

against the Fort *des Vaches*, and have been since carried on with good success and little loss. This morning we have begun to batter on the Town from a Battery of 10 pieces of Cannon. This day we expect in our Camp nine Battalions of Foot, and several Squadrons of Horse, which we told you in our last were detached from the Camp before *Cambrai*. We have advice that the Prince of *Orange* has passed the Canal of *Bruges*, and is marching this way.

From the Camp before *Cambrai*, April 7. On the last of *March*, and the first instant, we continued our Works, without that any thing considerable happened; the 2d, the Duke de la *Ferrière*, Marshal of *France*, and the Count d' *Audren*, Lieutenant General, went into the Trenches, and that night we attacked two Half-moons, and a Horn-work, and made our selves Masters of them with the loss of about 1500 Men; the 3d, about 3 in the afternoon, the Miner was fixed to the walls of the Town, whereupon the Besieged demanded to Capitulate, the Count d' *Avoygne* received their Hosiages, and the King granted them a Truce for 24 hours. The next morning the Sieur de *Bis*, who commanded the Cavalry in the Town, and a Spanish Colonel, desired leave to speak with his Majesty, and being accordingly brought to the Kings Tent, his Majesty told them, that he expected one of the Gates of the Town should be delivered up on Monday at five a clock in the afternoon, and that his Troops should possess themselves of the Streets, Ramparts, and other places, in the same order as the Spanish Troops did quit them to retire into the Cittadel, which was agreed to; and accordingly executed without any hostilities, the whole Garrison retiring into the Cittadel, whither they had removed all their Ammunition, Cannon, &c. which being done, the Truce expired, and we began to fire again. The 5th, the Trenches were opened against the Cittadel, with the loss of about 10 Men on our side; The 6th, we advanced the Trenches very near to the Gates of the Counterfort, and we finished two Batteries. The last night the Besieged made a Sally, and interrupted our work for some time, but the Workmen that had quitted their ground, were soon brought back, and the Bombay retired. In the mean time the King having received advice of the march of the Prince of *Orange*, resolved to send a farther reinforcement to the Duke of *Orleans* who is before *St. Omer*, and accordingly this morning the Duke of *Luxembourg* is marched with two Companies of the Kings Musquetiers, the Company of Grenadiers on Horseback, and eight Battalions of Foot, of which two are of the Kings Guards. To-morrow we shall begin to throw Bombes into the Cittadel. This morning the Count d' *Avoygne* is wounded in the head, which, it's hoped, is not dangerous.

*Bruges*, April 7. In our former we acquainted you, that part of the Prince of *Orange's* Army was come into our Neighborhood, to which we have now to add, that on the 3d instant, some thousands more arrived; that the next day they all passed our Canal over three Bridges that had been prepared for that purpose; their Artillery, which consisted in 11 Field-pieces, and two small Mortar-pieces, passing at the same time through this place, wher remains great part of their Baggage. The said Forces took their march towards *Ipres*, under the command of Count d' *Waldesch*; that the 5th, in the morning, the Duke de *Montal*, General of the Spanish Cavalry, who was here, having notice that the Prince of *Orange* was on his way hither from *Ghent*, went out accompanied with several Officers, and other Gentlemen, and attended with three Troops of Horse, to meet his Highness, for whose reception all preparation was in the mean time made here but in the after-

noon we understood that his Highness would not come into the Town, but meant to pass by without making any halt, and Orders came not to discharge our Cannon, which might advertise the Enemy of his Highnesses march, who, about five in the evening, passed by the *Smeek-Port*, where he received the Complement of our Magistrates on Horseback, and then continued his march, lodging that night at *Turbour*, four Leagues from hence. Yesterday his Highness had his quarters within a League of *Ipres*, and this night according to the measures that had been taken his Highness encamped at *Poperingue*, between *Ipres* and *St. Omer*. This morning 200 of the Princes Horse-Guards passed through this City, and some hours after arrived 3000 Foot by water from *St. van Ghent* who are marched with all diligence to the Camp, and to-morrow 3000 more are expected. To-morrow likewise Don *Diego de Spinola*, Governor of *Ostend*, parts from thence to the Camp, in order to his accompanying his Highness this Campaigne.

*Hague*, April 9. His Highness the Prince of *Orange* was on Saturday last at *Antwerp*, where he was met by the Duke de *Villa Hermosa*, but without making any considerable stay, continued his march towards *Bruges*, to join his Army, with which he will certainly attempt to relieve *St. Omer*; the Heer *Tromp* has received his Commission, constituting him Lieutenant Admiral of the *United Provinces*. It is said, it is at present under debate, whether it will not be necessary to add some more ships to the Squadron of Men of War designed for *Sicily*. From *Germany* our Letters tell us, that the Duke of *Lorraine* is certainly on his march towards the *Moselle*.

*Paris*, April 10. In our last we told you that the King had detached from his Camp nine Battalions to reinforce the Duke of *Orleans*, and since we are informed, that upon advice of the march of the Prince of *Orange*, the King had detached eight Battalions more, with two Companies of Musquetiers, and 10000 Horse, under the command of the Duke of *Luxembourg* the King remaining at *Cambrai* only with 19 or 2000 Men. We expect to hear suddenly that as well the Cittadel of *Cambrai*, as *St. Omer* is taken, for those Sieges are very well advanced.

*Calais*, April 12. The Prince of *Orange* being advanced with his Army to *Poperingue*, with design to relieve *St. Omer*, besieged by the Duke of *Orleans*, his Highness having received very opportunely a considerable reinforcement from the Kings Camp before *Cambrai*, under the command of the Duke of *Luxembourg*, resolved to leave 8 or 9000 Men to guard the Works at *St. Omer*, and to advance to meet the Prince of *Orange*, which was accordingly done, and yesterday in the morning the two Armies faced each other near *Cassel*, and about eight in the morning began the Fight, which was obstinately maintained on both sides, till the night put an end to it; during the Battel, 6000 fresh Men came in to the Prince, which notwithstanding, it is said, his Army was not so numerous as ours. The farther particulars we as yet want, though in the mean time these are several reports, which give the Kings Forces the advantage in the Fight, but being without any certainty, we omit them, and refer you to our next.

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On Thursday the 29 of *March*, on the Road between *Barny* and *London*, a white Spaniel Bitch, with a spot in her forehead and ears, and amber left shoulder and her rump, all of a sad liver colour, the Bitch is young with Whelp, the being between a Land and Water Spaniel. Whoever gives notice of her to the *Porters Lodge* at *Whitehall*, shall have 20s.