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Edenburgh, May 9.

THe *Spredwel* Frigate hath brought into *Leith* six Dutch Prizes laden with Salt and other Commodities from *Spain* and *Portugal*, viz. The *S. John Evangelist* of *Rotterdam*, *John Buefer* Master, burthen 70 Last; the *Hollandia* of *Horne*, *Roger Jacobs* Master, 180 Last; the *Red Cow* of *Flyland*, *Albert Isbrans* Master, 170 Last; the *Town of Danzick* of *Flyland*, *Le nard Sebrant* Master, 125 Last; the *Sun* of *Horne*, *Simon Veltser* Master, 170 Last; and the *Prince* of *Amsterdam*, 150 Last: besides which, our Privateers have likewise brought in several Dutch ships of the same Fleet.

Venice, April 30. On Thursday last parted hence the *Marquis Genilles* on his journey to *Milan*, and the next day arrived here the *Sieur de Furstemberg* from *Rome*, he being as we are told, employed by his Holiness on some message to the Emperor, The 7 of the next month *Signior Pietro Mocenigo* will certainly part hence on his Ambassy to *Rome*, having already taken his leave of the Duke and Senate, and other the most eminent persons of quality here. The Senate hath at length made choice of *Signior Leonard Zanis*, to go their Ambassador to the Court of *Spain*, and to reside there in the room of *Signior Contarini*, who hath at his earnest instance, obtained leave to return home from that employement. From *Dalmatia* we have advice, of the peaceable condition of those Countreys; and that *Signior Morosini*, General Governor there, had finally accommodated all differences with the *Bassa of Boff*, to their mutual satisfaction.

From the Port we cannot hear of any thing, save the great preparations that are making there for War, that their designs are carried on with so much secrecy, that it is not as yet discovered whether these Forces are to be employed against *Pollnd* or *Hungary*; we are told, that the *Grand Visier* hath stop't the Courier which lately arrived from *Vienna*, till such time as their Armies are farther on their march, lest the Emperor in case he presently returned, might receive from him a particular account of their preparations, or other matters he may have observed during his being there; which proceeding seems to give us more cause to doubt the good intentions of the Port towards the Empire.

Sedan, May 9. The 29 past the Prince of *Conde* arrived at *Rheims*, and the next day here, where he hath appointed a General Rendezvous of all the Forces to be Commanded by him, in order to their March, which as we are now told, will be towards *Niege*.

Charlrooy, May 13. The 5 instant came hither his most Christian Majesty, accompanied by the Duke of *Orleans*, the several Troops arriving both before and after his Majesty, together with his Train and Baggage, which was very great; the 7 instant the *Marshal Turenne* marched hence with 20000 men, Horse and Foot towards *Liege*, carrying with him 30 pieces of Ordnance, and above 4000 Waggons laden with Ammunition and Money.

On Monday last arrived here 6000 Horses, who

were immediately quartered at *Binch*, *Fountain-l'Eviesque*, and other places hereabouts; the same day his Majesty ordered a general review to be made of all his Forces here, which consisted of above 35000 Men; the next day his Majesty began his march from hence, and Lodged that night at *Tongrenelle*, and was yesterday with his Army at *Rofers*. Before his Majesties departure came hither several of the Subjects of the Spanish Neatherlands, to desire Safeguards of his Majesty, from whom they received for answer; That they had no need of any, he having already strictly commanded all his Forces, not to give them the least disturbance in their passage through or near any of their Countries.

Cologne, May 13. The Prince of *Conde* who we had expected in these parts, is as we are told, from *Sedan*, marched thence with his Army towards *Liege*, to joyn with the rest of the French Forces there, in order to their attacking *Maestricht*, which place seems very much threatned, and in so much danger, that it is said, several of the Officers in Garrison there, have desired leave to quit their Commands. Our Elector finding that the States General of the United Provinces, not contented with the Neutrality he had declared he would exactly preserve in the present Conjunction, have ordered their Troops to commit several Hostilities in his Territories, hath as we are told, resolved for the security of the peace of his Countries, to declare War against the said States, the Elector of *Bavaria* having promised, that in such case, he will send several Forces to his assistance. The French Troops that are quartered in this Electorate, have orders to march towards *Maestricht*, and in the mean time the Duke of *Luxemburgh* is gone for *Munster*, where he is to Command in chief the Forces of that Bishop, who are said to be already on their march towards *Groningen* and *Over Issel*. From the Court at *Vienna*, we are alarmed with the news of the designs of the Turks to attack *Hungary* this Summer, so that the Imperial Troops which were once intended to be employed in these parts, for the security of the Empire, are now ordered that way, where there seems to be far greater need of them.

Maestricht, May 13. The French Forces begin now to approach us on all sides, and plainly discover their intention is to attacque this place; upon which allarme many of the Inhabitants having fled their habitations here, and retired to other places in *Liege* and *Flanders*, our Governor hath some days since published an Order, commanding them to return forthwith to their respective homes, on pain of being very severely proceeded against, which it is thought will hardly have any effect, but rather that the rest, both of the Inhabitants and Soldiers will be glad of any occasion to quit a place of so much danger, as this is likely to be. His most Christian Majesty is at present lodged with the gross of his Army near *Tangres*, and may as our advices tell us, be in a day or two at farthest expected before this place, in the mean time the same care is taken here

There in all things relating to the defence of the place, as if we were already besieged. All the Country people in these parts are fled with their Wives and Children, together with their portable Goods, every one to what place of refuge he can; the apprehensions they have of the Enemy being so great, that they hardly know whither to retire for their greatest security.

