

Philipsburgh, were coming back towards *Haguenaw*, and that it was reported that the Duke of *Luxemburg* intended, by some considerable Action, to give the *Imperialists* a diversion. *Philipsburgh* in the mean time continues to make a good defence, and it's believed the place will hold out yet these 14 dayes. From *Lipstadt* they give us an account, That *Stade* was finally surrendered to the Duke of *Zell*, and that thereupon the Bishop of *Munster* had given orders for some of his Forces to part towards the *Rhine*, and it's said that the Vanguard of them is already arrived at *Wesel*.

From the Camp before *Mastricht*, Aug. 15. The 13 instant, in the morning, the Enemy made a Sally, to beat us out of the Lodgment we had made on the Counterscarp on the right hand of the Dauphins Bastion; that night, and the next morning, they made several other efforts to the same purpose, yet without any effect, though several men were killed on both sides: since they have not at all disturb'd us, and we have quietly kept our Posts as well there, as on the Left side of the said Bastion, have made a Line of Communication, and enlarged our Lodgments as far as the Palisadoes of the Counterscarp. We have likewise brought on the Miner, in order to his passing through, under the covered way, to the right side of the Hornwork, towards the *Bolduc Gate*, to Mine it; & though he was come this noon to the Ditch of the same, it will require yet 2 days to get under the work. We have raised three Batteries, one on the Dauphins Bastion, and the other on each side, under the favour of which, and of our Mines, we hope in 2 or 3 dayes to attack the Horn-work, and the Ravelin. Last night the *Rhingrave* was wounded with a Musket-shot, though, we hope, without danger.

From the same Camp, Aug. 17. Since mine of the 15, we have advanced with pretty good success; the last night the Count of *Solms*, who had the Watch with the Regiment of Guards, carried on the Trenches 60 paces along the Palisadoes of the Counterscarp towards the Ravelin, and this night the Work will be farther advanced; and besides, we shall endeavour to pass by the right point of the Horn-work, over the covered way, to the Ditch of the same, and to lodge there, to see, if under favor thereof, we can bring the Miners to the said point of the Hornwork, seeing in the said Ditch, the Earth is not high enough above the Water to make the Galleries between; and according to the success of this, it will be resolved, whether we shall first attack the said Hornwork, or whether we shall pass by it, and afterwards attack it in the neck. In the mean time we are preparing to attack the Ravelin to-morrow; and to-morrow morning we shall begin to fire from the three Batteries we have rais'd upon and on the two sides of the Dauphins Bastion. According to the report of the Deferters, the Governor has removed his Magazines to the *Wycke* side, being resolved to retire thither, when he cannot longer defend the Town on this side.

Nimeguen, Aug. 19. We have news here that 6000 men of the *Munster* and *Lunenburgh* Troops that were at *Stade*, arrived yesterday at *Wesel*, that they were to pass the *Rhine* there, and so continue their march to *Mastricht*.

Hague, Aug. 21. The confirmation we have from *Germany*, of the Retreat of the French Army, under the command of the Duke of *Luxemburg*, gives us ground to hope that *Philipsburgh* will now be surrendered very quickly. We hope the same of *Mastricht*, though that Siege proves a work of great difficulty, and that the French are preparing, as they give out, to relieve it. The last Letters we had from the Princes Quarter, are dated the 18 instant, they tell us, That they were endeavouring to pass between the Hornwork and a Ravelin, which latter they meant to attack very suddenly; That the night before, the Besieged had made a Sally, and dislodged the Besiegers; That that morning, viz. of the 18, the Besiegers had begun to Fire from three Batteries, which they had made on the Dauphins Bastion; and that a Mine which the Besieged had under a Hornwork, having sprung, as is supposed, through some Accident, had done them a great deal of mischief, having, as is said, destroyed a whole Battalion of Foot that was posted there. of which our next will give us the farther particulars. Our last Letters from *Brussels* are of the 19 instant, they say, That the French Army was marching by the *Grand Chaussée* to *Charleroy*, where the Vanguard was already arrived; That the Duke de

Villa Hermosa who decamped the 18 from *Marielirk*, arrived the same day within two Leagues from *Brussel*, having marched 9 hours; That that morning the 19, his Excellency pass'd the *Chenal*, a League beyond *Vilvoord*, and meant to be that night at *Spoelwin*, his highway to *Louvain*, about which time it was believed his Infantry, which he embarked at *Ghent*, would be arriv'd at *Malines*. The Count *Waldee* decamped the 18 from his quarters near *Brussels*, and intend'd to lodge the next day at *Lilemont*.

