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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 than 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. 7. 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 *Yroningen* 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.