Liege, May 13. The eighth instant arrived here 17 Vessels laden with Corne and other Provisions for the French Army, being conveyed by 3000 Horse, under the Command of the Chevalier *de Fourilles*. The next day arrived here several French Troops; being all bravely Mounted and Armed; the tenth came hither the Count *de Chamilly* with 200 Horse; The next day we having advice, that his most Christian Majesty was expected the 12 at *Varenne*, the Chapter here, immediately deputed the Barons *de la Fosse* and *d' Auremon*, to compliment His Majesty upon his arrival into these Parts.

Yesterday arrived within two Dutch miles of this place, 6000 men, Horse and Foot, of the Prince of *Conde's* Army, in excellent order: The same day the *Vicomte de Turenne* arrived with 20000 men at *Tongres*, from whence he continued his march this day towards *Maestricht*.

Ditto, 13. The French Army is now arrived within four Dutch Miles of *Maestricht*, and his thought to morrow or next day that place may be Besieged; his most Christian Majesty will lodge to morrow night at *Warene*. Yesterday arrived here Prince *Willem of Furstenberg*, and is gone this Morning early to meet his Majesty; several Deputies having been likewise sent from thence to Compliment his Majesty upon his arrival in these parts; The Prince of *Conde* is arrived with 6000 Men within three miles of this place, the rest of his Forces being likewise daily expected.

Brussels, May 17. Four hundred Spaniards are come hither from *Offcud*, where they arrived from *S. Sebastian*; they telling us of about 5 or 600 more that lie ready to embark there for the service of these Countreys. On Saturday last was a Muster of 3000 Horse near this place, at which his Excellency, with most of the principal Officers of the Army was the whole time present. We have advice here, that the 10 instant the *Marechal Turenne* arrived with the Vantguard of the French Army consisting most of Horse at *Tongres*, where he left a Garrison of 1000 Men in *S. Iruden*; the same night his most Christian Majesty embarked with the Body of the Army at the Abby of *Bonef*, on Saturday at *Warene*, and on Sunday at *Tongres*, and from thence intended to proceed towards *Maestricht*, which is this day reported to be invested by the French Army; and is rather believed, because of the great shooting that been heard yesterday and this day. This afternoon was held an extraordinary Council, in which assisted his Excellency with the other chief Officers, though as yet we have not the particulars of what was there debated. The States Deputies continue with much earnestness to press his Excellency for two thousand Horse more to be sent into their service, though they have as yet obtained nothing in it.

Ditto, 20. On Tuesday last his most Christian Majesty was Encamped with his Army within two Leagues of *Liege*, and we since hear, that the French Forces have blocked up *Maestricht*, with design in a day or two, to lay close Siege to it; from whence we are told, that the Inhabitants are there in great apprehensions of the Enemy; that many Captains and other Officers have lately on divers

pretences laid down their Commissions, the true reason being thought to be, that they feared the Service there might be too hot for them; it is said here, that the States General have recalled the *Rhyngrave* from the Government of that place; and put the *Sieur Kilpatrick* into his place, who arrived there before they were blocked up, but this seems as yet somewhat uncertain. By several Passengers arrived here from the French Army, we are told, that those Forces are kept in so good order and Discipline, that all persons pass those parts without the least disturbance, and that all Passengers may now travel with more safety to *Liege*, then when there was no Army in the Country. The Dutch Deputies have frequently represented to his Excellency, that the States their Masters, being now very much pressed on all sides cannot without the hazard of their own safety, longer miss the Troops that are in our Service, and therefore very earnestly desire his Excellency will approve of their recalling them home, which as yet we cannot hear that his Excellency expresses any forwardness to do. From *Holland* we have advice, of the great difficulty they meet with there in the raising of Men, as well for Land as Sea service, notwithstanding they offer great pay; We have just now a report here, that some French Forces have fallen upon a very considerable party of Horse that was sent out of *Maestricht*, and totally routed them.

Paris, May 19. By Letters from *Nuit* of the 13 instant we have advice, that the Bridge which they had been building over the *Rhyne* at *Keyserwaert* was wholly finished; and that for the better security of the same, they had raised there a Fort, on which they intend to place 15 pieces of Ordnance, having in the mean time drawn several Troops into the same, till the arrival of the Prince of *Conde's* Army. From *Liege* of the 13 they write, that the *Sieur de Fourilles* was arrived with 3000 Horse at *Tongres* within 3 Leagues of *Maestricht*, where they are making a Bridge over the *Meuse*, for the better passage of the gros of the Army; They farther tell us, that his Majesty had appointed to joyn all his Forces, as well those of the Prince of *Conde's* Army, as others, the 19, in order to their beginning to besiege *Maestricht* the day after; and that the *Marquis de Guinry*, Grand Master of the Wardrobe, had been very much wounded by an accidental fall from his Horse.

Whitby, May 15. We have advice that the thirteenth instant about four in the afternoon, the *Gloucester*, with several others of his Majesties Frigats, ten in all, came to an Anchor below the *Gunfleet*, where they some hours after espied a Dutch Fleet bearing round upon them, upon which they stood, and the Dutch coming towards the evening to an Anchor, they did so likewise; The next morning they were pursued afresh by 30 of their stoutest Ships, our Frigats retreating into the River, and in their way exchanging several Broad-sides with them (though without receiving any damage) till they arrived at *Sheerness*, where the Dutch finding their reception too hot for them, and fearing what might happen to them from behind, soon tacked, and with all the haste they could, stood out again towards the rest of their Fleet.

Dover, May 14. This Morning his Royal Highness with His Majesties Fleet, appeared within sight of this place to the Westward, the Wind blowing hard at East. The *Crown Frigate* hath taken a Dutch Gallio-Hoy, laden with Ammunition for their Fleet; together with a small English Pink, which she had taken some days before; and the *Dover Frigate* hath taken a great Fireship, belonging to the Dutch Fleet.

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