

Leghorn, Novemb. 13. From *Maltha* we have advice, that there arrived the Son of *Don Rodrigo Castro* a Portuguele, from the *East-Indies*, being on his way to *Lkbon*, with the news that the Count of *Lianares* Vice-Roy for the Crown of *Portugal* in the *Indies*, had Declared War against the Dutch, and taken from them *Malaca*.

Cologne, Nov. 29. Our Letters from *Mayence* of the 27 instant advise us, that the confederate Armies continued still in their neighborhood, without that they cou'd not yet know when they would decamp from thence; that they were about fortifying *Gustaeſburgh*, and the Convent of the *Chartreux*, and another small Convent on the *Rhyn*; That General *Montecuculi* had sent out 2000 Horse, and 500 Dragoons towards the Electorate of *Treves*, on what design was not known. From the French Army we are told, that they were arrived between *Witliob* and *Kocheym*, 7 or 8 Leagues above *Coblenz*; in the mean time we hear that the Duke of *Duras* is marching this way, our Elector having sent Orders to the Inhabitants in *Kempen Land*, to furnish him with Provisions and other necessaries.

Dort, Nov. 29. The 27 instant 600 French came down in several small Boats to *Armejde*, which place they plundered, after having made themselves Masters of a Post, in which lay 200 Dutch of *Bampfields* Regiment, who no sooner heard of the enemies coming, but thought it time to provide for their own safety, by throwing down their Arms, and abandoning their Post, which, together with a small Frigate, that lay there, secured *Armejde*; the Frigate the French burnt, and there being nothing left to make any opposition, laded themselves with what plunder they could meet, which was not inconsiderable, and so returned to their own Quarters.

Maestricht, Novemb. 30. The Prince of *Orange* having lodged several days with his Troops in the Neighborhood of *Tongres*, gave occasion to think they had some intentions to Attack that place, which it now appears they had not, upon his Highness's having Commanded his Forces to march this way, excepting the Infantry, who are to take their way towards *St. Tron*; This Morning about two of the Clock the Cavalry began to march, First the Regiment of Dragoons, Commanded by Colonel *Puis*, who had the Avant Guard, marched and passed the *Meuse* over our Bridge; then followed the Spanish Cavalry, and last came the Dutch; All the Horse that were here in Garrison, with two Regiments of Foot, and a Train of Artillery, are likewise gone out from hence; to joyn with the Princes Troops; we are told their design is to endeavor to fall upon the Duke of *Duras*, who is said to be now on his march with a Body of French Cavalry along the *Roer* towards *Linnich*, though we cannot promise our selves any great success herein. We have advice that the Duke of *Duras* is arrived with a Convoy of 400 Horse at *Maseyk*, having left the Cavalry on their march towards *Nuis*.

Amsterdam, Dec. 1. The French continue by small parties to do us daily much mischief in all the parts hereabouts, which we still must patiently suffer, and see them come and plunder and burn our houses, almost under the walls of this place. Here are come 12 Companies from *Mayden*, to which have been joyned 12 Companies of Seamen, in each 50 Men, and Commanded by as many Sea Captains, under the Admiral *Swaerts*; this morning they went out from hence, with intentions as was given out, to make some attempt upon the Enemy, but we are since told, and that with more likelihood of

truth, that they are onely gone out to fetch in some Turf, Hay, Straw, &c. We have advice here, that the French some days since with 1000 Men drawn out of *Utrecht*, made an attack upon *Armejde*, part of which Garrison they heard was Commanded hither, where meeting with little or no resistance, some few of the Soldiery that remained there under the Command of Colonel *Bampfield*, having been killed, the rest escaping, they plundered the place, and so with a good booty returned to *Utrecht* again; the States seem much dissatisfied with the conduct of Colonel *Bampfield* in this action, and have caused him to be imprisoned. Some of our Troops were lately Commanded out on a design upon *Swarte Sluys*, which place they attacked by water, having a great many Boats provided for them to that purpose, but were beaten off, and so returned onely to tell us, that they had left several of their Companions behind them, who were killed in the attack. The Bishop of *Munster* Forces have retaken *Dicher Scans*, near *Groningen*.

Brussels, Decemb. 3. We are told that 4000 Men more have been drawn out of several of our Garrisons, to be sent to reinforce the Troops which lye at present under the Command of Count *Marcy*, before *Tongres*. From *Maestricht* they write, that the Duke of *Duras* having drawn the French Cavalry that lay quartered in *Liege* together, was marched with them towards *Nuis*, and intended to proceed forwards from thence, to joyn, as was thought, with Monsieur de *Turenne*, and that the Prince of *Orange* having almost thrice as great a Force with him, was marched after the Duke of *Duras*, into the County of *Fuliers*, to endeavor to attack him in his passage over the *Roer* at *Linnich*; but other Letters say, that his Highness had changed his resolution, and was returned into *Liege*, to joyn with Count *Marcy*, and jointly with him to Besiege *Tongres*. Our Letters from *Cologne* tell us, That the Confederate Armies have indeed passed the *Rhyn*, but that they have not since made any advance; That at present they are about Fortifying *Gustaeſburgh*, and have put 3000 Men in it; Monsieur de *Turenne* having left a good Body of Men to secure his Bridge at *Andernach*, is marched up towards *Treves*, and some Letters say, that he is already joyned with the Prince of *Conde*. From *Frankfort* they tell us, that the Imperialists and Brandenburg Troops are reduced to great want of Provisions; That the Commissaries go far and near to provide them, but in most places, especially those that are Fortified and in a condition to refuse them, are received with reproaches and ill Treatment onely; so far are the generality of the people, from being satisfied with the present proceedings.

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