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Lisbon, September 3. N. S.

**W**E hear the Marquis de Bay is assembling his Troops at Salamanca; and that he gives out, that by the latter End of this Month he will attack Ciudad Rodrigo, where we have a good Body of Foot and Horse. We have likewise a very strong Garrison in Almeida. The Conde de St. Juan hath above 4000 Foot and 700 Horse in the Province of Tra los Montes, with which he observes the Marquis de Ribaour, Governor of Galicia, who is posted with an Army of near the same Number at Monterey. Our Forces in Alentejo are to take the Field as soon as the Heats are over, and will consist of 16 Battalions and 1500 Horse. The Court is still taken up in regulating the Army, and puring the Troops on a better Establishment than they have been hitherto.

*Venice, September 2.* We hear from Rome, that the Pope had ordered the Arms of King Charles, which several had placed over their Doors since the Reduction of Naples, to be taken down: But that the Prince of Taxis had refused to comply with such an Order; for which Reason the Pope had banished him, his Dominions, and taken from him the Direction of the Italian Post. The Preparations that are making at the Porte have put this State upon taking the necessary Precautions for the Defence of their Dominions. The Republick hath already sent 6 of their Gallies to the Morea; and yesterday several Companies of Dragoons were embarked for the same Place. We have Letters from Constantinople of the 28th of August, which contradict the News we had received of the Dethronement of the Grand Signior: But the same time advise us, That a Conspiracy had been formed for that Design, which was entirely defeated; Four Bachas, and several others who were the Leaders in it, having been put to Death. They write from Naples, That all imaginable Preparations are making, to attack Gaeta in Form; and that a Body of Germans were arrived in the Abruzzo, in order to besiege Pescara, in case the Duke of Anjou, who hath shut himself up in that Place, should resist in his Resolution of defending it. A large Vessel laden with Corn and Provisions, designed for the Relief of the Garrison in Gaeta, was lately intercepted in the Entrance of that Port.

*Newshatel, Sept. 6.* The Courier that the Prince of Conti sent to Versailles about the Order which the Tribunal had made, forbidding the several Pretenders to appear before them in Person, is returned, with the French King's Approbation of the Expedition for avoiding any Dispute about Precedency. This Morning they met according to the last Adjournment; but did not enter upon the Claims of the several Competitors, because the Prince of Conti's Lawyers opened the Session by making Exceptions to Four of the Twelve Judges, which occasioned long Debates, that took up the greatest Part of the Day, and hindered them from doing any other Business. The Reason for accepting against Three of them was, because they were Judges when the Sen-

tence was passed against the Prince of Conti in 1694. and therefore, as it was pretended, could not be thought impartial in their Proceedings towards that Prince. The Fourth was excepted against because his Son was in the King of Prussia's Service; and one of the former three having likewise a Son-in-law in that King's Service, it was urged as an additional Reason for the Exception that was made to him. When the Lawyers had pleaded on each Side, the Four Judges that were excepted against withdrew, and the remaining Eight, after a very little Debate, declared, That the having been a Judge when the Sentence in 1694. was given, was no sufficient Ground of Exception; so that the Three were legally qualified to judge in the present Case. And as to the Reasons that were alledg'd against two of them that had Sons in the King of Prussia's Service, they would take them into Consideration to morrow Morning; till which Time they immediately afterwards adjourned. It is said the Prince of Conti hath so little Hopes of succeeding in his Pretensions, after having fail'd in this first Trial, that he thinks of leaving the Place very suddenly.

*Berlin, Sept. 10.* There having been a Report, That the Elector of Hanover had taken a Commission from the Emperor to command the Army of the Empire; and the accepting such a Commission being thought below the Dignity of his Electoral Highness, Monsieur de Helten, the Minister of that Prince, hath assured his Prussian Majesty, That his Matter had received no Commission from Vienna, but only the Resolution of the Diet of the Empire, confirm'd by his Imperial Majesty. We hear from Dresden, That the King of Sweden entered that City on the 5th Instant, in so private a manner, that he was stopp'd by the Guards; but General Flemming accidentally walking that Way, the King saluted him by his Name. The General, immediately after having paid his Respects to his Majesty, laid his Hand on the Bridle of his Horse, and in that manner attended his Majesty to the Castle. The King staid almost an Hour in that City; and, after his Visit to King Augustus, had the Curiosity to see the Fortrefs and the Stables. His Majesty, at his going out of the Place, was saluted by the Discharge of several Pieces of Cannon. By our Letters from Warsaw of the 2d Instant we are informed, That the Council at Lublin was adjourned to the 9th; and that they had sent more Deputies to the Czar, to complain of some Disorders committed by the Muscovites in Lithuania. The same Letters advise, That a Minister from Hungary was lately arrived at the Court of his Czarish Majesty, and that Count Berzeni was excepted there very suddenly. They add, That a Resolution had been taken in a Council of War to venture a Battle with the Swedes at their Arrival in those Parts; but there are private Letters which tell us, it was generally thought the Muscovites would rather choose to retire towards their own Frontiers, in order to harass and fatigue the Enemy by long and difficult Marches, than come to a present Engagement.

*From the Camp at Helchin, Sept. 15.* His Grace the Duke of Marlborough having Notice, That the French

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