

This morning came in the last of the 3 Mails due from Holland, to wit, that of Friday the 30th of August; which was brought over by the *Eagle* Packet-Boat, Captain Grey Commander, and landed yesterday at Dover. The *Eagle* came from Holland the 2d instant in company of the *Mitchell* Packet-Boat, who had on Board the two former Mails, but was separated from her in a great Storm the 3d at night.

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IN the long march of 7 Leagues that the Marschal de Villeroi made the 2d instant from *Taviers* to *Sombress*, he left 4000 Men, who deserted, and left behind him a great many of his Foragers; having lain all night at *Sombress*, he sent in the morning two Regiments of Dragoons and one of Horse to *Dinant*, and the like number to *Philipville*, and in the afternoon he decamped, and marched toward the *Sambre*, and while his Army passed the River near *Charleroy*, he had a long Conference with the Governor of that place; after which he ordered 5 Pieces of Cannon to be discharged for a Signal to the Foragers to return to his Camp, and on the 4th instant he continued his march to *Philipville*, and encamped near that place, his Camp stretching towards *Gerpines*.

His Majesty upon notice of the Marschal de Villeroi's Retreat, sent on the 4th instant in the morning 20 Battalions from his Army to the Camp before the Castle of *Namur*, and followed presently after himself; On the 5th instant in the morning the Garrison marched out of the Castle through the Breaches according to the Capitulation; The Elector was on Horseback, and His Majesty in cognito in a Coach to see them; and of 15000 Men that the Garrison consisted of at first there were scarce 5000 Men left, and those most of them in a very bad condition, the Marschal de Boufflers and the Count de Guiscard were at the Head of them, and they had not gone far before the Marschal de Boufflers was Arrested by the Kings Order by way of Reprisal for the Garrisons of *Dixmuyde* and *Dynse*, which are detained by the French contrary to their Capitulation and the Cartel, and he was brought back Prisoner to the Town, and 'tis said he will be sent from thence to *Breda*; There were found in the Castle about 80 Pieces of Cannon and 12 Mortars, and 'tis thought the French have buried some Pieces of Cannon, which are not yet found; 'Tis said the French after the Capitulation was signed, threw a great quantity of Meal and Powder into the *Sambre*, and let out the Wine and Beer that was in the Cellars; In the afternoon *Te Deum* was Sung by the Bishop of the place in the great Church, at which the Elector and all the General Officers assisted, and the Service ended with great Acclamations of the People, and a Triple discharge of the Artillery.

The Prince de Vaudemont came hither two days ago from the Army, and this morning the English Troops marched from hence to join the Count de Tilly, who is come from *Louvain* to the Burnt-Bridge, in order to pass the Canal there and march into *Flanders*.

From the Kings Camp at *Sombress*, Septemb. 8. 1695. N. S. This day the Army march'd from *Bouquet* to *Sombress*, being about two Leagues, to morrow we shall continue our march near 4 Leagues farther to *Bois Seigneur Isaac* beyond *Nivelle*.

The French having made a Detachment of 2000 Men towards *Dinant* for the security of that place, and being marcht with their whole Body towards their Lines near *Mons*, His Majesty has left the *Brandenburg*, *Hesse*, and *Lunenbourg* Troops to assist the other Battalions at *Namur* to level the Trenches and other Works, and to mend the Breaches, who are afterwards to march further to observe the French between the *Sambre* and the *Meuse*, and towards the *Condross*, His Majesty marching himself towards *Flanders*, to secure those parts, and to dispose the Troops within their Winter Quarters.

The Marschal de Boufflers is removed from *Namur* to *Mastricht* under the Conduct of Monsieur *L'Estang*.

The Hostages for performance of the Capitulation of the Castle of *Namur* are returned on both sides.

An Account of the Artillery and Ammunition found in the Castle of *Namur*, upon a Survey the 3d and 4th of September, 1695.

Cannon, Seven 24 Pounds, three 16 Pounds, two 12 Pounds, nine 10 Pounds, four 8 Pounds, twelve 6 Pounds, eighteen 5 Pounds, ten 4 Pounds, three 3 Pounds, one 2 Pounder. In all 69.

Four Mortars with the Arms of France, Four Hauwitzers with the same, about 28 thousand weight of Powder in several places, 50 Great Bombs of 500 pound weight, 2000 Ordinary Bombs, about 1000 lesser Bombs, 750 Grenades of 24 pound weight, 4000 Ordinary Gren des fi'd, 150 Barrels of Cannon Ball, about 15 Tun of Salt Petre and Brimstone, and 800 spare Musquets.

