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Oxford, July 15.

B *Althasar Viguers*, a *Terra-filius* of this Act, having in his Speech at the publick Theatre, vented several filthy and scandalous expressions, to the offence of modest Ears, and the great reproach and Slander of many Reverend and Worthy Persons in the University. He was this day at a meeting of the Vicchancellor and Heads of the Houses, ordered to be Banished the University. The other *Terra filius*, and one more, being also convicted of certain Slandrous and Reproachful Passages uttered in their Speeches at that time, did there make a publick Acknowledgement, and beg Pardon for their fault upon their Knees, and subscribed the same with their Hands.

Venice, July 9. A Tartane arriving here from the Westward, the Master and ships company report, that a Privateer of *Majorca*, had after a Fight of four hours, taken a French ship near *Siracusa*. The Sicknes, we hear is very violent at *Malibha*, of which above 60 persons dyed every day.

Madrid, July 15. We are here very much concerned at the ill news we now first receive from *Sicily* of the loss of ours and the Dutch Fleet sustained the second past at *Palermo* by that of *France*, which we hear is since returned to *Thoulon*, to fetch supplies of Men and Provisions. The Marquis de *Casfel Rodrigo*, Son-in-Law to him of that name, who was some years since Governor of the *Spanish Netherlands*, at present General of the Horse in *Catalonia*, is nominated Viceroy of *Sicily*, in the room of the Duke de *Ferrandina*, who is recalled. The Marquis de *Seralvo* is likewise removed from the Government of *Catalonia*, and the Prince of *Parms*, now Viceroy of *Navarra* is appointed to succeed him. Our Forces in *Catalonia* have now taken the Field; they are not above 8000 Men; and we reckon the French not to be much stronger.

Genova, July 15. By a Vessel arrived here, we have advice, that the Squadron of Dutch Men of War is passed by to the Westward, in it's return home, as is believed from *Sicily*; where the affairs of the Spaniards seem to look very ill.

Copenhagen, July 20. Our King is at present employed in the Siege of *Lanscroon*; and we are told, that on the 17 instant his Majesty received Letters from the Sieur *Guldentieu*, Viceroy of *Norway*, giving an account, that on the 28 past, he had been engaged with a Body of Suedes, and that he had had the Victory over them, 600 of the Suedes having been killed, and several prisoners taken, with eight Colours; that thereupon he was advanced to *Wenningsberg*, within seven Leagues of *Gottenburg*, had made himself Master of that Post, and that he intended to march directly to *Gottenburg*.

Hamburg, July 24. From *Bremen* they write, that the Bishop of *Munster* and the Dukes of *Lunenbug* were finally agreed about the sharing their Conquests; that now nothing hindred the taking in hand the Siege of *Stade*: and it's added, that the Confederates had sent to summon the Governor, offering him very fair Conditions, if he would Treat with them before they

employed force, for that afterwards they would not grant the Garison any other Conditions than to be Prisoners of War. From *Pomeran* we hear, that the *Brandenburgs* have taken *Anclam*, after having set the Town on fire in four several places, by the throwing in Fireballs. The King of *Denmark* we hear besieges at present *Lanscroon*.

Strasburg, July 20. Yesterday the Duke of *Luxemburg* decamped from *Wiherstheim*, and marched towards *Haguenaw*, having sent all his great Baggage towards *Schlestadt*, and received a great quantity of Provisions from thence. The Imperial Army being reinforced by 3000 Men, drawn out of *Lauterburg*, is decamped from *Lauterburg* and *Billichem* to *Germerstheim*; where it seems the Duke of *Lorraine* intends to expect the French, if they design to relieve *Philipsburg*.

Spire, July 21. The 19 instant, a Battery of 10 pieces of Cannon was finished in the quarter of Count *Sturenberg*; from whence, as likewise from Prince *Herman's* Battery, the Town is continually Battered, Prince *Herman* is preparing another Battery of 12 pieces, and a third of six pieces, in his quarter. The 19, at night, Count *Sturenberg* attacked two Curtis or Retrenchments which the Besieged had made between the head of his Trenches and their Counterescarp; and after a very sharp action gained them. About midnight the Besieged made a very brisk Sally to dislodge the Besiegers, but were repulsed; the next morning, about seven a clock, the French made another Sally, and forced the Besiegers, after a stout resistance, to quit the first of those Retrenchments, but Count *Furstenburg*, a Colonel of Imperial Foot, coming out of the Trenches with a fresh supply, beat the French into the Town the third time, and so remained Masters of those Posts. In these actions, about 300 Men, some say more, were killed on both sides. The Imperial Army having quieted its quarter at *Croon-Weissenburg*, encamped yesterday at *Belheim*; near *Germerstheim*, whither the bridge of boat is brought down from *Lauterburg*. The Duke of *Luxemburg* is marching this way.

