

tage. From Rome they write, that his most Christian Majesty had desired a Cardinals Cap for the Archbishop of *Tholouse*.

Cologne, Octob. 16. Our Elector continues his Leavies with much vigor; it is said, that the French Forces in *Lorraine* encrease daily, which occasions much discourse in all these parts of a War next Spring; in the mean time we are not without promises of a powerful assistance, in case things come so far. Our Elector continues to buy up vast quantities of Corne and other Graines.

From *Wesel* we hear of two Vessels coming from *Holland* with Ammunition that have been stopped there. The Count of *Conningsmark* hath compleated some of his Troops, which are to be quartered this winter in the Territories of our Elector.

Brussels, Octob. 18. Here is lately dead the Bishop of *Iper*; on Saturday last passed through this place the Sieur *Canon*; on his way from *Paris*, where he had been on the part of the Duke of *Lorraine*, to sollicite his affairs at that Court, though as we are informed, with as little success as formerly, insomuch, that the hopes of an accommodation between his most Christian Majesty and that Duke begin wholly to leave us.

The Chapter of *Liege* is much dissatisfied at some French Forces being ordered to quarter in those Countries, and have sent to represent to their Elector that these his orders are contrary to the Neutrality they always have, and would still observe towards their Neighbours.

Our advices from *Cologne*, speak now of nothing but of the great appearance of, and preparations for War; That the Treaty between them and their Elector is still with much difficulty kept on foot, nor can it be hoped, but that it will suddenly be broken off, and perhaps in anger; however, they seem to promise themselves in case of a rupture, the assistance of the Emperor, &c.

We are told of Letters lately arrived from *Spain*, which not onely speak of 5000 Men that are raising there for the service of these Provinces, but that we shall have from thence a Fleet of 20 men of War to guard our Coasts against Spring.

Antwerp, Octob. 20. His Excellency the Count de *Montere*, is still here, but may (seeing the States at present assembled here, have consented to the Subsidies of 1,200,000 Guilders) part in few days on his journey towards *Gelderland*. From the *Hague* they write, that the States General having taken into their consideration, whether they should order the several Companies which were sent last Spring into *Flanders, Zealand, &c.* to return to their former Garrisons; it was thought that the charge and trouble of their removal, seeing it seemed altogether necessary that they were sent thither again towards Spring, might be better spared, and they continue there the winter.

That the States of *Holland* seemed resolved to succor *Cologne*, in case that place was attacked, and were sending to the States of *Zealand*, to dispose them to a Concurrence with them in that resolution.

Hague, Octob. 18. Yesterday arrived here the young Prince of *Nassau* from *Friesland*, to fetch the Princess his Mother, who hath been some time here to visit the Princess Dowager of *Orange* her Mother, on her return from the Baths in *Germany*, and to accompany her back towards *Friesland*, whither they may accordingly depart in some days; that Princess having given order for the preparing all things for her journey.

On Friday last the Heer van *Gioe* the Danish Minister, returned hither from *Amsterdam*, together

with the Count de *Ransau*, Ambassador from that Crown to his most Christian Majesty. We are told of an order which is about publishing, by which all Governors and other Commanders in chief, are strictly charged to keep their Garrisons compleat, and not to suffer either Officers or Soldiers to stir out of them, unless upon urgent occasions.

The States of *Holland* before their last parting, had resolved to send with all speed an Envoy to the Elector of *Brandeburgh*, and accordingly proposed the same to the States General, who having agreed thereunto, are about making choice of a person for that employment. At *Cleve*; the States of those Countries are still assembled, having made very considerable progress in the matter of the Subsidies, as likewise in what relates to the raising of men, desired by that Elector, as a thing altogether necessary in the present conjuncture.

From *Maestricht* they write, that there was a report, as if some French Troops were to come and lodge in *Gulich* this winter, and of other Troops which the Elector of *Cologne* and Bishop of *Munster* are bringing together; but whilst our advices from the Frontiers are somewhat uncertain, we know not what credit to give to these. His Highness the Prince of *Orange* is expected here towards the latter end of this week. The Velt-Marshal *Wurtis* is still here.

Hague, Octob. 23. The Heer *Ruart van Putten*, and the Heer *Vander Meer* are lately gone hence by order of the States, towards the Quarters on the *Rhyne*, to inform themselves of the State of those places, and to regulate what they may find amiss there.

Here are at present in Town several Officers from the Frontiers, to receive the farther Orders of the States relating to their respective Commands. Yesterday the Heer van *Haren*, designed Ambassador to the Crownes of *Sweden* and *Danemark*, arrived here from *Friesland*; in the mean time his instructions and dispatches are drawing up, to the end he may be able to set forward on that Embassy forthwith.

From *Over Issel* they write, that there were arrived several passengers at *Swol*, having passed *Munster* and *Coersfelt*, who assure them that that Bishop is raising men apace, for the assistance as is there said, of some other Prince. On Tuesday last the Heer van *Odyk*, went hence for *Zealand*, where the States of that Province are to meet again in few days, in order to the concluding some matters which they left unfinished at their last Session.

The Heer van *Werchendam*, and the Heer van *Terburgh*, are deputed by the States General to the States of *Zealand*, to press them to a determination of the matter concerning the French Wines, &c. as likewise to confer with them, as is thought, concerning the affairs of *Cologne*. The Landgrave of *Hessen* is at present here.

Amsterdam, October 23. From the *Fuxel* they tell us, that the Ships designed for the *East Indies*, lie ready there to sayl with the first fair wind; as likewise an other Fleet of Merchant men, bound for the *Streights, &c.* that there were arrived six Ships from *France*.

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