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Genova, Aug. 8.

THe Gallies that went hence with several Forces on board, to make a descent in the Duke of *Savoy's* Territory near *Oneglia*, arrived, as we are told, the 10 instant before the place, but having advice of two thousand Foot that had been put into the Town some days before, they thought not fit as yet to prosecute their designe of landing, but have ever since battered the Town with their great Guns. We have advice, that Count *Catalano*, General of the Forces of the Duke of *Savoy*, hath taken a small place amongst the Hills, belonging to this State called *Catarellio*; in the mean time, great endeavors are used by his Holiness to compose these differences, to which purpose he hath already sent two extraordinary Couriers with Letters as well to this Senate as the Duke of *Savoy*, to offer his Mediation in this matter, and is farther dispatching Signior *Spada*, in quality of his Nuncio to *Turin* to labor therein, having at the same time, by reason his Holiness hath at present no Minister here, recommended it to Cardinal *Raggi*, who is resident in these parts, to endeavor very effectually to make up this breach, which may otherwise be of so great a consequence to all the Princes of *Italy*.

Maestricht, Aug. 9. We are now more then ever blocked up by the French, who lye at a distance, quartered round about us, so that we cannot stir in or out of the place, but that we run great danger of falling into their hands, which puts us into as great disorder here, as if we were absolutely Besieged. Yesterday in the afternoon a party of French Horse attacked our Watches in the Outworks, who being far too weak in number, were forced to retire nearer to the Town; and we daily see other considerable parties pass within sight, and often within Canon shot of this place. We are told of a French Marquis that was killed in a late Rencontre he had with a small party of ours.

Antwerp, Aug. 13. Our last Letters from *Liege* tell us, that 24000 French, as well Horse as Foot, lie in the Villages round about *Maestricht*, not permitting any Provisions or other necessaries to be carried into the Town, which by that means is at present in a manner as much straitened as if it were actually besieged. Concerning the march of the Imperial succors we can as yet hear nothing but very uncertain reports; for from *Holland* they write, that those Troops are already approached very near their Frontiers, when at the same time we receive Letters from *Vienna*, which assure us, that they do not yet begin to march, and that General *Montecuculi*, who it is said shall Command them, was the 16 instant at the Emperours Court. It was some days since very confidently reported, that the Bishop of *Munster* had quitted the Siege of *Groningen*, which it seems was occasioned by their having for a day or two, omitted shooting into the Town, though we since hear the contrary, and that the place is very much pressed by the Enemy; they

tell us of several Companies of Foot that have been sent thither from the Army, from *Amsterdam* and other parts, for the reinforcement of the place, and which they say, are safely arrived there, to the great encouragement of the people. From *Holland* they write, That the States have ordered several new Taxes to be raised upon a great many Commodities, which extremely dissatisfies the Commonalty, who think it impossible that those vast sums that have been already raised since this war, can be already spent, especially, seeing all the Soldiery and Seamen are in great arrears. The Prince of *Orange* hath sent 20 Companies of Foot to reinforce *Breda*, whither his Highness intends in a day or two to go himself with a Convoy of 2000 Horse, to see all things be in a good posture there.

Ditto August. 15. On Saturday last his Excellency the Count de *Montcrey* parted from *Brussels*, on his way to *Ghent*, *Bruges*, and *Ostend*, which places his Excellency intends to visit, and to be back again at *Brussels* on Thursday next. From *Liege* they tell us, that *Maestricht* continues wholly blockt up by the French Forces, who lye in several Villages round about the Town, under the Command of the Marquis *Rocheport*, and the Marquis *Chamilly*; They farther tell us, that 8000 French Horse more were come to a small Village called *Choray*, about four Leagues from *Liege*, and that they were followed by 15000 Foot, and a very large Train of Artillery; and that the Viscount *Turenne* was likewise very suddenly expected in those parts.

Paris, Aug. 13. His Majesty continues still at St. *Germain's*. Here is lately arrived a Courier with the ratification of the Peace lately concluded by the *Sieur de Martel*, Commander of the French Squadron in the *Mediterranean*, with the people of *Tunis*; which Treaty is said to be very honorable and advantageous for us. The Count de *Molina*, Ambassador Extraordinary from the Crown of *Spain*, is preparing for his return home, in order to which he hath desired his last Audience of their Majesties, which is appointed him against Tuesday next. From *Genova* they write, that the Gallies of that State were parted thence, having several Forces on board, for *Oneglia*, in order to their making some descent on the Territories of the Duke of *Savoy*; That several persons of quality there have contributed very large sums of Money for the making of new Levies, and carrying on the war, which is now ready to break out, and that amongst others, the Dominican Friars there, have for their part given 200000 Florins to the State upon this account; We cannot yet hear that this Court hath declared it self, though his Majesty is very much pressed to it by Monsieur de *Sales*; Envoye from the Duke of *Savoy*; in the mean time his Holiness seems very much to endeavour to compose this matter.

Ostend, Aug. 14. Yesterday put to sea two Dutch Privateers that had been fitted here, the one carrying 76, and the other 45 Men, and this morning we hear they have taken a Merchant man laden with
Oyls.