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Edenburgh, July 14.

WE have advice here of above 15 Dutch Prizes that have been lately brought into *Leith*, by our Privateers.

Vienna; July 11. We have received here this week very unwelcome advices from *Poland*. Our Letters from *Warsaw* speaking not onely of the breaking up of the *Dyets*, but that the Factions were grown to powerful, as to dare to speak of deposing the King; and some add, that the Archbishop had proposed it in the Senate; that several of the Senators had thereupon advised the King to retire from *Warsaw*, to some other place of greater security, but that others in whom the King seemed to have greater confidence, had perswaded him to the contrary, and not to give his Enemies the advantage of his absence; This news hath very much alarmed the Emperor and this whole Court, though after all, we hope these may be only reports, and that our next Letters will bring us better news. The Prince of *Anhalt* continues still at this Court, in quality of Envoy Extraordinary from the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, though without advancing any thing considerably as we can hear of in his Negotiations. Yesterday being the Emperesses Birth day, was celebrated here with great solemnity.

Genova, July 13. The Duke of *Savoy* having now by a Manifesto declared that he will retain *Picue* in his hands, as of right belonging to him, till the matter concerning the Frontiers between his Highness and this State, be finally decided, hath made this State take such resolutions as may be most suitable to the present posture of their affairs; in the mean time great preparations are making on both sides, and men raised apace, inasmuch, that it is feared, things may very suddenly come to a Rupture, and therefore the Grand Council have given power to the *Conflicetto*, to elect four of their Body, to consult and resolve with the Duke, for the managing this affair, and the carrying on the War, if things should come so far.

Hague, July 18. The 15 instant arrived here the *Sieur Pelnitz*, on the part of the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, together with Lieutenant General *Coningsmark*, who hath raised three Regiments of foot in *Germany* for the service of this State, and brought them all to *Groningen*; the *Sieur Pelnitz* is since gone to *Brussels*, to confer with the Count de *Montreux*, and will be here again in few days: The Spanish Envoy Don *Emanuel de Lyra*, after having had Audience of the States likewise, went hence the same day for *Brussels*. Yesterday the Deputies of the Province of *Zealand*, were to congratulate the Prince of *Orange*, upon his advancement to the Government of these Provinces, in quality of Stadtholder. From *Groningen* we have advice, of a Conspiracy that had lately been discovered there, for the betraying the place to the Bishop of *Munster*, and that some of the Magistrates, and many other persons were imprisoned upon that account; it is said here that the Bishop of *Munster* hath lost near 900 Men before *Couvoerden*. We hear not as yet that *Husden* hath been attacked by the French, the Go-

vernor is turned out, and an other put into his room by the Prince of *Orange*; and the young *Rhyngraef* is made Governor of *Breda*, and the former Governor displaced. Yesterday was brought hither Prisoners, 28 French Soldiers, two Safe-guards and a Trumpeter, who were presently sent to the common Prison, where they are to be Treated with Bread and Water. Yesterday the Prince of *Orange* went hence again for the Army.

Dort, July 21. We hear from all places of the great disorders that still are amongst the people, who will not be satisfied, till they see the Traitors as they call them put out of the Government; and punished according to their desert; At *Dort* the people have pulled down several Pictures, which had some time since been put up in the Town-houses there, in honor of the *Ruwaert van Putten*, Brother to the Pensionary *de Wit*, which they cut in pieces and trampled under their feet, and perhaps would not have used him much better, had he then come in their way. The Bishop of *Munster* hath taken *Couvoerden*, a place of extraordinary strength, and the Key of *Friesland*, so that his passage lyes open into that Province; it is said he now Besieges *Leemaerden*.

Middleburgh, July 22. We can write from hence of nothing, but of continued disorders and tumults amongst the people, which so disturbs all Commerce, that we live, as it were, at war amongst our selves, and in danger of being every minute attacked in our Houses by our Neighbors, instead of Enemies, with this aggravation; that we are in a manner as little secured against the one as the other. About two o'clock this morning, the Boores of the parts hereabouts, who are now every where in Arms for the defence of the Country, having taken offence at an accident that had some hours before happened between them and a party of Horse that lay near *Domburgh*, who having been out to fire a Beacon (upon some allarme they had received) at their return, passed by the place, where the Boores kept their Court of Guard; the question was presently asked for the Word, and they having none to distinguish them to be Friends, they began to fire each upon the other, but the Horsemen being too hard for the Boores, soon chased them from their Court of Guard; upon which, they got together in great numbers, and not knowing upon whom to revenge themselves, for the Horsemen were retired, came marching hither, and demanded entrance of the Sentinel, saying, They were all sold and betray'd, and that they would know the reason, why for several nights together, they had not had any watch word; the Sentinels however refused to open the Gates, whereupon the Boores were much incensed, and having forced an entrance into the Town, marched without doing any harm, to Secretary *Brandes*'s House, whom they seized and carried away with them, demanding of him, wherefore they had not constantly the Word given them, and he answering, That there were others in the fault as well as he, they presently returned to the Town again, and took six of the Lords into their custody, viz. The *Heeren Brommer, Lasage, Duivelaer*, and *de Hies*, four Burgerma-

sters, together with two others, whom together with the Secretary Brande they carried to a kind of an Ale house without the Town, in order to their examination there, concerning several matters, which they were desirous to impeach them of, but especially concerning the expenses of this War, which they will not believe to have been proportionable to the vast sums that have been raised, or rather exacted from the people; and now upon second thoughts, they were again returning to the Town, to fetch an other of the Lords, who they likewise thought had deserved their correction, when the Burgers sent to them to advise they might have a conference with them, which they would do; and being met, both parties began to declare their grievances, and the Lords being thought to have been sent to answer to them, they declared that both the one and the other would write their demands, and that they (the Magistrates) would satisfy the Burgers in all that they desired; of what else they should do at any other time desired, upon which, as well the Burgers as the Boores drew up their demands, which were so publickly read, and are to be Printed, and to come to the approval of the Town house; in the meantime the Lords do keep Prisoners here in the Town house, till the Boores have full satisfaction given them in all points; Our Fleet is for certain said to be under sail towards the West, consisting of about 3000 men of War, though very ill manned, most of the best men being run away, especially from the French side.

