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Legorn, May 13.

**T**HE last Week arrived here from Genoa the Sieur Gaumont, Envoy Extraordinary from the Most Christian King to the Princes of Italy, and is since gone for Florence. By a vessel come in here, we have advice of the death of the Bassa of Tripoli; and by other Vessels arrived from Sicily we receive an account of the great preparations that the Spaniards are making to attack Messina by Land having to that end formed a Camp not far from the City, and taken the most advantageous Posts about it. The contrary winds have very much retarded the French Gallies and Men of War, that are with a great number of other Vessels laden with Soldiers and Provisions on their way to Messina, though we must now expect to hear very suddenly of their arrival at Messina, which will certainly be most welcome to those Inhabitants.

Copenhagen, May 18. They work here with all the diligence possible, for the fitting out the Men of War intended for the Sea this Summer; and it is not doubted, but they will be very suddenly ready to sail, if not hindered through the want of Seamen, which all endeavors are used to procure. We are informed that several new Regiments of Horse are to be raised, and though the Swedish Ambassador be still here, and hath daily Conferences with the Ministers of this Court, about confirming the Peace between the two Crowns, yet matters look as if War was more thought on than Peace. Upon the news of the Swedes being on their march towards the Elbe, to join, as is said, with the Troops of the Duke of Hanover, his Majesty has sent orders to several Regiments of Horse and Foot to march, and to go and join with those Forces that are quartered in the Borders of Holstein, for the better security of things on that side; by which it appears, that there is no great confidence between the two Crowns.

Strasbourg, May 27. On Friday last, as hath been said, General Montecuculi parted from our Neighborhood, having left the Regiment of Reys, and part of the Regiment of Spork near Keil, to which our Magistrates have joined 100 Men for the guard of our Bridge on that side of the Rhine, while the Swissers are in the Fort which secures it on this side. Yesterday morning the Troops of the Circles which were quartered at Keil parted from thence, and towards evening the Marquis of Baden Dourlach their General left this place, in order to the putting himself at the Head of the Troops of the Circles which are now on their march towards the Rhine, to assist at the Siege of Philipsburg in order whereunto, Prince Pio is already passed the Rhine with 5000 Men, and hath invested the place. On Sunday last General Montecuculi was quartered at Rastat, from whence he intended to go and join the Imperial Army that comes down from Hailbron, under the Command of General Spork, and the Prince of Lorrain; which done, he will with his whole Army pass the Rhine, over a Bridge which is now preparing for that purpose between Spire and Philipsburg; it is said here, that General Montecuculi will be strong enough in case Monsieur de Turenne, intend to relieve Philipsburg, to fight him, and continue the Siege at the same time, Mon-

sieur de Turenne marches this day from Bensfeld towards Dahnstein, from whence it is believed he will continue to march towards Philipsburg, to hinder the design of the Imperialists, so that we may suddenly expect to hear of some Action between them.

Gluckstadt, May 30. The King of Denmark has appointed a Rendezvous of his Forces at Flensburg, whither accordingly will repair the Kings own Regiment, consisting in 1200 Men, the Queens Regiment in 1200, the Sieur Van Ostens Regiment in 2500, Major General Chacks Regiment in 2500, Arendorfs Regiment in 2500, Citnaus Regiment in 2000, Wimans Regiment in 2000, the Generals Regiment in 1200, Weyers Regiment 1200 Bremers Regiment 1200, Rosenkrans Regiment 1200, Liekens Regiment 1200, Degenfeldts Regiment 1200, Storbachers Regiment 1000, Colonel Vets Barailien 600, in all 22700 Men, besides the Troops his Majesty has in the County of Detmenhorst, and in Norway, which are said to be likewise sent for.

