loges* has his Quarters at *Wintzingen*.

Hamburg, June 3. They write from *Berlin* of the first instant, That the Elector of *Brandenburg*, upon the News of the Siege of *Namur*, parted from thence that day for *Cleves*. Three Thousand Suedes are on their march to joyn the Confederate Forces on the *Upper Rhine*; where they propose to be about the 10th of this Month.

Paris, June 3. The 30th past we had an account from *Diep*, that they had heard the day before great Shooting at Sea, since which, divers Expresses have come hither from the Coast of *Normandy*, and others have been dispatched to the French King; In the general, we are told there has been an Engagement between the two Fleets, but for the particulars of it they are kept very Secret, which makes People suspect the News is not good, and that our Fleet is beaten, as seems indeed to be owned by the disorder that appears among those that are best informed of what has passed. From *Flanders* we hear, That the Trenches were opened before *Namur* on the 31st past, and that they pushed on the Siege with all the vigour they were able; the Duke of *Luxemburg* lying with the greatest part of the Army at *Gemblours* to cover it. From the *Mediterranean* we have advice, That the Chevalier *de Noailles* being come before *Oneglia* with the French Gallies and Galliot, after having Bombarded the Town, landed about 2000 Men, and found it abandoned by the Garison, and most of the Inhabitants; The French entered the place, and though they met with no Resistance, yet such was their Fury and Barbarity, that they not only plundered and burnt the Town, but put to the Sword all the Inhabitants that remained there.

Brussels, June 4. The Confederate Army marches towards *Namur*; Yesterday they encamped between the Abbeys of *Hertzendal*, *Parc*, and the little River *Welpé*; And to morrow they will advance towards *Meldert* and *Judoigne*; and from thence towards *Pervez*, and the River of *Mabagne*, behind which the Marechal *de Luxemburg* is encamped with the Army that covers the Siege, having his Right towards *Bonef* and *Taviers*, and his Left towards *Gemblours*. The French opened their Trenches against *Namur* the 31st past at Night, and do batter the Town and Castle with 100 pieces of Cannon and 40 Mortars. The French King has his Quarters between the *Sambre* and the *Meuse*, a League from the Place; against which they carry on 3 Attacks. They have laid several Bridges over the *Meuse* and the *Sambre* for the Communication of their quarters. The Besieged defend themselves very well, and are not sparing of their Shot; one of which falling among a considerable quantity of the Enemies Powder, set fire to it, and killed and wounded divers of their Men.

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