Hague, Sept. 9. The States have ordered Notification to be given to all the Foreign Ministers residing here, of the taking of *Namur*; For which they have appointed a day of General Thanksgiving and Publick Rejoycing. The Lord Viscount *Villers*, His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, had this day his publick Audience of the States General, with the usual Ceremonies. The 7th instant arrived at *Rotterdam* 60 Merchant Ships with 3 Dutch Men of War from *Scotland*.

Paris, Sept. 5. The News of the Surrender of the Castle of *Namur* has somewhat surprized this Court, for they thought it would have held out much longer; It is to be delivered up this day, being the French Kings Birth-Day, which will spoil the Compliments to be made on this occasion. The Marschal de Villeroi, so soon as he heard of the Capitulation, drew off with his Army towards *Charleroy*, and part of it passed the *Sambre* in order to put Troops into *Dinant*, *Philipville*, and other Garrisons from whence they had been drawn to endeavour to raise the Siege. 'Tis said the Court has received advice from the Duke of *Vendosme*, that upon his march towards *Palamos*, the Spaniards who lay before that place, were drawn off; But People here are so prepossessed with their concern for the loss of *Namur*, that this News, whether it be true or false is very little minded. The Place where they used to Bake their Biscuit at *Toulon* for the Fleet, is burnt down, and 15000 Rations of Biscuit consumed, besides a great quantity of Meal, which will retard the getting out the Fleet so soon as was designed.

Cologne, Sept. 5. Several Couriers are passed through this place with the good News of the taking of *Namur*, which occasions great Rejoycing in all these parts.

Frankfort, Septemb. 3. The Army under the Command of Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* continues in its Camp at *Ranckenberg* near *Vieseloch*; and the *Brandenburg* Forces near *Mentz*. The French Army is still encamped near *Frankendal*, reaching towards *Leiningen*, being commanded by the Marschal de *Joyeuse*; The Marschal de *Lothe* continuing at *Neustadt*, not yet perfectly recovered of his late illness. A Party of 20 Germans had some days ago a Rencontre with a Party of 30 French, of whom they killed several, and took most of the rest Prisoners.

Vienna, Aug. 27. The Imperial Army commanded by the Elector of *Saxony* and General *Caprara* was encamp'd the 20th of this month (which was the date of our last Letters from thence) over-against *Peter Waradin* on the other side of the *Danube*. They had received advice, that the Grand Signior was come to *Belgrade*; That part of the Turkish Troops had passed the *Danube*, and 'twas said the rest of the Army would do the like so soon as the Bridge they were laying over the *Danube* between *Vilova* and *Banzoua*, was finished; which looking as if the Enemy had some design towards *Transylvania*, an Express was dispatched from the Imperial Camp, to give notice thereof to General *Vetserani* who commands the Emperors Forces on that side; and it was resolved in a Council of War to send a strong Detachment from our Army towards *Batsch*, (who accordingly began their march the 20th) to observe the Enemies Motions, according to which the Imperial Generals would take their farther Measures.

Turn, Aug. 26. The Forces of the Allies continue in separate Camps; The Imperial Infantry with the Regiments of Foot in the Service of the Duke of *Savoy* at *Rivalta*, and the Horse near *Orquette*; The Spanish Troops lie at *La Veillane*; and 'tis said they are all to join at *Piofisque*, where a Camp is marked out for them. The French make all the delays they can in demolishing the Fortifications of *Casal*; but my Lord *Galway* is returned thither from this place (where he arrived the last week to assist at a Council of War) in order to hasten them, and to endeavour to have this Work finished by the end of this or the beginning of the next month. The Duke of *Savoy* has been indisposed with a Tertian Ague, but not having had any Fit these 4 days, 'tis hoped 'tis gone off: His Royal Highness was abroad this day, and designs to return in few days to the Army; Whither we hear a great many Bombs and Carcasses are ordered to be sent from *Milan*.

Venice, Aug. 26. The Senate have received Letters from the Captain General dated the 20th of July, by which he gives an Account, That he was then with the Venetian Fleet in the Port of *Andros*, and was preparing to sail to meet the Turkish Fleet, which by the last advice he had of them, was between *Scio* and *Niselen*.