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Harwich, July 13.

WB have advice here from *Holland*, that his most Christian Majesty was approached with his Army very near to *Hertzogenbosch*; that he had already taken several places not far from, and of great consequence to that place, which it is thought would likewise have fallen into his Majesties hands, had not the great Rains, which they have had of late in those parts, kept him from attacking it as yet; the fear and want of resolution in the Inhabitants there, being said to have been so great, that notwithstanding the great strength of the place, and the considerable Garrison they have within, they no sooner heard of the march of the *French* that way, but they thought it almost time to follow the example of the other places, and to surrender to the King. In the mean time, the *Hollanders* still hope that the high waters will encourage them to hold out, in case of a Siege, which we hourly expect to have an account of.

From *Rotterdam* hath been sent two Companies of Burgers, one to the *Brill*, and the other to *Helvoetsluyce*, for the reinforcement of those places, who were no sooner arrived there, but presently found matter for a quarrel with the Townsmen, which though occasioned but by a slight accident, scarce worth mentioning, yet might have proved of a mischievous consequence, had not the discretion of some of the soberer sort used timely means to appease this disorder.

Mattha, June 10. All those of the *French* Nation which are of this Order, have obtained leave to go and attend his most Christian Majesty in the War against the *Dutch*; and are accordingly all parted hence on their way to *France*; except those, who by reason of their age, or other infirmities are incapable of undertaking the expedition. We have been often alarmed here, with the reports of a design the *Turks* might have upon this Island, in revenge of the great damage they have received from our Gallies in the *Archipelago*, but at present the march of the *Ottoman* Forces towards *Poland*, seems to secure us against any attempt, this Summer; notwithstanding it is still reported. That the Captain *Bassa* will very suddenly put to Sea with a great Fleet, but without any certainty.

Messina, June 12. Our Vice-Roy the Prince de *Ligne* continues still here, and will do so most of this Summer; Through the great endeavors that have been used to supply this place with sufficient quantities of Corn from abroad, we begin to have great abundance here of this Provision, and are now in a condition to supply our Neighbors.

Warsaw, June 21. The term allotted by the Constitution of the Kingdom, for the Session of the Diet begins now to draw very near an end, and yet we see nothing concluded on for the Publick good, so great are the Factions and Animosities between the Deputies, and that leads them every day into so great disorder and confusion, that we are so far from being

able to expect from them any sober resolution for the defence of the Kingdom, that we are in a manner forced to wish the Diet was broken up, to avoid those daily quarrels that happen amongst them, and that during their meeting, and the mischeif and confusion that may arise thereby to themselves, and the whole Kingdom in general. In the mean time, we discover more and more appearance of an Invasion by the *Turks*, who we hear now, are on their march towards our Frontiers, though at the same time many of the Deputies of the Diet will believe nothing less, saying, That these are onely reports raised by the rest, to oblige them to a blind consent to whatever they would impose upon the people, under pretence of the Publick good; however it is feared these people will at length discover their error, and when they see the *Ottoman* Troops lodged in their Countrey, be forced to believe, that these reports were but too true. In the interim, the Elector of *Brandenburgh* continues to assure his Majesty of his assistance.

Genova, July 6. The Duke of *Savoy's* Troops, have taken *Pieve*, a place belonging to this State, and pillaged it; a Manifesto having been published there by order of the Duke to this effect, That he will restore the place, upon reference of all differences about the Frontiers, to the *Ruota of Bologna*; to which, this Senate hath answered, That they are ready to refer the decision of this matter, to the most Christian and Catholick Kings; provided, This place be immediately put into their hands again, in the same condition, it was in before. In the mean time this State arms apace, though we hear of several Proposals that have been made on both sides for accommodating of all matters before they proceed too far.

Vienna, July 3. Here have of late arrived several Expresses from the Marquess de *Grana*, and the Governour of the *Spanish Netherlands*, giving His Imperial Majesty an account of the present posture of Affairs in those parts, and pressing his Majesty to some speedy resolution thereupon; but we cannot as yet certainly hear of any thing His Imperial Majesty hath resolved in this matter: In the mean time, it is said; that General *Montecuculi* shall command an Army of 30000 Men for the security of the Empire. We are told, that the Emperor will make the Great Master of the *Teutnick Order*, Palatine of *Hungary*. We have here hearing, but uncertain reports, concerning the designs of the *Turks*, the one while we are assured, that the Grand Visier is on his march with a formidable Army towards *Poland*, and presently after is again contradicted, so that in the whole, we know not what to credit. Our Letters of the eighth past, from *Adrianople* tell us, that the Grand Signior was still there, and that the Grand Visier was at *Constantinople*, and had declared, That the Port was very ready to treat with the Crown of *Poland* in order to an accommodation, provided they would yield the *Pruth* to the Grand Signior; that otherwise he was obliged to march against them with all the Force he could to take possession of a Countrey, which had already submitted itself under his Protection; and which, we are certainly told, that the *Poles* absolute-

ly refuse ever to quit so considerable a part of their Dominion, and the *Turks* to positively demand it, We may reasonably fear a War will ensue, which the more troubles us, because of the weak condition that Kingdom is at present in, and the little provision that is made for its defence against so powerful an Enemy.