Charleroy, Aug. 18. The last Account we have of the Siege of *Mastricht*, comes by Letters from *Limburgh*, of the 16 inst. which is, That the Besiegers used great endeavors to advance to the *Bolduc Gate*, and that they lost a great many men daily; that hitherto they had been only able to lo:ge themselves on the point of the Counterscarp; however that they gave out, that the Prince of *Orange* had resolv'd to pass between two Hornworks, and an Half-moon, without Attacking them, and to approach directly to the Walls of the Town; which we can hardly believe, considering the hazard of it, and the great number of men that must needs be lost in so difficult a work. This morning the *Marschal de Crequi* caus'd all the Cavalry that has been encamp'd hereabouts, since the beginning of this month, to march, in order to their joining the *Marschal de Schomberg*, who was yesterday at *Senefr*.

Tournay, Aug. 21. The *Marschal d'Humieres* is returned to *Lilles*, his Troops, which were employ'd in the Siege of *Arre*, and the taking the Fort of *Limbe* being about 10000 men, besides the Garisons that were left in those two places, having join'd the *Marschal de Schomberg*, who, as our Letters tell us, was to encamp yesterday at *Charleroy*: He will have a very considerable Army, and we are here in expectation to hear very suddenly of some great Action. For it is said that he will endeavor to raise the Siege of *Mastricht*, as we may believe that the Enemy will not omit any thing on their part to prevent it, so that it must come to a Battel. The Duke de *Villa Hermosa* was, according to our last Advices, marching with great diligence, to join Count *Waldeck* on the other side of *Brussels*.

Paris, Aug. 27. In our last, we told you of a Report that was spread all out Town, that *Philipsburgh* was taken by the *Imperialists*, which is since contradicted, our last Letters from *Alsace* giving us an account, That the place still makes a brave defence, and may do so for some time longer, the Governor being resolv'd to hold it out till the last. The Duke of *Luxemburg*, as these Letters inform'd us, was encamp'd about *Wesfenburgh*, from whence he intend'd to remove, for the conveniency of Forage, which they there very much want. In *Flanders* we hear, *Marschal de Soubise* is drawing together what Force he can, in order to the relief of *Mastricht*; and we are assur'd, that he will have an Army of 35000 men. From *Sicily* they write of a Conspiracy that had been discovered there, and that several considerable Persons were concern'd in it. The arrival of our Fleet was daily expected at *Messina*.

Advertisements.

WHEREAS Friday the 25 of this instant *August*, was the day appointed by my Lord Treasurers, to receive Proposals for Farming of the whole Excize for three years, to Commence from the Expiration of the present Farm; These are to give Notice, That his Lordship hath adjourn'd the same until Monday the 2d day of *October* next in the forenoon, when his Lordship will be ready at the Treasury Chambers in *Whitehall*, to receive such Proposals as shall be then made for Farming of the said Duty.

THE last Part of Mr *Pool's* Synopsis Criticorum, &c. is to be deliver'd at *St John's* Gate-house near *Smithfield* in *London*, upon the 6th day of *September* next; and any day in the Week, except Saturday, between the hours of Two and five in the afternoon, when the Subscribers sending their last Payment, are to receive the said last Part.

STolen or Strayed the 7th instant, out of the Grounds of *John Smith* of *Kingsington* in the County of *Middlesex*, A whitish dunn Gelding, blackish Mane and Tail, five years old, marked with S. on the near shoulder. Whoever gives notice of him to the said *John Smith*, or to Mr *Samuel Smith* Cross-bow-maker near *Tempel-bar*, shall be well rewarded.

THese are to give Notice That the Ancient Fair at *Kelling* in the County of *Norfolk*, will be this Year kept, according to the accustomed manner, at *Kelling* aforesaid, on *Holyrood* day, being the 14 of *September* next.

STrayed or stolen the 12 instant, out of the Grounds of *Nehemiah Knowlton* at *Watford* in the County of *Hertsford*, A Bay Gelding, above 14 hands, 10 years old, trots all, a white streak down his face, a white heel on his farther foot behind, with some gray hairs upon that leg. Whoever gives notice of him to Mr *James Smalman* at the *Black-bull* in *Holborn*, or to the said *Nehemiah Knowlton*, shall have 20 s. Reward.