Franco, July 22. General *Vermuller*, who came hither dissatisfied, for that Count *Sturenberg* was appointed by the Duke of *Lorraine* to relieve him in the Siege of *Philipsburg*, and parted hence to *Mentz*, is since, as we are told, returned to the Army, upon a Letter he received from the Duke of *Lorraine*. We cannot now longer doubt, but that the Duke of *Luxemburg* does in good earnest mean to attempt the relief of *Philipsburg*, being passed by *Haguenaw*, and advancing towards the Imperial Army, which expects him near *Germerstheim*; so that we are here in much impatience to see what the issue will be of an action of so great importance. In the mean time, the Troops before *Philipsburg* seem every day to push on the Siege with greater vigor, to answer the resistance they meet with from the Besieged; who have not hitherto been wanting in any thing for the defence of the place; they had it seems made two Retrenchments to hinder the Besiegers from advancing their Trenches; which the 19 instant at night the

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Count *Starenberg* attacked, and after a long dispute gained them, and lodged his Men in them, though not without very considerable loss on both sides.

From the Camp before *Philipsburg*, July 22. The 19 instant Count *Starenberg* began to batter the Town from his Battery; and the same night he attacked, and after a sharp dispute, gained a small Fort or Redoubt which is before the Count's camp; we had on our side about 100 killed and wounded; and in the said Fort we found 85 of the French killed; so that the Siege advances very well, though we are afraid, that the overflowings of the *Rhine*, which begins to rise very much, will extremely incommode us. Yesterday the Imperial Army under the command of the Duke of *Lorraine*, came to *Heiligenstein*, within half a League from hence, and at present lies posted between *Spire* and *Germesheim*; from whence it will not stir till this place be taken. In the meantime, the Duke of *Lorraine* fortifies his Camp.

From the French Camp at *Selz*, in *Alsace*, July 23. We have been encamped here these two days, within five hours march from the Imperial Army, which lies posted between *Germesheim* and *Spire*, where they have two Brigades over the *Rhine*. We do not yet know when we shall remove from hence. From *Philipsburg* we hear, that the Besiegers rock the 19 at night, small Work or Fort, which lay before the Count's camp, and kept it, though with considerable loss on their side.

Cologna, July 24. The *Heer Vander Eeck*, Envoy from the Prince of *Orange*, who came to demand of the Duke of *Newburghs* Ministers a farther supply of Men, is returned to the Camp before *Maastricht*. From *Francfort* we hear, that General *Fermuller* was returned to the Army, which it was expected would be very suddenly engaged in a Battel with the French.

From the Camp before *Maastricht*, July 25. The 23 instant two of our Batteries began to play, the one of twelve pieces of Cannon, and the other of five; on the 23 we had a third Battery of eight pieces, and the 24, a fourth of six pieces, all of them carrying 24 lb. Bullet; and this day we have planted six whole Cannon, and three Culverins, with which we continually batter the Town from morning till night; but in the night the Besieged still repair the ruines our Cannon makes. They fire likewise very furiously upon us, and do great execution. The last night we advanced our Approaches so near to one of their Batteries or Redoubts, that it is believed we shall suddenly attack it. The Besieged have not since the Siege made any Sally, of which we know not the meaning. The *Rhine* grows is slightly wounded in the Cheek; and this day his Highness, who is constantly twice a day in the Trenches, received likewise a slight wound in the Arm. We hear as yet nothing of the Bishop of *Munster* Troops, who, it was said, were to come to this Siege.

Amsterdam, July 28. One of our Men of War is arrived from *Groningen*, from whence are come in her the Count *Oxenstjerne*, and another Senator of *Sueden*, who are going to *Nimwegen* in quality of Ambassadors from that Crown. The Captain of the said Man of War tells us, That the *Sieur Guldenlicu* was come with his Army within three Leagues of *Groningen*. We have Letters from *Mosco* of the 23 past, which say, That the Ambassador of this State was parted thence on his return home. That on the 19 of that Month a Fire happened in that City, which burnt several houses, and what is most to be lamented, that above 300 People were burnt or killed by other accidents. That on the 22, happened another Fire more violent than the other, burning down above 4000 houses, and destroying a great many People; so that by those frequent Fires that have hapned there of late, above half that City lies in Ashes.

