

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 *Aluwis* 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 purposed 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 *Pruien*, 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.

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