

**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. Irden*; 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 17 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.

**Whitchal, May 15.** We have advice that the thirteenth instant about four in the afternoon, the *Gloester*, with several others of his Majesties Frigats, ten in all, came to an Anchor below the *Gunsfleet*, 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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