

# THE MARYLAND GAZETTE.

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FRIDAY, November 1, 1745.

TURIN, June 19.

The following is a Copy of the genuine Dispatch of the Chevalier de Alfieri to his Sardinian Majesty.

On the 16th of this Month, at the very Peep of Day, the Chevalier de Alfieri, Commandant of the King's Forces that are at present in the County of Nice, marched with Major Pianavia and the Chevalier Galeau, at the Head of 400 Men belonging to the Train, and 8 or 900 Militia, in order to destroy the Magazines which the French have been for some Months establishing at Vintimiglia, in it's Neighbourhood. After a tedious and painful March of ten Hours, without halting, we arrived at the Gates of the City. There was some Time spent in talking over the Matter with the Genoese Governor; but after the Conference was over, we entered the Place without the smallest Opposition, and drew up our Troops in the great Square. There was at this Time a French Officer, Captain in the Regiment of Guienne, with 50 Men. The first Step we took was, to desire him in the civilest Manner possible to lay down his Arms, and to surrender Prisoner of War; to which Request he yielded with all the good Manners in the World; and thereupon he, with the rest of his People, were sent under an Escorte to Breil. This Affair over, we immediately fell upon seven Magazines that were in the Town, and the Wind being pretty high, we committed the Meal they contained to it's Case, by which Means it was speedily dispersed all over the Country. At the same Time we set Fire to 13 Stacks of Hay of a most prodigious Size, which being to Windward of a Stack of Corn, 86 Yards long, 69 broad, and 12 high, was burnt down immediately. At some Distance from thence there was another Stack of Corn, not quite so big, surrounded with 24 Stacks of Hay and Straw, which we consumed in like Manner. The Meal, Corn and Oats, which we found in great Quantities in the Convent of the Augustines, we either threw out of the Windows, or scattered about the Cloisters, and trampled under Foot. The Forage which was in the Garden belonging to the Monastery, was likewise burnt, as well as five or six vast Hay-Ricks that were in their Meadows. The Warehouses full of Bacon and Hams were provided for next; three of them were fired and burnt to the Ground, but we were forced to throw the Contents of the rest into the Water, for fear of consuming the Town; to which, during the whole Time, we did not the least Mischief. We found here 200 Mules, which arrived the Day before with the Baggage of M. de la Porta, Intendant-General, which were of great Service to us, inasmuch as they enabled us to carry away what we did not think fit to destroy. In all human Probability the French Cavalry will not be able to march

this Season for Want of these Magazines, upon which they depended, and which must infallibly have cost vast Sums of Money. The destroying these Magazines at this Juncture was of infinitely greater Consequence than if they had been destroyed before, because it will oblige the Enemy to send back their Cavalry and may very probably disappoint their Expedition on this Side; inasmuch as it is a Loss which, as Things now stand, they can neither repair nor endure. The Genoese Governor looked on with Amazement; but declared he had no Orders from the Republic either to defend them, or act offensively on any Account whatever, against the Troops of his Sardinian Majesty. We have taken from him a Certificate of our good Behaviour, and that in the whole Affair we did nothing which could give Umbrage to the Genoese.

Turin, July 1. The King, upon reading the Letter of the Chevalier d'Alfieri, promoted him to the Rank of a Colonel, and has given him a considerable Gratification besides. M. de Maffei, Captain in the Queen's Regiment, has likewise burnt a vast Magazine of Forage, which had been erected for the Use of the Enemy in the Neighbourhood of Lancoffa, in the County of Nice. The Marquis de Ballestrier, who commands only a small Corps of new-raised Dragoons, has carried off, near Zuccarello, 48 Mules, laden with Baggage and Ammunition for the Army of M. Maillebois. At first Sight these appear but small Advantages; and yet in the present Situation of Affairs, they are of prodigious Consequence. We have this Moment Advice, that the Count de Gages has signified to the Inhabitants of the Marquisate of Ormea, that if they do not submit in 24 Hours, he will put such of them to Death as fall into his Hands, and burn all the Country round. We have likewise Advice, that a considerable Body of French Troops have entered the Plains of Stura, and attempted to surprize Demont; but that their Enterprize had miscarried, by the Vigilance of the Officer who commands on that Side.

Extract of a private Letter from Frankfurt, dated July 19.  
N. S.

"I can venture to assure you, that there is no farther Apprehension of a War breaking out between the Electors of Saxony and Brandenburg; so that the Empire will not be at all embroiled by the Disputes between the Kings of Poland and Prussia. There are laid to be the Terms of a Kind of Convention between those Princes, for preventing the Engagements they have entered into as Monarchs, from altering their good Correspondence as Electors. We are the more confident of this, since they write from Berlin, that the Saxon Minister lately Resident there, has sent to take his House there for another Year; whence it is inferred, that it will not be long before he

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