

Whitehall, August 10. 1697.

This Morning came in the Mail from Holland of Friday last.

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Warsaw, August 3. N. S.

THE new King (the Elector of Saxony) is arrived at *Craow*, and took in the Cathedral Church, the usual Oath to observe the *Pacta-Conventa*; 'Tis said he intends to reside in the Castle there, till the meeting of the next Dyet, which is summoned for the 26th of this month, and in the mean time has writ very obliging Letters to the several Provincial Dyets, who will begin to meet in few days. The Great General of *Lithuania*, and the Army in that Dutchy, as well as that of *Poland*, have publickly declared for the Elector of *Saxony*; whose Party increases every day. And 'tis said 60000 *Moscovites* are marching towards the Frontiers of *Lithuania*.

Vienna, August 3. A Courier arrived here yesterday from the Imperial Camp near *Peter-Waradin*, and brings Advice, that the Turkish Army was come into the Neighbourhood of *Beigrade*, and were making a Bridge over the *Danube*; 'Tis believed their design is to send Assistance to the Hungarian Rebels; of whom 9 Troops are retired towards *Temeswar*; and about 600 Foot hide themselves in the Woods.

Francfort, August 11. The French Army was, by our last Advice, encamped not far from *Strasbourg*, on this side the *Rhine*; and the Confederate Army approaches towards the *Neckar*; There is a talk, that the latter will pass the *Rhine* at *Manheim*.

Paris, Aug. 12. On the 10th Instant arrived here an Express from the Marechal *d'Estree*, who commands at *Brest*, with Advice, that a French Man of War called the *Fort* was arrived in that Port from the *West-Indies*; This Ship was one of *Pointy's* Squadron; and the Commander of it, *Montieur Du Buisson Varennes*, gives an account, that the French had taken *Cartagena* after some resistance; In which Action *Montieur de Coetlogon* was, among others, killed on our side; That *Pointy* plundered the Town, and left it in the Hands of the Free-booters, and having put his Booty (which is said to be very considerable) on board his Ships, he set Sail in order to return to *France*, but that in his Voyage he met with the English Squadron commanded by Vice-Admiral *Nevill*, who were much stronger than his; and *Capt. Varennes*, who had lost his Main-mast, left

them Engaged, making himself the best of his way; This News puts them at the French Court into a great deal of pain for *Du Pointy's* Squadron; and makes them reflect more seriously upon the reports we have had lately, that the English had taken 5 and sunk three of his Ships: They say *Capt. Varennes*, who is come to *Brest*, has on board him about 50000 Pieces of Eight. The last Letters from *Barcelona* are of the 2d Instant; They tell us the Besieged had on the 30th past sprung a Mine, which did us a great deal of mischief, and destroyed many of our Men; That the French had possessed themselves of the Gate of *St. Anthony* on the side of the Fort of *Montjoy*; and had taken divers Mules laden with Provisions for the Besieged. The Garrison all this while continue resolute to defend themselves to the last, they make Intrenchment within Intrenchment, and had pull'd down the tops of several Steeples, in order to make Platforms and plant Guns there; 'Twas reported, that the Garrison had received a Reinforcement of 3 Regiments; and that the Count *d'Estree* was gone to Sea with a Squadron of Men of War and Gallies, to endeavour to meet the Spanish Gallies who were bringing the Besieged further Relief. There is not much said at present at *Versailles*, concerning the Prince of *Conti*, which gives cause to believe his Affairs do not go very well.

Hague, August 16. N. S. The Pensioner of *Holland* assisted on Wednesday last at the Conference at *Ryswick* for the first time, as one of the Plenipotentiaries for the States-General. The Spanish Ambassador, *Don Quivar*, returned from *Brussels*. The Emperor's Ambassadors are gone this afternoon to *Ryswick*, to have a particular Conference with the French Ambassadors about the Peace. The Czar of *Moscovy* was expected this day at *Nimeguen*, where 3 Deputies from the States were attending to receive, and conduct him to the *Hague*; and His Majesty, who is now at *Loo*, intends him a Visit here some time the next week. All the Letters from *France* say, that Vice-Admiral *Nevill* had met with *Du Pointy* in the *West-Indies*, but they pretend not to know the Issue of the Engagement. This News comes by a French Man of War of 60 Guns, who escaped out of the Fight *Barcelona* held out the 2d of August; and were like to give the French still work enough.

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