Frankfort, May 30. The Confederates seem in good earnest to intend the Siege of Philipsburg; the 25, and the 26 instant, Prince Pio, who, we told you in our last, was Commanded out with 3000 Men from the Imperial Army, under the Command of General Spork, and the Prince of Lorrain, and had joined 2000 Men of the Circle of Franconia, passed the Rhine, by the means of Pontons, and have posted themselves above and below Philipsburg about half a Mile from the place. The 27, the Elector Palatine arrived at Spire, and hath lodged 1000 Men in the Suburbs of that City, and at present they are making a Bridge over the Rhine between Spire and Philipsburg over against Loffheim, for the whole Imperial Army to pass, which had yesterday its Head-quarter at Langenburg, General Montecuculi having the day before joined it there with the Forces he brought from Strasbourg. The Lunenburg Troops will have this day their quarters in the Neighborhood of Fridburg, an Imperial City about six Miles from hence, the Duke of Lunenburg arrived with them the 27, being come Post, upon an account of some disorders, that happened among them, which his presence appeased. The Regiments of Gallas, Harrant and Trautmandorf have this day passed the Main here, to go and join the Imperial Army. The Bishop of Wurzburg, who is likewise Duke of Franconia, being lately dead, the Bishop of Bamberg hath been elected by the Chapter to succeed him. The Elector of Mayence is very ill. The Imperialists are endeavouring to turn a small River which conveys fresh Water out of the Rhine into Philipsburg.

Cologne, May 31. We have not yet any advice of the Lorrain Troops having passed the Rhine, though it is said, that they will be this evening in our Neighborhood, and that the Duke of Lorrain will be here in person. The Sieur Fario, who hath labored for several Months past his quarters in this Diocese, is now preparing to leave them. The Letters from Westphalia tell us, That the 27 instant, the Elector of Brandenburg parted from Paderborne, after having conferred with the Bishop of that name, for Cassel, in order to his joining his Army, which is on its march. Our Advices from above say, that Philipsburg is invested by the Imperialists.

Liege,

**Liege, June 1.** The Most Christian King moves still this way, and it was thought his Majesty would have marched directly towards *Limburg*, but it seems his Majesty makes a halt till *Huy* be taken, being at present quartered at the Abby of *Vau Noire Dame* near *Huy*, which place the French will formally begin to attack to-morrow. Several preparations seem to be making here for the reception of his Majesty, though without any certainty that he will come hither. The *Mareschal de Crequise* since the reduction of *Dinant*, has taken the Castle of *Thierry* between *Dinant* and *Charlemont*, and it is said, that he is now on his march with the Troops, under his Command, towards *Alstia*, to reinforce *Montieur de Turenne*, others report, that only 6000 Horse are sent that way, certain it is, that a good reinforcement is gone to join *Montieur de Turenne*, who at present seems not to be in a posture to make head against the Imperialists. The French are making their Interest here to have the Cardinal of *Bouillon* chosen Coadjutor of *Liege*. Some report as if his Most Christian Majesty would suddenly return for *Paris*.

**Malines, June 4.** The Prince of *Orange* is still at *Duffel*, his Army lying very much at large, so that it takes up about 10 Miles in compass, to the great charge of the Country people, though his High, promises to ease them in a day or two at farthest, and to march with his Army so soon as some Regiments he yet expects from *Holland* are arrived. It is said, That his Highness's Army is already stronger than that of the Most Christian Kings, and that however the Spaniards are to join with it about 10 Regiments of Foot, and 6 or 7000 Horse. This day the Duke of *Villa Hermosa* visited his Highness at *Duffel*, whom we are told, his Excellency much pressed to march, to prevent any designs the French may have. They at present besiege *Huy*, which place we hope will make a good defence. We hear that the *Mareschal de Crequi*, is gone with a good Body of Men towards *Alstia*, to reinforce *Montieur de Turenne*, who is said, cannot at present make above 10 or 20000 Men; and that the Confederates are 40000.

