

parts tell us, they had heard 10 more shooting, and therefore suppose the Places taken; here are expected several Dutch Troops from *Maestricht*, who are to embark for *Holland*; The Main of the French Army is laid to be marched towards *Hertogenbosch*; several small Towns, as *Culenburgh*, *Bommel*, *Tiel*, and *Bueren* have yielded, and *Rauesseine* it is said, is demolished; From *Liege* we have advice, that the *Sieur de Chamilly* was encamped with 10000 Men near *Burick* in that Bishoprick; The Dutch Deputies at *Brussels*, have of late had frequent conferences with our Governor the Count of *Monterey*, representing to him the present posture of their affairs,

*Ditto*, We have just now advice, that *Scenckscance* is taken by Storm, most of the Garrison having been put to the Sword; and that the French have likewise taken *Aernhem*, but of this we must expect to hear farther; in the mean time here arrive daily several persons with their Goods and Families from *Holland*, where they speak the confusion to be so great amongst the people, that they seem almost ready to quit their Towns, so soon as they hear of the approach of the Enemy; Several Passengers arrived from *Tergow*, tell us, that the Boores were got together in Arms, to the number of 4000, and were resolved not to permit the Country to be set under Water, which could not be done without their utter ruine, and that they had much rather submit to the French, then destroy themselves. The Bishop of *Munster* hath certainly taken *Swol* and several other places.

*Middleborough*, June 20. On Friday last arrived at *Ulissing* Vice-Admiral *Cornelis Everfon* with two men of War to repair, having on board several wounded Men; the common people are very disorderly here, and nothing can suffice but a revenge upon their Magistrates, whose houses they plunder, and put themselves in danger of their lives; many Vessels arrive here with Goods and People, who fly out of *Holland*, where the Enemy is already advanced into the heart of the Country; *Utrecht* we hear very readily submitted to his most Christian Majesty, having refused to receive into the Town, the Souldiers which the States would have sent them for their greater security; It is certainly said that *Aernhem* and *Nimwegen* are besieged, and here comes just now a report, that the former is taken by the French; we have had some discourse here, as if the Elector of *Brandenburgh* and some other Princes of *Germany*, were sending us a powerful assistance, but it is feared, that this is but a vain hope, with which we endeavor to flatter our selves there being as yet not the least appearance of the coming down of those Troops. Our Fleet lies still off of *Domburgh*, about three Leagues from *Ulissing*.

*Amsterdam*, June 20. It is hard to describe the sad condition we are here in, every minute we pass, is in danger of being plundered and murdered by the Commonalty, who now take liberty to say and doe whatever they please without controul: *Dort* hath its said resolved to defend itself to the last, and to that end, are going to set the Country round, under water, and at *Rotterdam* they would begin to put themselves into some posture of defence, though to little purpose, the discouragement amongst the people being so great, that it is thought the first approach of the Enemy will frighten them from all resolution of defending themselves; we are told that the Assembly of the States will for the future be held here; and that all Persons of Quality and many other people are removing from the *Hague* hither; our Magistrates have it is said, opened the Gates in the night, and caused several Chests with Money to be conveyed out, which the people ex-

trèamly murmur at; at *Rotterdam*, *Leyden*, and *Delft* the Commonalty have been extream rude and tumultuous, being hardly kept from offering violence to their Magistrates; at *Utrecht* the Women fell upon their Burgomaster, plundered his house, and very severely handled his Person; so that what through our confusion at home, and the near approach of our Enemies from abroad, we know not where to seek for any safety, and what most of all troubles us is, that we can only blame our selves for all the misery we are like to fall into; *Utrecht* hath Surrendered to his most Christian Majesty, who hath, as is said, likewise taken *Amersford*, and may now be on his march towards *Amsterdam*; His Highness the Prince of *Orange* was two days since with his Army, consisting of 10 or 12000 Men near *Wourden*, and is now incamped hard by *Leyden*; yesterday Prince *Maurits* arrived here, and this day the Heer *van Bevern* was made Governor of this place, during the present danger; all kind of Victuals as Butter, Cheese, &c. begin to be extream dear; at *Rotterdam* have been fitted out four men of War, which however, shall not be sent to Sea, but employed for the security of the *Maes*; Here have been likewise fitted out six or eight men of War, who are ordered to continue in the *South Sea*, for the security of those parts. Our Fleet lies still off of *Ulissing*.

*Rotterdam*, June 21. His most Christian Majesty gains every day so much upon us, that we are become like people deprived of all reason, the People tumult, and cry out against their Governors, whom they seem justly to accuse of having been the occasion of what they are now reduced to; *Utrecht* hath submitted to the French, who we hear are now within three Leagues of *Amsterdam*, where, as well as here and all other places, their distraction and confusion is as great as their danger from abroad; the inland Boats that used to pass between *Amsterdam* and this place are now stopt, and all intercourse begins to be quite interrupted and broken off; however we continue to send all our best things to *Amsterdam* and *Zealand*, whilst the Inhabitants there fly as fast from thence, it being hard to know where, in these Provinces, to find a place of greatest security; in the mean time we are endeavouring to put our selves into some condition to be able to defend our selves, and to that end are cutting our Dykes to set the Country round under water, though the Boors are in some places in Arms, and will by no means permit it, because they must needs be all ruined thereby; our Fleet, it is said, is called home, though we hear they lye still off of *Ulissing*; we are certainly assured, that they have yet 11 men of War missing since the late engagement with the English, and that they had near 7000 Men killed and wounded, but this cannot be certainly known, it being kept very secret.

*Brussels*, June 21. From *Liege* we hear, that the French had drawn most of their Forces out of *Tongeren*, *Mascyck*, &c. and had approached *Maestricht* with intentions to block it up, and that to that end they expected 10000 Men more from the French Army. Two days since arrived here the Count *de Montgomery*, Nephew to the Marechal *Turenne*, on the part of his most Christian Majesty, and had his Audience and dispatch upon Sunday; it is said, his Errand was to desire passage through the Spanish Territories for 10000 Men, who are to march to the French Army. On Saturday last the young Counts *Tilliers*, two Brothers, were assassinated at *Mons* by 7 or 8 Spaniards, as they were coming out of Church; the Countess *d' Egmont* is extream ill, her recovery being wholly despaired of.