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*From the Camp at Keyserwaert May 26.*

**T**He Sieur *Montal*, Governor of *Charleroy* being arrived with a Body of an Army under his Command, caused the same to encamp here, whitt he gave Orders for the making a Bridge over the *Rhyn*; which was finished the 23 instant, notwithstanding the brags of the *Hollanders*, that they would hinder the same with several small Frigats, besides an Army of 35000 Men by Land, incamped within a mile from hence, who far from making the least attempt, have sat still, and quite suffered this work to be perfected. We suddenly expect the Prince of *Conde's* Army in these parts, and some days after, that, Commanded by the King in person, which are all brave Troops and in excellent order.

*From the Camp before Bernedeu, May 26.* The 20 and 21 instant 10000 Horse decamped from *Vifet*, the same day his Majesty accompanied by the Duke of *Orleans*, and attended by many persons of the most eminent Quality, went out towards *Maeſtricht*, passed very near that place, and in the evening returned again to the Camp, one of his Majesties Squadrons of Horse had a rencounter with 9 Squadrons of the Enemies whom they forced to retreat to the Gates of the place. The 22, the Regiments of *Auvergne* and *de la Ferre* removed from *Vifet* in order to their joyning with the Prince of *Conde's* Army about a League and a halfe from hence. The 23 all the Baggage and most of the Kings Household removed likewise, together with the Artillery from *Vifet*, passing over a Bridge of Boats made upon the *Meuse*; the same day a party of Horse was Commanded towards *Maeſtricht* under the Command of the Marquis *de Sauvebeuf*, who approaching too near the Palissade was wounded by the Sentinel and taken prisoner, but sent back by the Governor the next morning. The 24 the whole Army decamped from *Vifet*, and passing the *Meuse* over the said Bridge of Boats, which was immediately after broken down, encamped here about halfe a League from *Vifet* aforesaid. Yesterday the Bishop of *Liege* came to salute his Majesty, by whom he was received with all the respect and kindness imaginable.

*Antwerp, June 7.* Our Letters from *Liege* of the fourth instant tell us, that the Marquis *de Chamilly* proceeds to Fortifie *Mafeyck*, with all imaginable diligence, having at present 12000 Men there under his Command, and as many more being daily expected; that he is likewise making a strong Fort on the other side of the *Meuse* in *Gelderland*, in the Spanish Territory; That *Tongres* and *V. Ikenburgh* are likewise strongly Fortifying, and they write from *Maeſtricht*, that it more troubles them to be thus blocked up, then if they were close Besieged; for that in time will work the same effect as a Siege, and in the interim so many Men are useless to that State, at this time of their greatest want of them, and if they should be drawn out, there are as many French round about them, as would quickly form a Close Siege. The French Command

Contribution to the Walls of *Boisleduc*, *Breda*, and near *Bergen op Zoom*, which puts those places in great confusion, the Country people being now returned to their Habitations, and Declare, they will readily pay the Contribution, seeing the French are best able to protect them. From *Cologne* the fourth instant they tell us, That his most Christian Majesty did not come to *Nuis* as was expected, but marched on directly towards *Rhynbergh*; That the Elector of *Cologne*, accompanied with many persons of quality, had met his Majesty upon his march, and was received by him with great demonstrations of kindness and respect, but that his Majesty did not stay for the Entertainment prepared for him, being wholly intent upon his march. That his Grace the Duke of *Monmouth* passed down the *Rhyn* by *Cologne*, the second instant towards *Keyserwaerts*; That it was reported there, that two Regiments of the Bishop of *Munsters* Horse, had had a Rencounter with a considerable party of the *Hollanders* near *Doerechem*, and that the Dutch were beaten to their Garrison, many of them being killed and taken Prisoners.

*Ditto, June 7.* We have advice that the Governor of *Rhynbergh* having sent out a Convoy of 150 Men to the Woods to fetch in Palissades, they were intercepted by the French, and cut all in pieces, that the loss of these Men is very considerable to that place, and that neither the said places, *Orfoy*, *Wesel*, or *Burick* are so well provided with Men as is necessary to withstand a Siege; and that the French have begun all those places. And by Letters arrived last night from *Guedres* we are told, that the Duke of *Orleans* with a select number of the Army, made an attempt upon *Orfoy*, but was forced to retreat with the loss of several Men upon the place, but the same Letters add, that the Prince of *Conde* had had better success with his Army before *Wesel* which he has besieged, having already lodged his Men in the Counterscarps, with little or no loss, and that the Marschal *Turenne* had taken *Burick* by Storm, but of this we must expect farther.

This day Monsieur *Louvoign* is gone by his Excellencies Order towards *Holland*, being joyned in Commission with the Chevalier *Villennuf* to Command the 3000 Horse, and the three Regiments of Foot sent hence into the Service of that State. We now hear that the Marquis *de Chamilly* hath forborn at the instance of the Governor of *Gelderland* to proceed with the Fortifications he was making on the other side of the *Meuse* in the Spanish Territory.

*Ditto, June 7.* Just now by an Expreſs arrived here from *Gelderland*, we receive advice that the French have taken *Orfoy* and *Burick*, and the Bishop of *Munster* *Doerechem*, and that *Wesel* was closely besieged by the Prince of *Conde*, and as was believed would be master of it in 48 hours; that *Rhynbergh* was in so great consternation upon the taking of these places, that it was feared they would shortly surrender to the French.

*Rome, May 14.* His most Christian Majesty having at length consented, that this Holiness might cause