

Troops, which would best pass, because of the extraordinary lowness of the water. Having seen all our Cannon embarked, and sent the Boats away, we marched thither in sight of the Enemy, without any Action, save that in the passing a certain narrow way, some skirmishes hapned, in which the Enemy was still repulsed. It was to have been wisht, that it would have pleased God to have blessed the extraordinary diligence, vigilance and pains which his Highness hath with the greatest care and application taken during this Siege, with so great danger to his person with a better success for the good of the state: but seeing it hath not been his Holy Will, I will pray that he will please in other occasions to give the Arms of the state a better success.

From the Camp near Dupenbeock, Aug. 29. 1676.

*Disco, Sept. 4.* The trouble which the news of the raising the Siege of *Maestricht* gave us, is much increased by what the Letters from *Maestricht* of the 30 past tell us, of the taking of all our Boats, or at least the greatest part of them, in which was our Artillery, Ammunition and Provisions; to which we are as yet unwilling to give credit, till we have it confirmed. Our Army according to our last advices was at *Warem*, from whence they intended to continue their march yesterday towards the Enemy. Our Letters from *Hamburg* give us hopes that the *Munster* and *Lannenburg* Troops, making together a Pody of 16000 Men, will march very suddenly towards the *Rhine*. The States having sent orders to two of their Men of War, in the service of *Denmark* to return, the Danish Admiral would not permit them to obey those orders, which they notwithstanding did, and departed, which has caused as is said some dissatisfaction.

*Busfels, Sept. 1.* We have Letters from our Army of the 30 instant, they tell us, That having quitted the Siege of *Maestricht* (as you have already heard) they continued that day, being the 27 and the following about *Lenaken*, while, in the mean time, their Cannon, Ammunition, &c. was embarked, which was done with very extraordinary difficulty; every Regiment of Horse furnishing a certain number of Horses to draw the Cannon to the River side; which being very low, most of the biggest Boats were on ground, insomuch, that his Highness caused 15 or 16 of them to be burnt, to prevent their falling into the Enemies hands, and a very great quantity of Meal was likewise thrown into the River, for that there wanted of Boats to put it into; that the Enemy having notice of the disorder that was occasioned by the embarking of so many Cannon &c. advanced with several Squadrons of Horse to make some attack upon the Rear of our Troops, but found them in so good a posture that they retired again without doing any thing; however some skirmishes hapned, in which several Prisoners were taken by the Enemy. His Highness having at length seen all his Cannon, Ammunition, sick and wounded Men, &c. shipped, and the Boats departed towards *Ruremond*, with a Convoy of several Squadrons of Horse and Dragoons, under the command of the Count *de Flodorp*, decamped the 29 in the morning, and marched to *Dupenbeock*, and the next day the Army continuing its march encamped near *St Tron*; where it was to remain that and the day following. In the mean time at *Maestricht* the French are ruining all the Works that are made by the Besiegers, and putting the place again in a posture of defence, by repairing the ruines and breaches in their Fortifications, which were so great in the Wall of the Town, that it's said 80 Men might

have entered a breast; and we are informed from good hands, that the Garrison was lessened by half during the Siege, and most of the principle Officers killed or wounded. We have an account that the *Rhinegrave* died on Sunday last.

*Duis, Sept. 4.* The first instant, after that the Prince of *Orange* had given orders for the three English and nine Dutch Regiments, which have particularly suffered in the Siege of *Maestricht*, to return to *Holland*, to go into quarters, the Army decamped from the Neighbourhood of *St Tron*, and marched to *Warem*, the Duke of *Villa Hermosa* being in the Van with the Spanish Troops, the Duke of *Osnaburg* in the middle, and the Prince of *Orange* in the Rear, the 2d instant the Army continued at *Warem*, and that night the French under the command of the Marschal *de Schomberg* lodged within a League and half of our right Wing. The 3d, the Confederate marched to *Fanche*, where they understood that the Van of the French was come to *Palais*. This morning by break of day our Army marched again towards the Enemy; so that it's probable we may hear of some action between them. The Prince of *Friesland*, the Prince of *Carristia*, and several other Persons of Quality are gone sick from our Army. We have Letters from *Lege* of the 1st instant, which say, That the French had taken most of the Boats in which was laden the Princes Cannon, his Ammunition, &c. of which our Letters from the Camp make not any mention; and therefore we would fain believe it a report only, though there seems too much ground to fear it is true. This place is at present very much troubled with a new Distemper, which is apprehended infectious; however it is, a great many people die daily.

*Paris, Sept. 5.* In our last we gave you an account of the raising the Siege of *Maestricht*, of which we have these particulars, viz, That the 26 past the Enemy made a general Assault upon the Hornwork, Half Moon, and other Out-Works, which not succeeding, in a Council of War it was resolved to abandon the Siege; that the 26 the Marschal *de Schomberg* encamped at *Tibise*, within a League of *Tongres*; and the next morning continued his march very near to *Maestricht*; in the mean time the *Osnaburg* and *Newburg* Troops having burnt their Bridge at *Mont St Pierre*, passed the River at *Dueneemes*, and joined the Dutch and Spanish Troops. The 27 and 28 the Enemy were employed to embark their Cannon, Ammunition, &c. which they did with great trouble, by reason of the lowness of the Water, several Boats and Carriages they themselves set on fire, and great quantities of Provisions were thrown by them into the River. The 29, the Confederate Army decamped, and retired towards *St Tron*, Marschal *Schomberg* charged them in the Rear, and took several Prisoners, while the Duke *e Villeroi*, and the *Sieur de Morai* took 50 of the Enemies Boats, which could not pass by reason of the lowness of Water, and in them 26 pieces of Cannon, 700 Muskets, a very great quantity of Powder, and many sick and wounded Men, which were carried to *Maestricht*, together with three pieces of Cannon, which the Enemies left behind them in their Trenches; and we have Letters from *Maestricht* of the 1st instant, which say, that several Boats were every day brought thither, besides those taken by Monsieur *Montal*, laden with Provisions, Ammunition, and Merchandizes of Particulars who came to the Leaguer. Our Letters from *Alsace* say, that *Philippburg* continues to make a brave defence, and that in all appearance the place may hold out yet this Month; That on the 29 past, the Duke of *Luxemburg* was at *Rheinaw*, two Leagues below *Brissac*, where he was preparing to pass the *Rhine*, to go and besiege *Friburg* in *Brissac*.

*Wiesbaden, Aug. 29.* Yesterday about eight a Clock in the morning, her Royal Highness was happily brought to Bed of a Daughter, who was this morning Christned, by the name of *Isabella*, the Lord High Treasurer being Godfather, and the Duches of *Monmouth* and Countess of *Peterborough* Godmothers.

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