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Lisbon, Aug. 26. N. S.

WE have received Advice from the Frontier of *Estramadara*, that the Castle of *Estramos* was accidentally set on fire the 16th of this Month, and the Flames reaching to the Powder Magazine, it blew up, and did considerable Damage to that Fortrefs. They write from *O-Porto*, that a Ship belonging to our Brazile Fleet came in there the 20th Instant, and that the rest of the Fleet were not far behind; There comes in their Company a Portuguese Ship from the *East-Indies*, which joined them in the Bay of *All-Saints*.

Cadiz, Sept. 7. The Squadron of French Men of War, which arrived here some time ago under the Command of the Count *d'Estrees*, have since been joined by others from *Rochfort*, and continue all in this Port, being now 16 Sail. 'Tis given out, that they are to pass the Winter here, and that it is in order thereunto that the Count *d'Estrees* has desired two Magazines may be allowed him at Port *St. Maria* to lay up his Stores. One of these Ships which had been out to cruize on the Coast of *Sally*, and came in again this week, brings an Account, That when she was there, none of the *Sally* Men of War were abroad, being all returned home from cruizing. The Flota from the *West-Indies*, which was to call at the *Havana*, and bring home the Effects saved out of the Admiral of the Galeons, which was lost on a Sand near that Port, is not expected here before the next Month; Advice being come by some Merchant-men lately arrived from the *West-Indies*, which passed by the *Havana* in the Month of *June* last, that they had not then reached that Place. On the first Instant came in here two Dutch Men of War with a Fleet of Merchant Ships under their Convoy, as did likewise the *Siam* from *England* bound for *Legborne*, and the *Norley* Frigate for *Malaga*; And another Dutch Man of War is since put into this Port with three Merchant Ships from *Rotterdam*. Some Men of War are fitting out here, in order to give Chase to the Algerine Ships which are cruizing without the *Streights* Mouth. We have Advice from *Centa*, that the Moors continue the Siege of that Place with a great deal of Obstinacy, though hitherto with little Success. The Garrison being reinforced by considerable Supplies, sent them from this Place, *Bancona* and *Carthagens* have made several Sallies, and wholly ruined the Enemy's Works, and made a new one without the Town, which they pallisado'd and fortify'd notwithstanding the frequent Attacks of the Moors, who used their utmost Endeavours to hinder them; The Spaniards do very much annoy the Enemy from this new Post, having placed a Battery there, which fires into the Enemy's Camp with very good Success.

Venice, Sept. 19. Signior *Londano* being appointed by the Senate to succeed Signior *Ruzzini*, their Ambassador at *Vienna*, who is to be one of their Plenipotentiaries for Treating the Peace with the Turks; he set out from hence last Sun-

day for *Germany*, and Signior *Molinos*, who is join'd in Commission with Signior *Ruzzini*, will follow him in a few days, in order to go with his Colleague to the Place of Treaty. The Convoy that is preparing here for the Levant, will be ready to sail in a day or two. By Letters from our Fleet in the *Archipelago* we have the following Account; That on the first of *August* Captain-General *Mocenigo* having received Advice, that the Turkish Fleet was come out of the *Dardaniels*, failed to meet them, and it was expected they would have Engaged the same day, but before they came near enough the night drew on, and the Turks return'd to their former Station, and the Venetians anchored near the *Streights* Mouth. On the 2d, the Turks came out again, and appeared near the Island of *Tenedos*; the two Fleets were greatest part of that day in fight, endeavouring to get the Wind of each other, and towards evening anchored again, where they continued till the 7th, (the day these Letters came away,) when the Turks were under sail, but it could not be judged with what Design; and our Fleet was preparing to sail likewise. These Letters add, that they had an Account, that the Grand Signior's Orders to *Mexcemorto*, the Admiral of the Ottoman Fleet, at his first putting to Sea, were, That he should, with all the Diligence he could, find out the Venetian Fleet and fight them, but that these Orders were soon after countermanded, and others sent him, That he should only observe and amuse our Fleet, and avoid coming to an Engagement. Our Advices from *Constantinople* say, the People there are very desirous of a Peace, which they believe to be in such a forwardness, that they speak of it as if 'twas already concluded. They write from *Dalmatia*, that a Body of Turks under the Bassa of *Bosnia* continue on that Frontier, and keep our Troops together to observe them. The Seraskier of *Negropont* having assembled some Forces, attempted to fall into the *Morca*, but was repulsed by the Venetian Forces posted in those Parts. Our Letters from *Rome* of the 13th Instant say, the French Galleys, commanded by the Bailly *de Noailles*, were returned to *Civita Vecchia* in their way home.

Dantzick, Sept. 23. N.S. Our last Letters from *Lemberg* bring an Account, That the King of *Poland* having received Advice, that the Tartars are drawn together near *Cominic*, to the number of above 40000 Men, and make frequent Excursions on our Frontiers, held a Council of War, where it was resolved to march against the Enemy. Accordingly Orders were sent to the King's German Forces commanded by the Duke of *Wurttemberg*, who has under him General *Rufer*, General *Trautmanisworf*, and General *Balkowitz*, to march towards *Cominic*; and the Crown General, who assisted at this Council of War, returned immediately to *Monasterzick*, in order to march from thence with the Forces under his Command to join them. And on the 11th, the King himself, accompanied by Prince *Alexander*, the Great Chancellor, and other Officers of the Crown, and divers other Persons of Quality, went from *Lemberg* to the Army.