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Cadiz, July 13.

The French Fleet which had lain several days before this place, weighed on the 8th Instant, and stood away to the Westward. On the 10th we had an account from Gibraltar, that 14 French Men of War, and two Bomb Ketches, detached from their main Fleet, came on the 8th into that Bay, to burn the Merchantmen that were there; that the Town and Ships within the Mole had fired upon the Enemy all that day; and that the French had possessed themselves of 8 Danes and Suedes who were in that Harbour. On the 11th in the morning were sent away in two Spanish Long Boats from on board the *Smirna-Factor*, and Merchantmen that are here, about 90 Seamen, to assist the English Ships at Gibraltar. The same day came in an Express from thence with advice, that the French had fired upon our Ships, and sent in one of their Men of War, but he was so warmly received, that the rest were obliged to send Boats to tow him off, and on this occasion the Guns from the Shoar sunk one of their Boats; Then the French began to sling Bombs upon the New Mould, where the 4 English Ships lay; and thereupon the Commanders bored holes in their Ships, and sunk them; but a Dutch Ship bound home from *Smirna* was burnt; but she had before landed all her Goods. After this the French Ships went away to the Westward.

Madrid, July 29. We have Advice by several Expresses, that the *Maréchal de Tourville* passed the *Strait of Gibraltar* on the 19th Instant with the whole French Fleet, and having joined with the Count d'Estree, they came on the 20th to an Anchor before *Malaga*, placing their Ships within half Musket Shot of the Town; Monsieur *Tourville* sent a Boat ashore to acquaint the Governor, That his design was not against the Town, but to burn the English and Dutch Merchant Ships in the Port, but if the Town defended them, he would certainly bombard it; To which the Governor answered, That he might do what he pleased, that the Merchantmen were under the R. of Spain's Protection, and he would defend them. In the Mold lay four Dutch and one English Merchant Ships; The latter called the *Union Frigate*, fearing what might happen, had before landed 85 Bails of Silk; The French attempted twice to burn these Ships with their Boats, but were both times repulsed with some damage, however the Commanders having done all they could to defend their Ships, thought it advisable to sink them, which they did, but the English Ship being half laden with Oyl, though she had 8 foot Water in Hold, sunk not to the bottom, and the French got her off; The Town defended them all they could, and have done some damage to one or two of the French ships; the Fight lasted six hours between the City and them; their Cannon did little damage to the Town; and but 8 or 10 persons were killed & wounded ashore; at 9 in the evening the Enemy left off firing, but were on the 23d, when this Express came away, still at Anchor before that Port. The Moors, at the instigation of the *Sieur d'Olon*, who was lately sent by the French King to the Emperor of *Morocco*, have made an attempt upon *Oran*, but were repulsed with the loss of 3000 men, and thereupon the rest retired.

From the Duke of Savoy's Camp on the Hills near Pignerol, behind *St. Brigide*, July 25. On the 18th instant his Royal Highness, accompanied by all the Generals, went to his Camp at *Burialso*, where it was resolved to attack the Enemy by three several ways, to force them from the Hills near Pignerol; His Royal Highness, with General *Caprara* and the Duke of *Schönberg*, commanding one Attack; the Governor of *Milan* the second; and Prince *Eugene* of Savoy the third; But though the Enemy who guarded these Hills, were 10000 strong, and that the Posts they were Masters of were extremely advantageous, and very well entrenched, yet they abandoned them without striking a stroke; And we have been encamped there since yesterday noon. The *Marquis de Leganes* has forced 10 or 12 Redoubts in the Valley of *Perouse*, and found the Town of that Name, though fortified, abandoned by the Enemy. Monsieur *Quinart* is retired to the Col del *Fenestrele*.

From the Duke of Savoy's Camp before Pignerol, Aug. 1. His Royal Highness having caused this Fortress to be invested, and resolving in the first place to attack the Fort of *St. Brigide*, the Trenches were opened against it last night with little loss; and the Duke of *Schönberg* is to relieve them this Evening with 5000 Men. We expect our heavy Cannon to morrow, or the day following, and in the mean time are preparing our Batteries. The *Marquis de Leganes* is posted with the Spaniards on the side of *Perouse*; And the Germans have made several Excursions, almost as far as the Col del *Fenestrele*.

Vienna, August 1. The Birth-Day of the King of the Romans was Celebrated at this Court on the 26th of the last Month (when he entered into the 16th year of his Age) with the usual Solemnity. The same day an Express arrived here from the Duke of *Cray*, with advice, that the Imperial Army had passed the *Danube* the Twenty third at *Peter-Waradin*, and was encamped between *Sankt-Peter* and *Samlin*; and that all diligence was using to carry Boats on Wagons to the *Sava*, for passing over 10 or 12000 Foot, who were to take post on the other side of the River, and cover the Boats till they could be joined into a Bridge for the passage of the Horse and Artillery with the rest of the Foot; In order whereunto they were to march on the 26th, and we make no doubt but the whole Army is by this time got over the *Sava*, with a design to attack *Belgrade*, wherein we cannot apprehend they will meet with much opposition, since the Enemy have not yet any considerable Body of Troops together in that Neighbourhood, and that the Letters from *Adrianople* say the Janissaries would not begin their march from thence till the 30th of the last Month, so that it seems hardly possible they can come time enough, or in sufficient number, to relieve *Belgrade*, which in all probability may once more be in the Emperor's hands in less than a Month's time, unless the Turks perceiving their danger, do accept the Proposition made to them by the English and Dutch Ambassadors residing at the Port, and clap up a Peace, which our Advices from thence say the Grand Visier is already inclined to. The Emperor has named the Count of *Auersberg* to go in the Quality of his Envoy Extraordinary to the Court of England.

From the Confederate Army under the Command of Prince Lewis of Baden near Sondheym, Aug. 7. On the 31th past in the Evening the Dauphin advanced within half a League of our Camp, with a resolution to attack Us, as we understood by all the Defectors who came over to us. On the first Instant all the Enemies Horse and 4000 Grenadiers marched round behind our Left Wing, and made an Encampment near *Kreppenbach*. On the 2d the French Army advanced with all their Artillery nearer to us, and made a shew as if they would attack us, but having observed our Camp, and the good posture we were in to receive them, the Dauphin after having held a Council of War drew off his Army again; and the next morning abandoned the Batteries they had cast up the day before, which we possessed our selves of, and found there a great number of Falcines; The Enemy quitted likewise the Castle of *Kyffershausen*, into which Prince *Lewis* put 500 Men: He had before sent Detachments to reinforce the Garisons of *Lauffen*, *Nickers-Ulm*, and *Lowensfeyn*; The first of which places was summoned by the French, but the Governor answered, That he would defend it to the last. On the 4th we had advice, that a Detachment of 5000 French had attacked the Castle of *Scarrendorf* in the Country of *Wurtemberg*, but were repulsed and obliged to retire, having lost many of their Men. On the 5th Instant Prince *Fredericke Augustus* passed the *Neckar* with 6000 Horse, to observe and give us early notice of the motions of the Enemy, who, as the Defectors say, intend in few days to march back towards the *Rhine*.

Hamburgh, Aug. 11. The King of Denmark is come to *Rensburg*, where he held a Council of War on the 8th Instant, and resolved to be on the 10th in his Camp near *Oldesloe*, to take a Review of his Troops the next day, and to march on the 12th; but upon the arrival of Monsieur *Fuchs*,