Antwerp, July 25. We have certain advice that the Bishop of Munster hath taken Coblenz, which place he will surrender the 12 instant, into which he made his publick entry the next day: the loss of this place will be of great consequence to the Province of Friesland, who now lies open to the Enemy. Last night arrived here the Comde de Molin from Paris, on his way to the French Camp, as likewise D. de Enghel from the Hague. The Duke de Nivelle continues still very much indisposed, of a Tertian Ague, which renders him almost insupportable of his bed. We hear not any thing of the French Ambassadors, the taking of *Bommel* and *Crevecoeur*.

Amsterdam, July 25. The most Christian King is resolved with his Army from our Neighbourhood to follow a more general way the same miserable condition as before, showing but confusion and disorder at home, and the same of the Enemy abroad, being unconformable Companions; We are told, that the Duke of Anjou, who had his Majesty's health in Command, and a Body of 8000 Men in the Province of Friesland, hath this day pray his Majesties leave to attempt one of the Hills, at present secured by the Boerish Draggons Army, which he not doubteth will be his, and so to open a way into the Country, in the meantime Trade being interrupted there, abundance of poor people, who had depended upon it, begin to be reduced to great misery; and the Country people, who at the beginning relied upon their Cattle, not being able to find where to sell them, are glad to sell them at any rate, hardly the twentieth part of what they are worth; we have seen a Horse with its furniture sold here this week for three Rixdollars, when the furniture alone might heretofore have been sold for more; The Country which lies for some Leagues round about under water, is quite ruined, but more the several Owners of it, who will certainly be hardly able for some years, to put things in the same posture they were in, not many Months since; the consideration of all this cannot but occasion great sorrow amongst the people, who can find no

ease in this sad condition, but by falling upon their Magistrates, whom they often take occasion to handle very severely, as being in their opinion, and perhaps not unjustly, the occasion of the ills they now suffer. Here were two great ships of 1400 Tuns apiece, bound out for the East Indies, though of late they have discontinued working on them, by reason of the present confusion. We have advice that the French have taken *Bommel* and *Crevecoeur*, the latter on Tuesday, and the other on Thursday last, and that *Boissaduc* is invested. After all the promises of an assistance from the Emperor, and several German Princes, and especially from the Elector of Brandenburg, we cannot yet certainly learn of any Forces that are on their march towards these Provinces, though we are still bid to hope they will at length come, and perhaps when it is too late.

Antwerp, July 27. The French have now taken all the strong Forts near *Boissaduc*, as *Crevecoeur*, *le Fort Orange*, the *Fort d'Ange*, &c. and *Boissaduc* is said to be besieged by the Marshal *Turenne*, and *Breda* blocked up; *Bommel* surrendered on Thursday last to the Marquis de Chamilly; and we have advice here, that the Bishop of Munster's Forts have taken *Couperden*, a place of that strength, that it was hitherto almost thought impregnable; That he was at present before *Greeningen*, and that the Inhabitants had sent out to demand Terms, and some Letters add, that the place was already surrendered, and in the hands of the said Bishop. From *Middleburgh* they tell us, of great Tumults that have some days since happened there, that the Boores in a tumultuous manner forced their entrance into the Town, and there seized on several of the Magistrates, whom they still keep Prisoners, till they have satisfaction in their wild demands. From the French Camp they write, that his most Christian Majesty intended to part thence this day on his return to Paris, leaving the Command of his Armies in these Countries to the Marshal *Turenne*. His Excellency the Count de *Montercy* is gone for *Brussels*, where he is to meet the Comde de *Molina*, Ambassador from Spain to his most Christian Majesty, who is going to the French Camp, and the Baron d'Isola, &c. with whom he will confer concerning the present affairs.

Bruges, July 27. Yesterday Morning the English Plenipotentiaries departed from *Antwerp*, and came that night to *Ghent*, where they were received with great respect, and this night are expected here on their way to *England*. This day his most Christian Majesty returns for *Paris*, leaving Monsieur *Turenne* to Command his Armies in these parts. *Bommel* and *Crevecoeur* are certainly taken by the French, though we cannot yet learn, that they have attacked *Breda*, or *Boissaduc*.

Whitehall, July 21. This Evening His Majesties Plenipotentiaries the Duke of *Bucks*, the Earl of *Arlington*, and the Lord Viscount *Hallifax*, returned to kiss His Majesties hand here at *Whitehall*, after having expected 14 days in his most Christian Majesties Camp, the return of the Dutch Deputies, and some time after an Answer to their Propositions. A little time will tell from whence this great silence proceeds; it is commonly guessed that the promises the States have of Succors from the Empire, gives them hopes of more ease that way, than they think to have by a Treaty; so that all their Excellencies could effect for the present war, to compose a Preliminary Act between the two Kings, not to Treat or Conclude, without Participation, and Inclusion of each others Pretences.