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Harwich, August 5.

Last night arrived here Cap. Temple in the *Mermaid*, and brought with him a Dutch Prize, which he had taken off of the *Texel*, the particulars of her Lading as yet we know not, though it is said in general, that she is very rich. We are told of several Dutch Privatiers that are abroad on these Coasts, and amongst others, one of 30 Guns; some of them being said to have lately appeared near the *Gunfleet*. By several Passengers arrived from *Holland* we have advice, That the Dutch Fleet are said to be to the Northwards of the *Maes*; That there are a great many Privatiers gone out from all parts of *Holland*, some of five, eight, and ten Guns apiece, and some from fifteen to thirty Guns. That the French begin to draw very near to *Amsterdam* and that they have lately manned out a great many Boats from *Naerden*, and with them to infest the South Sea, that the Dutch are forced to keep several small Men of War to cruise there, in some manner to secure their Trade.

Genova July 27. There seems as yet little appearance of an accommodation of the present differences between the Duke of *Savoy* and this State, and therefore the preparations for war are carried on with all possible diligence; in the mean time we hear that the Duke of *Savoy's* Forces have quitted *Pieve*, after having plundered it, and are drawn down towards *Arbniglia*, with intention as is thought to attempt that place, in which we have about 1000 Men in Garrison, whilst the main Body of our Forces, which are said to be near 10 thousand Men, keep their station about *Savona*. The Governor of *Milan* we hear will not permit any Levies to be made in those Countreys, having received expresse Orders from the Queen Regent, not to meddle on either side; the Senate have not as yet made choice of a General to Command their Forces, which is hitherto done by *Maestri de Campi*; The Prince *Doria* hath raised five hundred Men at his own charge for the Service of the State, who this day are mustered here, being intended to be sent to the rest of our Forces at *Savona*. The Senate have in the interim caused a Manifesto to be published to this effect, That they having been informed of a conspiracy that was formed against the State by *Raphael de la Tour*, at the same time discovered, that the forces of the Duke of *Savoy* approached *Savona* and *Vada*, having with them great quantities of Ammunition and other necessaries for War, that whereupon the said places had by the great care and vigilance of the Government, been reinforced with strong Garrisons, and supplied with all other things necessary for their defence; that in the mean time the Forces of the Duke of *Savoy* increased daily, and at length, not thinking fit to attempt *Savona*, surprised *Pieve*, causing a Manifesto to be published there, for demanding reparation for several violences committed by the Inhabitants of *Rezzo*, Vassals of this State, upon those of *Cere*, Vassals of the Duke of *Savoy*; though this was only a vain pretence, and no sufficient ground for this Invasion, especially considering the late accommodation that was made of all Matters concerning the Frontiers, by the inter-

position of his most Christian Majesty; however it was answered on the part of this State, That in case things were put in the same condition they were in before, the Republick would oblige their Vassals to submit the determination of this Matter to a competent Judge, and to observe whatever should be by him adjudged. This is the true state of affairs at present, by which it is notorious to all the Neighboring Princes, that this State is not the occasion of the present interruption of the Peace of *Italy*.

Brussels, Aug. 6. From *Maesbricht* they write, that 5000 *French*, have lately passed the *Meuse*, and possessed themselves within less then a league of that Town, and that the Marquess de *Chamilly* is encamped on the other side of the River with 14000 Men more; so that the place seems blocked up; in the mean time the Spanish Cavalry that are in Garrison there, make frequent Salleys, in which they sometimes meet with some advantage, though as often with nothing else but blows. The Prince of *Conde*, though not perfectly cured of his Wounds, yet being thought by his Physicians, capable of undertaking a journey, is arrived at *Louvain* on his way to *Paris*, the Duke de *Bourbonville*, with several others of the Nobility being gone hence to complement him there, on the part of his Excellency the Count de *Montreux*. *Groningen* we hear holds out still, though the Bishop of *Munster* is approached very near their Out-works with his Batteries, from whence they continue constantly shooting into the Town, not without killing many of the Inhabitants, and doing much mischief to the buildings there, which have in several places taken fire (by means of the Granadoes, of an extraordinary weight and greatness, that the Enemy threw into the place) but have been still quenched by the great endeavors of the Inhabitants, who would hitherto willingly persuade themselves, that they are resolved to defend the Town to the last. We hear of a Trumpeter the Bishop of *Munster* had sent to the Governor, to offer him terms; what answer he received, we know not, but this we are certain of, that the Hostilities still continue, They have not made any sally out of the Town upon the Enemy, the Governor being unwilling to venture his Men, of which he hath already hardly enough for to defend the place.

