

of an Army about *Verdun*, for the reinforcement of the Prince of *Conde*, who continues in his Camp near *Schiefsadt*.

*Cologne, Sept. 20.* The 18 instant, in the afternoon, the Dukes of *Lunenburg* and *Osnabrugh* arrived here *incognito*, and immediately, without making any stay, passed the *Rhine*, and went and lodged at *Mulheim*; from whence they parted again yesterday morning, very early, for *Duysbourg*, on their return towards their own Countries. Their Troops, which are commanded by the Prince of *Holstein*, had their quarters on Wednesday, at a place called *Alden-Abr* on the River *Abr*, about six Leagues from this City, and since they are advanced within three Leagues, and will continue their march towards the *Maese*. We are told, that the Dukes of *Lunenburg* have given to the said Prince of *Holstein*, their Mareschal de Camp General, the Ransom of the Mareschal de *Crequi*, and the other Prisoners that were taken at *Treves*.

*Ditt, Sept. 24.* The *Lunenburg* Infantry continue in their quarters about three or four Leagues from hence, but we hear that four Regiments of Horse are on their march towards the *Maese*, to join with the Dutch Troops that are at *Ruremond*. All the news from above, is, that the Germans are going to besiege *Philipsburgh*.

*Leges, Sept. 20.* Deputies are gone from hence to the Prince of *Orange*, to acquaint him, as is said, with the offer that hath been made on the part of the French, to draw their Fortes out of our Citadel, *Huy* and *Dinant*, and to grant them a Neutrality; on condition that his Highness, and the Governor of the Spanish *Netherlands*, will do the like, and promise not to make advantage of the French quitting those places, by putting Troops of theirs in them.

*Brussels, Sept. 24.* On Saturday last, early in the morning, our Army decamped from its quarters between *Louvain* and *Tillemont*, and advanced into the Neighborhood of *Judoigne*, between *Tillemont* and *Namur*, his Highness marching in the head of his Army, and the Duke of *Villa Hermosa* of the Spanish Troops. We are told, that his Highnesses Forces are composed of 55 Squadrons of Horse, and 43 Battalions of Foot; and the Spanish of 43 Squadrons of Horse, and two Regiments of Foot: besides which, the 22 instant, arrived in our Camp, the Marquis of *Belvederes* Regiment, and, it's said, that two Spanish Regiments more are expected from *Namur*. The Count de *Horne* continues with the Train of Artillery, and three Dutch Regiments, at *Louvain*, expecting farther orders from the Prince. The 22. the French Army, under the command of the Mareschal *Montmorency*, moved from *Flerus*, and encamped about *Sombresse* Abby, their main Guards standing about *Gembours*, so that the two Armies are not now above two Leagues and an half from each other; and the discourse is, that his Highness and Excellency not to leave these parts naked and exposed to the Enemy, have changed the intention they had to march into the Country of *Liege*, but that they will continue in the quarter where they now are, to keep the French from attempting any thing, while the Confederate Troops that are coming from *Treves*, in conjunction with the Dutch, that are at present at *Ruremond*, under the command of the Count de *Stirum*, besiege *Limburgh*, and, it's thought, his Highness will likewise send some Forces from his Army to join them. On Saturday last, by an Express, we received advice of the death of the old Duke of *Lorraine*, who dyed, the 18 instant, at *Leobach*, near *Vaudrefange*, after five dayes sickness. Two dayes since arrived here the Count de *Caprara*, who is to continue in our Army on

the part of the Emperor, during the rest of this Campaigne.

*Hague, Sept. 24.* The 22 instant, the Sieur *Camprecht*, who resides here on the part of the Dukes of *Lunenburg*, made Bonfires for the taking of *Treves*, and on that occasion treated the Deputies of the States, and many other Persons of Quality, at Supper, in Prince *Maurits*'s house; during which, they were entertained with Musick, discharging of Cannon, and most artificial Fireworks: besides the pitch Barrels which were set along the *Vyverberg* a rare Fire-work was erected on the little Ile in the *Vyver*, representing the Alliance of the Confederates, by two Arms coming out of the Clouds, and enfolded in each other, having a Sword between them, the Point mounted upwards, and twisted round with an Olive branch, and covered with an Imperial Crown, within which was a Garland of Palm and Laurel, signifying both Peace and War; on the right hand whereof stood this device, *Parat Victoria Pacem*; and on the left, *Arma in Manibus, Pax in Votis*: all which was performed to the great satisfaction of the Spectators. According to our Letters of the 21 instant from *Ruremond*, the Troops under the command of the Count de *Stirum* were still there. We have advice, that the 20, the Emperors Ratification of the Treaty lately concluded between the Duke of *Hanover*, and the Confederates, arrived there and was presented to his Highness; and that the *Munster* Troops have passed the *Weser*, and are accordingly entered into the Dutchy of *Bremen*. We were somewhat surprized here; when we at first understood, that General *Montecuculi* had quitted, on the sudden, the siege of *Saverne*; after that part of his Army had layen before it two dayes; but we since understand, that it is in order to the taking in hand a more important design, viz. the besieging of *Philipsburgh*, whither his Excellency has sent down his Cannon by water; though there be some, who think that the Imperial Army will march directly into *Lorraine*, but that is improbable. We have the news of the death of the old Duke of *Lorraine*.

*Disso, Sept. 27.* Here is a talk of a Duel that hath been fought in our Army between the *Rhingrave*, General of the Dutch Infantry, and the Duke de *Montalto*, General of the Spanish Cavalry; that the latter hath been shot through the Body, and the *Rhingrave* in the Leg, which hath so shattered the Bone, that it is feared, he will lose it: And of another Duel, between the Governor of *Grave*, and a Spanish Officer, in which the former is said to be killed, but our Letters from *Flanders* make not any mention hereof. Our Letters from *Hamburg*, of the 24 instant, tell us, That at the late Conference between the King of *Denmark*, and the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, it had been resolved to defer the siege of *Wismar*, and to march directly towards the *Suedes*, to attempt something upon them before they receive their reinforcements from *Sueden*; and accordingly, that the Danish and *Brandenburgh* Troops were passed by *Wismar*, taking their march directly towards the *Suedist* Army; and that they had the confirmation of the *Danes* having taken the small Island of *Pohl* near *Wismar*. From *Strasburgh*, of the 20, they write, That people continued of opinion there, that the Imperialists would besiege *Philipsburgh*; General *Montecuculi* having marched by the way of *Werth* towards *Launerberg*, and caused a Bridge to be laid there over the *Rhine*. In the meant time it's said, that the Elector Palatine had agreed to a Cession of Arms with the Garison of *Philipsburgh* for three weeks. The Prince of *Conde* did not yet move from *Kastenholtz*.