

the Blockade of Mantua. That 1000 French sallied out of that place, and attacked a Tower called *Tosfo*, in which were posted a Lieutenant of the Regiment of *Lichtenfeyn* with 40 Soldiers, who defended themselves with great Resolution, till the French having set fire to the Tower, they were put under a Necessity of surrendering or being burnt. The 16th, upon Advice that the French Forces continued their Preparations in *Pavia* and *Lodi*, Orders were sent to all the Imperial Regiments to be in a Readiness. The 17th Count *Meret*, who was exchanged for one of the French General Officers taken at *Cremona*, being recovered of his Wounds, arriv'd here from that City. We had an Account, That all the Enemy's Succours, were arriv'd from France, consisting of 25000 Foot, besides the Horse. The 18th Count *Trautsmansdorf*, who commands the Blockade of Mantua, sent Letters to Prince *Engene*, confirming the Account of the Action at the Tower of *Tosfo*, and adding, That the French had 25 Soldiers killed, and a Colonel and 30 Soldiers wounded, and that the Germans had but 4 Men killed: He writ likewise, That our Men behaved themselves with so much Bravery, that Count *Tesse*, who commands the French in Mantua, sent a Trumpeter to him with a Compliment upon it. The 19th the *Sieur Mongon*, who was taken by the Germans in the Action of *Cremona*, and remained there upon Parole, came hither and surrendered himself. We received an Account, That the Reinforcement of Horse the Enemy have lately received from France consists of Eight Squadrons of Gen'd'Armes, Four of Carabiniers, Six of Dragoons, and 12 of other Horse. They continue to draw their Forces together near *Lodi*.

*Vienna March 29. N. S.* The Secretary of Count *Lewesteyn*, the Emperor's Envoy, arriv'd here this day from *Nordlingen*, and brings an Account, That the Circles of *Franconia*, *Swabia* and the *Upper Rhine*, and the Electoral Circle of the *Rhine*, are enter'd into an Association Offensive and Defensive with the Circle of *Austria*, and that they are very willing to enter into the Grand Alliance on certain Conditions, which are laid before the Emperor for his Approbation. The *Sieur Moreten*, the French Secretary left here by the *Marquis de Villars*, has received Orders from the French Court, to propose a Cartel to be made between the Imperialists and the French, for the Exchange of the Prisoners taken in *Italy*. Count *Albeim* went from hence this Morning to *Innsbruck*, to remove *Marshall Villeroi* from that place to *Gratz* in *Syria*. The Prince *della Maccchia*, one of the Noblemen concern'd in the late Rising at *Naples*, who made his Escape to the Imperial Army in *Italy*, arriv'd here from thence some days ago. Several Persons of Quality, who are to attend the King of the *Romans* during the Campaign, are preparing their Equipage with all possible expedition. The Imperial Forces which are to serve on the *Rhine*, continue their March, as do likewise the Reinforcements order'd to *Italy*.

*Berlin, April 4.* The King of *Prussia*, upon the Death of His late Majesty of *Great Britain*, has taken the Stiles of Prince of *Orange*, Count of *Lingen*, *Neurs*, *Bubern*, and *Lehrdam*, *Marquis of Bibre*, and *Bliffingen*, and Lord of *Breda*; and has resolv'd to take a Journey to *Cleves*. Letters from *Libau* in *Cowland* of the 28th Instant say, a Detachment of the Swedish Forces in *Lithuania* being sent to attack a Body of the Confederated Nobility, who were posted under the Command of the *Sieur Oginsky* at a Place call'd *Wyakum*, the latter retir'd with great Precipitation to the Frontiers of *Muscovy*, and the Swedes were marching in pursuit of them. A Body of 6000 Swedes was sent to *Wilda*, to demand Contributions of that City. Those Letters make no mention of the Ambassadors of the Republick of *Poland*, who, 'tis therefore suppos'd, were not yet come to the Swedish Camp.

*Frankfort, April 5.* Count *Nassau Weylburg*, General of the Electoral Palatine's Horse, Count *Pahlen*, and several other Officers of Note, are at present in this City; and have given directions for their Equipage to be got ready, in order to their taking the Field by the month of *May*. The Imperial Horse which were quarter'd near the *Rhine*, continue to draw together in the Neighborhood of *Philippsburg*, and will be join'd in a day or two by a Regiment of Dragoons of 800 men, which the Bishop of *Wurzburg* has put into the Emperor's Service. The Forces which the Circles of *Austria*, *Swabia*, *Franconia*, and the Upper and Lower *Rhine*, have agreed to furnish for supporting the Common Cause, will shortly begin to march towards their several Rendezvous. The Fortifications of *Spires* are almost finish'd, and a Bridge of Boats is building near that Place over the *Rhine*.