Brussels, Aug 9. This Morning his Excellency the Count de *Montreux*, accompanied with most of the Nobility about Town, in a Train of 28 Coaches with six Horses apiece, besides several of the Nobility on Horseback, went to meet the Prince of *Conde*, in his passage between *Wauve* and *Niuelle*, where his Excellency entertains the Prince this night, with intentions to be back here to morrow. From *Amsterdam* they write of the arrival of their *East India* Fleet in the *Eems*. That the French Forces, left under the command of the Duke of *Luxemburgh*, in the Province of *Htrecht*, begin to draw near them; and that 2000 were encamped within two Leagues of the Town, which had given a great discouragement to the Inhabitants. The common report here is that *Wroningen* holds out still, that they are in expectation of a Regiment of Foot, which the Prince of *Orange* is sending for their Reinforcement out of the Army.

they, though after all the Enemy approaches them close, that unless relieved by some considerable Succors, it is thought they will not be able to defend themselves long, especially considering the great distress those Inhabitants begin to be already in; and here are some Letters in Town, which say, that the place was surrendered to the Bishop the third instant; but of this we must expect to hear with more certainty. It is reported here, that the Imperial Troops are on their march to joyn with the Elector of Brandenburgs Forces, who was to be the second instant at *Leipstadt*, and that the Duke of *Lorraine*, and the Marquis de *Grana*, were gone thither to confer with his Electoral Highness, concerning the present conjuncture. In *Zealand* we hear, there still continue great divisions amongst the Commonalty, who seem to be jealous of their Magistrates, that nothing will satisfy them but to have them all put out of their Publick Employments, and others, whom they may better trust appointed in their rooms. The French Army lies still between *Boisleduc* and *Breda*, and have not late attempted any thing.

Middleburg, Aug. 8. Several Privateers are fitting out here and at *Flissing*, besides those we have already abroad: Yesterday the *Summer-Island* (a Privateer of about Thirty Guns) brought up here two French Ships, one of them mounted with Ten Guns, and having on board a great quantity of Coral and other rich Commodities, valued here to be worth near Ten thousand pounds sterling. The said Privateer we hear had taken three small English Vessels off *Dover*, but was forced to quit them again by the coming in of an English Frigate to their rescue. Yesterday hapned here again a great disturbance, by reason of some difference between the Magistrates and the Burgers; upon which, the latter took occasion to exclaim against their Government, and ill Management of things, as having occasioned their present misery, calling them withal Rogues and Traytors; which they told them, they could make them appear to be, by several Letters which the Borees had accidentally gotten from those Lords they some time since seized, and kept prisoners for several days, concluding, they would never endure to see the Magistracy remain in their hands, who by their folly or treachery had already ruined them; that therefore they would have those they suspected, turned out, and proceeded against according to their demerits, and others appointed in their rooms, of whose prudence and trust they could have more confidence: Upon which, several of the Lords voluntarily offered to quit their service, whilst the rest endeavored to justify their late proceedings, and to vindicate their innocency. In this disorder, things continued till ten a clock at night, what the conclusion may be, we expect to see; the people seem particularly to suspect the Heer *Reygenburgh*, because of his relation to the Heer de *Groot*, late Ambassador in *France*, who we hear is fled from the *Hague*.

