

ing our Fleet arrived before *Schoonvelt*; it is said here, our men of War are thinly Manned, many of the Scamen being run away from on board their Ships, to go and take Service in the Privateers. Yesterday was a review of all the Forces, as well Horse as Foot, that are at present quartered in this Province.

*Antwerp, August 30.* From *Hambrough* of the 26 instant they write, that the Imperial Troops under the Command of General *Montecuculy*, and Prince *Charles of Lorraine*, were arrived at *Halberstadt*; and that the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, though very much troubled with the Gout, will Command his Forces in person. From *Liege* they tell us, that the French have invested *Mastricht*, and blocked up all the passages, so that there is not any means of conveying any Provisions or other necessaries into the Town; They farther add, that the Spanish Cavalry in Garrison there, had received orders from his Excellency the Count *de Monterey*, not to make any more Salleys upon the French; and that it was thought, they might suddainly be withdrawn. Our Letters from *Holland* tell us, that the 27 instant, the Bishop of *Munster* raised the Siege of *Groningen*, and that the Besieged were going to make a Sally upon the Enemy, with a thousand Foot and all their Horse that very Morning, when they received the news of the Enemies being retired, but this needs a farther confirmation.

*Brussels, Aug. 30.* On Saturday last arrived an Envoye from his most Christian Majesty, and the next day had Audience of his Excellency the Count *de Monterey*; we are told his errand was to demand liberty for the passage of several Boats by *Namur*, which were going down the *Meuse*, with Provisions and other necessaries for the French Army, which it is said, his Excellency very readily consented to, *Mastricht* continues still close blocked up, the French being intrenched round about the place, almost within Cannon-shot, and it is said, they have hitherto deferred a formal Siege, by reason of the illness of the weather, which hath of late been and still continues very unseasonable. From *Cologne* they tell us, that they had received Letters from the Emperors intimating to them that his Forces were already on their march towards the *Rhyn*, for the security of the Empire; and farther demanding admittance for 3 or 4000 Imperialists into the Town if he should think fit to continue them in those parts this winter. From *Dort* and *Rotterdam* we hear still of great disturbance amongst the Burgers, which it is feared may at length produce some sad effects. *Groningen* continues still besieged, and here are Letters in Town which give us an account, that the Enemy were now gotten into their Ditches, and were making their Galleries, so that they conclude the place will not be able to hold out much longer; though at the same time here comes a report from *Holland*, that the Siege was raised the 27 instant.

*Ditto, Septemb. 2.* Our Letters arrived yesterday from *Mastricht* tell us, that the French were removed from before that place, and that their Army was divided into two Bodies; that the one was gone towards *Maseyck*, and the other to *Vifess*, where they are at present encamped. From *Cologne* we have advice, that the Imperial Forces are certainly on their march; that the Elector of *Brandenburgh* is at present at *Lipstadt*, expecting their arrival there; and that their intentions are to quarter this winter about the *Rhyn*, and so be ready for action if any occasion should happen, early in the Spring; and that the Duke of *Lorrain* is raising 16000 Men. The Prince *Archembergh* is preparing for his journey to *Flanders*

whether he goes in quality of the Kings Commissioner, to be present at the meeting of the States of that Province, in order to the demanding of them the Subsidies for the next year. We have now the confirmation of the Bishop of *Munster* having quitted the Siege of *Groningen*: Our Letters from *Amsterdam* give us an account of all their *East-India* Ships being come in, but that one of the richest of them had been accidentally burnt in the *South-Sea*, with the greatest part of her lading in her. From *Vienna* we are told of some concern that Court seemed to have at the news they lately received from *Poland*; that the Forces of that Crown had been defeated in the *Ukrain* by the Rebel Cossacks with the assistance of the Tartars, and that the Turkish Army was entered into *Wallachia* on their march towards that Kingdom: at *Antwerp* happened some days since a great disturbance amongst the Burgers, occasioned by one of their Captains having been killed by his own Serjeant at the head of his Company; though by the prudent care of the Governor all things were soon appeased. His Excellency the Count *de Monterey* continues his intentions of going for *Antwerp*.

*Paris, Septemb. 4.* On Saturday last arrived at the Court, a Gentleman dispatched thither by Monsieur *Turenne*, to give his Majesty an account of the present condition of his Forces in those parts, by whom we understand, that he left the said Monsieur *Turenne* on his march with 15000 Horse and 20000 Foot towards *Nimwegen*, with intention to pass the *Rhyn* there, and so to encamp with the whole Army near *Wesel*, all along the River *Lippe*. We are told of several Waggonns that have been sent with Money from *Sedan* towards the Army for payment of those Troops. The Count *de Vivonne* we hear lies very ill at *Nimwegen*. From the Camp near *Mastricht* of the 25 instant they write, that the Count *de Chamilly*, having by reason of his indisposition, been forced to quit the Camp, the Marquis *de Vaubrun* who Commanded in chief till the arrival of the Duke of *Durds*, had advanced with those Forces within sight of the place, and had taken a very considerable Post there; that being afterwards retired again to his Camp, the Enemy made a Sally out of *Mastricht*, with intentions to dislodge our Men, and recover the said Post, which they had almost done, when the Marquis having had notice of it, returned with part of his Troops, and so briskly charged the Enemy, that they presently retreated to their Garrison, our Horse following them almost within their Barriers; that the said Marquis hath since drawn a Line of Circumvallation, to secure himself against the Sallies of that Garrison, and that he hath now quite blocked up the place. Monsieur *de Louvois* hath by the Kings Order distributed to a hundred Captains of Foot, 200 Livres each, in order to their recruiting thence several Companies with 20 Men apiece. From *Toulouse* they tell us, of a great Fire that hath lately happened there, there having been burnt in few hours, above 150 Houses, besides other considerable damage.

*Whitehall, Aug. 27.* On Sunday last her Grace the Dutchess of *Monmouth* was happily brought to Bed of a Son, to the great joy of that Family.

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