Hague, July 28. The States of *Holland* are still assembled, but intend to separate about the middle of the next Week. We do not hear that a final resolution is as yet taken concerning the Equipping the Men of War designed for the *Mediterranean*. The Siege of *Munster* advances very well, the last Letters we have from thence are of the 25 instant, they give us an account, That in the Princes quarter were several Batteries, on which were planted 40 pieces of Cannon; which battered the Town very furiously, and had ruined two Batteries, and done other considerable execution; That the Besieged were not wanting likewise to make use of their Cannon, with great effect; That the 24, the Trenches were advanced within Pistol shot of an Out-Battion, there having been that night about 30 killed; That they were running several Lines, to discover the Mines of the Besieged; And that in a day or two, it was believed some of the Outworks would be stormed; That the 25, his Highness,

as he was coming out of the Trenches, whither he had led his own Regiment of Guards, received a Musket shot in the right Arm, which passing only through the fleshy part without touching the Bone, made a wound of little consideration, and did not hinder him from being on Horseback most part of that day. The *Rhine* grows is likewise wounded in the Cheek, but very lightly. The Major of Colonel *Fennel's* Regiment, who was said in our last to have been killed, is still alive, but very dangerously wounded. Our Letters from *Ormanau* tell us, that the Siege of *Philipsburg* begins to grow very warm; That the 19, at night, Count *Starenberg* attacked the Contra Approaches made by the Besieged, and gained them; but that to recover them, the French had made two great Sallies, and in the last obliged the Besiegers, who being reinforced, recovered those Posts again, and kept them; in which disputes, about 3 or 400 men are said to have been killed on both sides.

Paris, July 29. We are in hourly expectation to hear that a Battle has been fought between our Army and that of the Emperor in *Alsace*; the last Letters from those parts having them very near together, and the Duke of *Luxemburg* resolved to endeavor the relief of *Philipsburg* without any farther loss of time, and the rather, because that Siege begins to be pressed very closely. We have not since our last, any particular account of what passes at the Siege of *Alce*, though in general, it is said, that it advances very well, and that the place cannot hold out long, though in the mean time, the Besieged defend themselves very well. It is said that since the place was invested, 200 Men got into it from *St Omer*, or some other Spanish Garrison in that quarter. There be those that still discourse of the Prince of *Conde's* going for *Flanders*, to command the Kings Army there; but without any certainty. We expect every day to receive advice from *Thoulon* of the departure of our Fleet from thence, in order to its return to *Sicily*.

Advertisements.

Whereas divers of His Majesty's Subjects in and about the Cities of *London* and *W^mstminster*, and elsewhere, have been deceived in payment of their Duties for their Fire-hearths, to divers ill-minded Persons, who have forged Commissions in the names of *Abraham Anselm*, *John Pery*, and *Edw: Buckley* Esquires, the present Contractors for bringing in that Revenue; and under pretence of such forged Commissions have demanded the Duty, and gotten several Sums of Money from several persons: These are to give Notice, That one who goes by the name of *Benjamin Denton*, and by pretence of a forged Commission from the said Contractors, hath received several Sums of Money from several Persons, for their Duty of Hearth-money, is Detested of the said Abuse, and is now in Custody in *W^{ad}tree Camp*, *London*, where any Person or Persons that have paid any Chimney-money, and have Acquittances in the name of the said *Benjamin Denton* may charge him with Actions for the Monies he hath Received of them, or prosecute him on Indictments for the Abuse aforesaid.

Whereas Notice was heretofore given, That the Creditors of the most Nobles *Charles* late Duke of *Richmond* and *Lenox*, should bring in their Demands to *Mr Christopher Pitt* Draper at the *Plow* in *St Pauls Church yard*, and make Proof of their Debts before a Master in Chancery, who is to state and ascertain the same before the first day of next *Michaelmas* Term, according to a Decree made in the *High Court of Chancery* the 5th of *Jan* last: These are further to signify, That such Persons who shall neglect to bring in all their Demands to the said *Mr Pitt*, and to make Proof of their Debts accordingly before *Sir John Fantlyn* the Master in Chancery, appointed by the said Decree to state and ascertain the same, will be Barred by the said Decree from taking any Benefit thereof, the said Master having appointed Wednesday the 28 of *July* instant, at Eight of the Clock in the morning, at his Chamber in *Lincolns-Inn*, to receive such Demands and Proofs as shall be Exhibited; and so afterwards on every Friday, Monday, and Wednesday, at the time and place aforesaid.

Lost or stolen from His Grace the Duke of *Montmouth*, a Motly-speckled Greyhound, cropt ear'd, with one ear quite fow'd up. Whoever brings notice thereof to his Grace's Porter at the *Cockpit*, shall have ten shillings Reward.

Tolen or strayed the 12 instant, out of the Grounds of *Mr John Basbo* near *Woolverhampton* in the County of *Stafford*, A bright bay Mare, a white blaze in her Forehead, one white Foot behind, and part of her other white also, marked with L. B. on each buttock, about 15 han's, five years of age, all her paces. Whoever gives notice of the said Mare to *Mr George Smith* at the *Bell Inn* in *W^{est}-Smithfield*, or to the said *Mr Basbo*, shall have 20 s. Reward.