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From the Camp at Lens, July 9. N. S.

THE maintaining the Post of Arleux, which our Troops made themselves Masters of the 6th Instant, being of great Importance to us, as it preserves to us the Course of the Waters of the Senset, which make the Scarpe and the Deule navigable, Monsieur des Roques, the Engineer, was order'd the next Day with six hundred Workmen to make such Works as are necessary to put it in a Posture of Defence; and, in order to sustain them, ten Battalions and twelve Squadrons march'd at the same time, and encamp'd at Fieren, between Arleux and Douay, where they are to remain under the Command of the Count de Hompesch 'till the Works are finish'd: And as it will be necessary the Army should continue so long in this Camp, Orders are given for making another General Forage on Saturday. The Enemy, since our taking this Post, are fortifying the Village of Palhuez on the other side the Senset. A Convoy of four hundred Waggon's laden with Meal arrived yesterday at Douay from Tournay, under the Escorte of two hundred Horse and three hundred Foot. The Pioneers employ'd in demolishing the Lines will finish their Works to Morrow. We have Advice from the Enemy's Frontiers, that their second Detachment, consisting of twelve Battalions and sixteen Squadrons, continue their March towards Germany, but are directed to halt at Philipville 'till further Orders. Upon the March of the Enemy's first Detachment, the Prince of Savoy divided his Troops, Count Vehlen with fifteen Squadrons and eight Battalions was ordered to advance forwards to the Rhine, and Count Fels with the rest to halt near Brussels, to observe the Motions of the Enemy's second Detachment. The Enemy have brought a great quantity of Ammunition, with Tools and other Materials for a Siege, to Cambray, where they have likewise a Train of one hundred and ten Battering Cannon.

From the Camp at Lens, July 13. N. S. Yesterday about one in the Morning a Detachment from the Enemy's Army of thirty Squadrons, which pass'd at Bouchain, attempted to surprize the Troops under the Command of Count Hompesch, encamp'd between Douay and Fieren, to cover the Workmen employed in Fortifying Arleux. By the advantage of the Dark Night they pass'd our Out-Guards, and without being perceiv'd, sent eight hundred Dragoons, and two hundred Hussars, which fell in with the four Squadrons on the Right and put them at first into some Disorder; but the other Squadrons taking the Alarm, and drawing up behind their Tents, vigorously repuls'd them; and Colonel Selwyn's and Colonel St. Maurice's Battalions advancing to Charge them, they retired with great Precipitation, and were follow'd by Count Hompesch, and the rest of the Squadrons, which by that time were got on Horseback, as far as the Village of Fieren; where the remaining part of their Troops were drawn up to favour their Retreat. We had fifty Men killed, and about four-score wounded. Major Robinson of Lieutenant-General Palmes's, and a Cornet of Westerlo's, were taken Prisoners, and are sent back this Day on their Parole. The Loss of the Enemy is much more considerable, they having left above sixty

Dead upon the Spot, among which were eight or ten Officers. They had several Officers, and a great many Men wounded, of which number was a Colonel of Dragoons, who died as they were carrying him off. Most of the Horses of our four Squadrons breaking loose from their Pickets during the Fire, some were taken by the Enemy; but the greatest part of them fray'd into the Country, and are since brought home. Major Selwyn, who distinguish'd himself on this occasion, is dangerously wounded. His Grace the Duke of Marlborough has been this Day to visit the Works that are making at Arleux, which he found in a good forwardness: He gave Directions for changing the Situation of the Camp between Douay and Fieren, and order'd three Battalions out of Douay to reinforce it.

Hague, July 14. N. S. On the 2d Instant in the Evening Monsieur Mellaredé arrived here with Letters from the Duke of Savoy to his Prussian Majesty, and having waited on that Prince, he set out soon after for the Court of Hanover, from whence he is to proceed to the King of Poland. The Ministers of the several Powers concern'd in the Neutrality of the Empire, have had a Conference with the Deputies of the States in relation to that Affair, and it is resolv'd that the Troops appointed for the Maintenance of it shall be assembled by the 20th Instant. The Count de Weitheren, the King of Poland's Ambassador, being return'd hither from Dresden, has demanded in his Master's Name to have the Command of those Troops conferr'd on his Polish Majesty, and that they may be order'd to join the Danish, Saxon, and Muscovite Forces, and act in Conjunction with them against the Swedes in Pomerania, who seem to threaten the Electorate of Saxony with an Invasion. On the other hand the Swedish Envoy presses the Allies very earnestly to protect that Province from the Insults of the Danes and Saxons. The King of Poland has likewise declar'd by his Minister, that he cannot be ready to send his Ambassadors to Frankfort 'till the 20th of August, on which Day they will proceed to the Election of a new Emperor. Upon Advice that the French had made a second Detachment from their Army in Artois, the Prince of Savoy ordered the Forces that continued near Brussels to pursue their March towards the Rhine, but has not yet fix'd any time for his own Departure from this Place. The Prince and Count Sinzendorf have lately had several Conferences with the Deputies of the States and the King of Prussia, on whom they waited twice on Sunday last. Some new Propositions have been delivered in to the States in behalf of his Prussian Majesty and the Prince of Nassau, who is expected here this Day from the Army; and it is hoped the Matters in debate between 'em will at length be brought to an amicable Conclusion. Our Letters from France advise, that the French King had given Orders for the releasing all Dutch Ships that have been seized in the several Ports of that Kingdom, and it is thought the Liberty of Commerce will once more be restored by a mutual Consent on both sides. On Tuesday the 7th Instant the Duke of Mecklenbourg arriv'd here from the Army, and din'd on Thursday with the King of Prussia at Honslaerdyke, from whence he set out yesterday in order