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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 Veltzer* 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 employments. 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 *Voyage*, 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 *Polland* 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 *Liege*.

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 *Tongres*, 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