

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 of *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 of late attempted any thing.

*Middleburg, Aug. 8.* Several Privateers are fitting out here and at *Flushing*, 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 Boreas 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 *Brandenburgh* 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 *Rhine*, in order to their joyning with the Elector of *Brandenburghs* 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 Grobor*, 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 *Luxemburgh* 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 *Swansey*.