

great harm it hath done in several other places; at *Rimini*, *Pesaro*, *Cesen*, and other adjacent places it happened the same day it did here, though some hours earlier, and with more violence. Some places have, as we are told, been quite ruined by it, and especially *Rimini*, where all the Houses are quite destroyed, and most of the Inhabitants killed, the Bishop and all the Clergy of the place, being in one of the principal Churches there, about the performance of some solemn Service, were, as is reported, buried together, under the ruins of the Church, which by the violence of the Earthquake, was thrown to the ground. But after all we hope that these first allarmes have represented the mischiefs it hath done, far greater then indeed they are, though we cannot doubt, but that they must be very considerable. We are told, that they have likewise had an Earthquake in the Kingdom of *Naples*, though what effects it hath there had, is yet we know not. We have Advice here that the Malteses having met with two Vessels laden with Corne, as they were passing to *Sicily*, on the Account of some Noblemen here, they had seized the said Ships and Lading, though on what pretence, is not said; the Senate having been informed hereof, seem very much to resent it, and have highly complained to the Minister at present residing here on the part of that Order, who hath, it is said, promised all imaginable and speedy satisfaction. Here are preparing two very rich Gondoloes which this Republick intends to send as a Present to his most Christian Majesty. From *Adriano* they tell us, that Signior *Quirini*, Ambassador from this State, had after some weeks attendance, at length obtained Audience of the Grand Signior, by whom it is said, his Excellency was received with more then ordinary respect and kindness; They farther add, that the Grand Signior continues so addicted to Hunting, that he leaves the whole care of the Government to the Grand Visier, and especially of his Military preparations, which are still carried on with all the diligence and application possible. We cannot yet guess at the intentions of the Grand Signior, as to his employing his Forces this Summer; the report of attacking *Poland* seems to decrease daily, Men beginning to be more and more of opinion, that *Hungary* is rather aimed at, and that because of the kind reception the Hungarian Rebels receive from the Grand Visier, who it is very much feared, endeavors to make them his Instruments for the carrying on some designs he has on foot.

Cologne, April 26. The Prince of *Coville* is now certainly said to be on his march hither with the Army under his Command, in the interim we are told, that the Bishop of *Minster* is likewise bringing his Forces together, which consists of above 30000 men, and that the Duke of *Luxemburg* is to Command his Army in chief under him. As yet we are very quiet in all these parts, and hear not of any acts of Hostility that have been committed on either side. Here are several French Officers in Town, who have Orders as we are told, to repair thither to their several Commands. We hear nothing farther of the Imperial Forces that were reported to be on their march towards these parts. The French Fortifications at *Nuis* are almost finished.

Antwerp, May 6. On Wednesday last arrived at *Brussels* an Envoy from his most Christian Majesty, his Charge being as we are told, to acquaint the Count of *Montreux*, that his said Majesty was marching with a very considerable Army against the States General of the *United Provinces*, and to assure his

Excellency, that his Forces should not give the least disturbance to these Countreys, either in their passage, or on any other occasion whatsoever, as likewise to demand satisfaction for a Vessel lately taken by the *Hollanders* in the Spanish Territories. The Dutch Deputies have frequent conferences with his Excellency, concerning the present conjuncture; it is said they have desired a Regiment of Spanish Infantry, and another of Walloons to be employed in *Maastricht*, but that his Excellency hath for several considerations declined it. His most Christian Majesty is arrived at *Charleroy*, and may very suddenly march with his Army towards *Liege*; in the mean time they are somewhat alarmed at *Brussels* at the neighbourhood of these Foreign Troops. Yesterday his Excellency caused all the Militia of that place to be drawn out, and assigned them their several Posts, whither they are immediately to resort upon any accident, having before appointed the Great Officers their respective stations in the Counterscarps, where all of them lodged last night; the Duke de *Villa Hermosa*, with Lieutenant-General *Stourra* lying with their Troops of Horse in the Field under the Works; the chief Command of that place, is by his Excellency committed to the Duke de *Bourbonville*. The instant arrived a Dutch Regiment of Foot at *Brussels*, and had their Quarters assigned them without the *Namur-Cast*. We hear of several little rencounters that have happened between the French and Dutch in the Bishoprick of *Liege* and Electorate of *Cologne*, and of a Village or two that have been burnt by the Dutch. His most Christian Majesty has appointed his Camp to be the first night after his removal from *Charleroy* upon the Plain of *Fleury*.

From *Holland* they write; of the great disorder and distraction those Inhabitants are in, upon the approach of the French Forces; that all the Country people near *Bergen of Zoom*, *Breda*, *Heerzogenbosch*, *Kempenland*, &c. have every where quitted their Habitations, and are fled into the Towns; we have it farther confirmed from several hands, that they seem very much to distrust their own Forces, their Officers being most raw and unexperienced, and therefore that no great matters can be expected from them. From *Maastricht* we have Advice, that 130 Officers of that Garrison are missing; since the news they have had of the marching of the French Army; and that they have at present in Garrison there, 10000 Foot, and 2000 Horse.

Paris, May 7. From *St. Quentin* of the instant they write; that there had passed some days before 60 Troops of Horse, and several Regiments of Foot, making in all above 12000 Men, on their march to the Rendezvous at *Sedan* and *Charleroy*. The 29 past the King arrived at *Laon*, having lodged the night before at *Soissons*; the same day his Majesty parted thence for *Rocroy*, accompanied with Monsieur and the Duke of *Longueville*. The Prince of *Condé*, together with the Duke d'*Enghien* is arrived at *Sedan*.

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