

*His Royal Highness the Duke of Savoy's
Letter to the States General.*

High and Mighty Lords,

WE cannot better begin our Letter than by repeated Acknowledgments of our Obligations to your Lordships, the Sense whereof is always present in our Thoughts, and which we shall ever keep in our Minds; I mean the Remembrance of your generous Succours afforded us in Distress; after which we earnestly intreat your High and Mightinesses to take in good part, the Notice we give you of the Proposals made us by *Marschal Catinat*, by Order of the King his Master, the Particulars whereof shall be laid open to you by the Councillor and President *de la Tour*, our Embassador: We hope your High and Mightinesses great Prudence, joyn'd with the Affection which you are wont to bear towards our Interest, will incline you not to disallow of the Resolution we have taken, not to refuse the offer made us of restoring *Pignerol*, with all the other Places we have lost during this War, without depending in a Matter of so great Consequence, on the uncertain Events of Time, or the Revolutions which may happen in *France*. The aforesaid Count *de la Tour* will also lay before your High and Mightinesses, the Reasons which oblige us thereunto. And the means you shall use towards promoting the Execution of this Design, will more and more increase our Acknowledgments, which shall be always accompanied with an earnest Desire of giving you pregnant Proofs of our ardent Wishes for completing your Prosperity and Happiness, and that we are,

High and Mighty Lords,

Turin, July 6.

R O U R's, &c.

1696.

Victor Amadeus.