Rotterdam, Aug. 9. From the *Hague* they tell us, that Monsieur *John de Witt*, hath certainly quitted his place of Pentonary of *Holland*, and that his Brother the *Ruwaert van Putten* continues still close prisoner in the Port (the common Prison there;) That they have advice, that the Sieur *Mombas*, who lately escaped out of prison, had been at *Utrecht* not many days since; and that the Heer de *Groot* is at present at *Liege*. *Groningen* according to our advices from thence, begins to be very much distressed, but as yet holds out; They tell us, that the Enemy shoots so violently, and continually into the Town, that all the Houses, in two of the principal Streets, have been extremely torn, and many of them beaten quite to

the Ground; so that in the whole, we very much apprehend, they may at last fall into the Enemies hands. We hear as yet nothing of certainty of the coming down of the Auxiliary Troops; and after all, there be some that say, That the Forces which the Emperor will send to joyn with those of the Elector of *Brandenburg* shall onely be employed for the security of the Empire. The French have retaken the House of *Cronenburg*, and after having plundered all that they found there, they blew it up with Powder, carrying with them about seventy prisoners to *Utrecht*. A great many Privateers are every where fitting out in these parts. It is just now reported, that the Bishop of *Munster* hath raised the siege of *Groningen*, of which, we must expect to hear farther.

Brussels, Aug. 12. We hear of great Levies that are making in all the Emperors Hereditary Countreys; and the great discourse here, is, That the Imperial Troops are already on their march towards the *Rhyne*, in order to their joyning with the Elector of *Brandenburgs* Troops, though here are Letters from *Vienna* which say, that the Rendezvous of those Forces is not appointed to be till the 25th instant at *Egra* in *Bohemia* in order to their march. Notwithstanding the reports we had from *Holland* of the raising of the siege of *Groningen*, our Letters from thence tell us, that the place is still very much straitened by the Enemy, and that it is feared they will not be able to hold out long. The French Army under the command of Monsieur *Turenne* continues still to block up *Bolduc*, as the Forces under the command of Monsieur *Chamilly* do *Maestricht*. To morrow the Count de *Monterey* goes hence for *Ghent*, *Bruges*, and *Ostend*, to see in what posture things are there. From *Cologne* they write, that the Sieur *Mombas*, and the Sieur de *Grbot*, were privately come thither.

Paris, Aug. 13. From *Liege* we have advice, that all the French Cavalry that had attended his Majesty as far as *S. Quentin*, on his return to *Paris*, being in all 6000 Horse, under the command of the Marquis de *Rocheport*, Lieutenant General of his Majesties Army, were by the Kings order returned into that Countrey, where they had staid some days at *Landreycy* for their refreshment, and from thence are gone to take their quarters in the parts about *Maestricht*. From *Utrecht* they tell us, that the Duke of *Luxembourg* having sent 1500 Horse, and 1000 Foot to attack *Cronenburg*, within four Leagues of *Amsterdam*, they so well executed their Orders, as in a very short time to retake the place, and in it 300 Men, whom they brought prisoners to *Utrecht*. Yesterday the Count de *Sales*, Envoy Extraordinary from the Duke of *Savoy*, had audience of his Majesty, to whom, after having complimented him upon the Birth of the young Duke of *Anjou*, and his happy Successes against the Dutch, he represented the present posture of things between his Master, and the Republick of *Genoua*.

Tarmouth, Aug. 5. On Saturday last, the *Deppford* Ketch brought into this Road, a Pink, which was taken by a Dutch Caper the Twenty eighth past, and retaken by her the next day, after two hours dispute with the Caper, being a small Frigate of Ten Guns.

Hull, Aug. 5. On Friday last came into *Humber*, a Dutch Prize, taken by the *Richmond* Frigate, and said to be laden with Pepper, Cinnamon, &c. from the *East Indies*, being a Pink of about 120 Tuns.

Weymouth, Aug. 5. The Privateer of *Flushing* continues still cruising off of the *Land's-end*, and hath lately taken a French Ship, and a small English Vessel belonging to *Swanzy*.