*Cologne, April 7.* The Prince of *Nassau Saarbruck*, *Monfieur Doff*, and several other General Officers, in the Service of the States General, came two days ago from *Dusseldorp* to *Mulheim*, about two Leagues from hence, near which place 7 Dutch Regiments of Horse, and 6 of Foot, are encamp'd, having with them a Train of heavy Artillery, and several Regiments of Horse and Foot more are expected there; 'tis thought they design to attack the Fort the French have lately built near the *Rhine* over against *Ben*. The French wanting Boats and other Materials to finish the Bridge they had begun to make over the *Rhine* at *Keiserstaart*,

they have quite demolish'd it. The Bridge which the Elector of *Saxony* has order'd to be built at *Dusseldorp*, is very near finish'd. The French Garrisons at *Zons* and *Nuy* are changed so often, that it cannot be easily known how strong they are. They write from *Munster*, that the Bishop of that place has given orders for 4 Regiments of his Forces to be in a readiness to march, which, 'tis said, he intends to put into the Service of the States General.

*Hamburgh, April 7.* We have an account from *Brunswick* that there is at present a Difference between the two Dukes of *Wolfenbuttle*; that Duke *Rudolphus*, the Elder Brother, appears enclin'd to quit his Engagements with France; But his Brother Prince *Anthony* continues of an other mind. Our last Letters from the Swedish Army say, one of their Parties had defeated a strong Party of the *Sieur Oginsky's* Forces; that they killed divers of them, and took several Prisoners, with 4 peices of Cannon. The Swedish Forces in *Pomeran* are drawing together near *Stetin*, and are to be join'd by the Troops of the Duke of *Holslein*, who have Orders to march in 14 Day.

*Hannover, April 7.* The Elector of *Hannover* return'd hither yesterday from *Engdorf*. The King of *Prussia* arriv'd here this day from *Berlin*, and intends, after having pass'd a day or two at this Court, to continue his Journey towards *Cleves*. The Elector of *Hannover*, and the Duke of *Cell*, have sent two of their Ministers to *Brunswick*, to treat with Duke *Rudolphus* of *Wolfenbuttle* concerning an Accommodation: But Duke *Anthony* his Brother shews hitherto no inclination to quit the French Interest. *Monfieur Fuchs* the King of *Prussia's* Minister is also gone thither, to endeavor to forward this Negotiation. In the mean time the Town of *Brunswick* is block'd up by the Forces of *Hannover* and *Cell*, and they raise Contributions in the Country of *Wolfenbuttle*.

*Brussels, April 10.* An Express arriv'd here yesterday from the Lower *Rhine*, with an account, that the Hostilities are already begun on that side by the Forces of the Allies; and that a Detachment of 3000 Men march'd the 7th Instant from the Dutch Camp at *Mulheim* to *Stegberg*, not far from *Bon*, on the other side the *Rhine*, with a design, as 'tis believ'd, to attack the Fort lately built by the French on that River over against *Bon*. Upon these advices several orders have been given for the French and Spanish Forces to advance towards the Frontiers. The Regiments of French and Swiss Foot Guards, and the Horse which were quarter'd here, march'd this morning to *Diell*, and the Battalion of *Havrade* is march'd to *Zuerwep*; and a Regiment of Horse is sent to *Lierre*.

*Hague, April 11.* The States General having resolv'd to return an Answer to the Memorial present'd to them the 31st past by *Monfieur Barre* the French Resident, the same was deliver'd to him on the 9th Instant, as follow's.

That their H. and M. Lordships do always enough remember that happy time, in which their Republick was in a strict Confederacy with the Crown of France, being then united together by mutual Interests; That they have never done any Thing which might occasion any Change or Alteration therein; But that, to their great Regret, they have not been able to have the Honour to continue in the Affection of His said Majesty, as they have been in that of his Predecessors, of Glorious Memory, although they have always highly esteem'd his Friendship, and have given Proofs of their doing so upon every occasion, as much as could be expected and desired from a Free and Sovereign Republick; That their H. and M. Lordships have likewise constantly endeavour'd to contribute all they were able to the Preservation of the General Peace, provided they might have a reasonable Security for their State: And what they have done both before and after the Decese of the late King of Spain, to attain to so good an End, is sufficiently known, in so much that they are well assur'd, that their good and sincere Intentions have appear'd to the Eyes of all the World: But the Negotiation begun for finding out proper Means (if possible) to preserve the General Peace, having been broke off, by the recalling of the *Sieur Count d'Arville*, Ambassador Extraordinary from His said Majesty; And their H. and M. Lordships being in no wise secure of the Good-will of his said Majesty; seeing also their Barrier possess'd by his Troops, the Preparations for War on their Frontiers augmented daily, their State surronded, and as it were, block'd up on every side, and the Efforts that have been us'd to shut it up entirely, as well as to deprive them of their Friends, they found themselves under a Necessity to Arm, likewise on their side, or put themselves into a Posture of Defence, to ask the Assistance of their Friends and Allies, and to enter into such other Engagements with them as they found necessary for their mutual Defence and Security; That their H. and M. Lordships do at present see clearly enough, by the said Memorial, that the Precautions they have taken are neither useless nor superfluous, since it does thereby appear, That his said Majesty is resolv'd upon a War, and stays only for a proper Season to put his numerous Armies upon Action; That as their H. and M. Lordships cannot see how they are guilty of casting any Reproaches upon his said Majesty, as they are charg'd with in the said Memorial, so they do not think they have deserv'd to be tax'd, as they are therein, with several Things; in regard to which they have ask'd with