**Brussels, June 4.** The Prince of *Orange* continues still his quarters at *Duffel*, his Army lying at large in the Country, till the rest of the Infantry come up; five Regiments being on their way by Water, and two Regiments of Horse by Land, which will be with the Army this night. The whole number of their marching Body, besides what they leave in Garisons here, will be about 25000 Foot, and near 10000 Horse and Dragoons. This Morning very early his Excellency is gone to visit his Highness, accompanied with the Count de *Rasch*, and Commander *Villeneuve*. On Saturday the Most Christian King removed his Camp to *Vau Noire Dame*, nearer *Huy*, and on Sunday morning they began their Batteries. Before *Huy* was invested, several Officers and Granadeers arrived there, sent from *Namur*, which makes us hope that place will hold out longer than *Dinant* did, and yet some talk here as if it were already surrendered, but without ground. The King has caused two Bridges to be thrown over the *Meuse*, one at *St. Lambert*, betwixt *Liege* and *Huy*, and another at *St. Leonard*, betwixt *Liege* and *Veser*. On Saturday came a great Convoy from *Maestricht* to *Liege*, with 5000 Men of that Garison: And great quantities of Meal already delivered out to bake Bread for the Army. It is thought that after the reducing of *Huy*, the French will march directly towards *Limbourg*. From *Cambray* of the second instant, we are told, a party from that Garison has made an Incurfion on the other side of *Reuonne*, where they have plundered and burnt a Castle,

and returned with a considerable booty of Horses and Cartel. That another party from thence brought in 300 *Suiffers*, with two Captains; and that a party of the Garison of *Bouchain* having taken 20 French Prisoners, and being nearer *Mons* than their own Garison, they sent them thither with 10 Men for their Guard; but the Governor of *Mons* refusing to receive them, they conducted them towards *Bouchain*: but by the way the Prisoners taking their advantage, fell upon their Guard, released themselves, and carried four or five of their Guard Prisoners to *Quesnoy*, the rest making a hard shift to escape. Our last Letters from *Germany*, tell us, That all things are disposing for the Siege of *Philipsburg*; that *Montecuculi* has thrown a Bridge over the *Rhine*, betwixt *Spire* and *Philipsburg*; that the Elector Palatine is come to *Spire* to be near the Siege; that all the other Princes concerned are thereabouts with their Forces; that they are turning the small River that runs by *Philipsburg* into the *Rhine*; and that though *Philipsburg* stands upon a Marsh, which would have rendered their approaches very difficult, yet by the turning of the River, and by the drifness of the Season, the Marsh is hard enough to bear Cannon, which may much quicken the reduction of that place; they write also that *Montecuculi* will have an Army sufficient to fight *Montieur de Turenne* (if he shall adventure to attack him) and to continue the Siege also; and that he is intrenching his Camp in the most convenient place to hinder relief, and fight upon occasion.

**Hague, June 4.** Our last Letters from the Prince of *Oranges* Army were dated the 31 past at *Duffel*, which give an account of his Highness having had a Conference with the Duke of *Villa Hermosa*, Governor of the Spanish Netherlands, at *Vilvord*, and that the Army would march in a day or two at farthest. The King of *Denmark* hath approved of the late Agreement that was made here between his Ministers, and those of the other Allies, for the carrying on the War, so that it is now every day expected that his Majesty will publickly declare. According to our advices from *Strasbourg*, the Imperialists certainly design to besiege *Philipsburg*, in order to which Prince *Pio* had already passed the *Rhine* with 4 or 5000 Men; and General *Montecuculi* having joined the Imperial Army that came from *Hailbron*, was likewise on his march towards *Philipsburg*; and the Elector Palatine had put a Garison into *Spire*, which hitherto hath enjoyed a Neutrality, because of the Imperial Chamber being held there. The four Men of War fitted out at *Amsterdam*, part of the nine which are to be equipped in these Provinces to join with the Fleet of the King of *Denmark* are ready; two of them have already passed the *Pampus*, and are sailed to the *Texel*, and the other two will likewise pass the *Pampus* in two or three days. From *Hamburg* they write, That the 31 past, the Duke of *Hanovers* Forces begun to march, and that at the same time the *Suedes* take their way towards the *Elbe*, in order as is imagined to join them. And on the other side, that the Forces of the Elector of *Brandenburgh* are coming down to oppose them.

#### Advertisement.

These are to give notice to all whom it may concern, That Mr. Matthew Poole, the Author of the *Synopsis Criticorum aliorumque Sacre Scripturae Interpretum*, hath, at the earnest request of many worthy Persons, undertaken to make an English Synopsis, or Collection of Comments upon Scripture; which Altho he is authorized to do: concerning which, as he was obliged by an extraordinary occasion, to give this general Notice, he intends in due time to give a particular account.