Liege, July 12. Yesterday arrived 6000 French at *Pongres* from *Charleroy*, being designed for the French Army; and we are told of more Troops that are daily expected here from those parts to march the same way. At *Luxemburg* the Garrison is drawn out, and the Boors are commanded into the Town for the defence of the place; at several other places in *Flanders* and *Hencgaw*, the Garrisons are likewise drawn out.

Amsterdam, July 15. The 12 instant arrived here a Gentleman from *Eriesland*, on his way to the Army, to give the Prince of *Orange* an account of the present posture of Affairs in that Province; he reports, that the Forces under the Command of the Heer *Aluwz* grow daily more and more considerable, and that he had secured several Posts, especially that by *Rovien*, so that it was hoped the Enemy would not be able to find any passage into that Countrey; that the Bishop of *Munster* had some days since besieged *Coeverden*, but by reason of the high water, occasioned by the great Rains, they have lately had in those parts, was forced to quit the Siege again; and that he was at present encamped with his whole Army upon the Heath of *Heraenherge*. Here hath some days since been published a Placet, by which is permitted the selling of French Wines, Brandy, Wines, Paper, and all other French Manufactures which were prohibited by the former Placets. The thirteenth arrived here the Heer *d'Amerongen* from the Elector of *Brandenburgh's* Court, together with Colonel *Pelnitz*, and the young Count *Coning-smark*.

Hague, July 16. The matter concerning the making his Highness the Prince of *Orange* Stadtholder, Captain General and Admiral, having been finally concluded in the Assembly of the States of *Holland*, several Deputies were immediately dispatched to his Highness, to give him an account of their proceeding, which it was likewise intended should have carried his Highness his Commissions, but that he prevented it, by his letting them know, that he would come himself to receive them, as well as to advise with them concerning the present posture of Affairs, accordingly the ninth instant, his Highness arrived here very early in the Morning, and about noon came into the Assembly of the States General, being attended by the Heeren *Ripperda tot Byse* and *Cant*, to that end purged by the States, from his Lodging to the said Assembly, and followed with numbers of the young Gentry, and other persons of quality; Being come into the said Assembly, and having received the Compliments and Congratulations of all the Lords he had, after having taken the usual Oath, his Commissions delivered to him; upon which, his Highness thanking them for their affection to him, and assuring them of his constant care and application for the defence of his Countrey, returned again to his own Apartment, being attended as before. From thence his Highness was conducted by the Heeren *Duyvenorden* and *Pruvien*, Penitentiary of *Dort*, to the Assembly of the States of *Holland* and *Westfriesland*, where he took his place as Stadtholder, after having taken the usual Oath, and had his Commission delivered to him; from thence his Highness was conducted to the Provincial Court of Justice, being received there at the Head

of the Stairs by the Raedts Heeren *vander Lier*; and *Fannius*, and being seated in the Stadtholders Chair, and the President, and the rest of the Raedtheeren having likewise taken their places, several Causes were according to the ancient practice pleaded before his Highness. After which his Highness was conducted by the whole Counsel to his Apartment, where he had no sooner Dined, but immediately parted again for the Army. The next day the Princess Dowager was Complimented by the Heer *Braekel*, and other Deputies of the States General, upon this Subject. We seem much heartened here, with the reports we have of the Imperial Troops, together with those of the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, and other Princes of the Empire, being on their march to these Countreys; and some will needs have them already arrived near our Frontiers, though our Letters from thence, hardly mention any news of their approach. The breaking up of the French Army from *Nirecht*, caused at first great distraction here, it being reported, that they would take their march this way.

Rotterdam, July 16. His Highness the Prince of *Orange*, having with all the usual solemnity been received as Stadtholder, and Captain General and Admiral in the Assemblies of the several Colledges at the *Hague*, the people begin to be every where somewhat pacified, and we seem now to live in some order again. And for the better quieting of the minds of those, who will not be at rest, till several persons at present in the Government, be turned out of their employments, and others appointed in their steads by the Prince; His Highness hath written as is said, to the Burgers of the several Towns in *Holland*, to thank them for their great affection to him, and to desire them not farther to disquiet themselves, for that he would take care all things shall be well. We were some days since extremely alarmed at the removal of the French Army from *Nirecht*, it having been reported, that they intended to force the Passes which are now secured by our Army, and to come directly to the *Hague*; what distraction and confusion this occasioned amongst all kind of people, is hardly to be believed, as it is to be expressed, but we since hear, that the King is gone towards *Brabant*, so that we must hourly expect to hear of *Boisseluc* being besieged; though we hope, that these late Rains will have added much to the strength of the place. The loss of *Nimmegen* still very much troubles us, and of so many stout men that were in that Garrison, who are all Prisoners at War. We are certainly told, that we have already lost near 3000 Men, killed and taken in the several places we have lost to the French. The *English* Fleet we hear continues still upon our Coasts, whilst ours is forced to seek for shelter amongst the Sands, upon the Coast of *Zeland*; it is said, That above 5000 Men, as well Soldiers as Seamen, have been sent from the Fleet to the Army to serve there.

Advertisements

These are to give notice to all Pensioners relating to the Poors Chest at Chatham, and other persons concerned; that on Tuesday the 6 of August 1672. there will be made a general Pay at His Majesties Pay-House in Chatham aforesaid.

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