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Coblenz, March 23.

THe French Commissaries are very buſie to hire and buy all the Boats they can in theſe parts, for the bringing the French Troops down the *Moselle* from *Lorrain*, we know of ſeveral thouſand that have already paſſed down this way, and we are told of 7 or 8000 more that are now on their way from *Meiz*, for the reinforcing *Monſieur de Turennes* Army.

Hildeſheim, March 24. We can hardly expreſs the miſerable condition of this Country, the Imperial and Brandenburg Troops having in the time of ſix weeks, in that manner ruined and deſtroyed it; notwithstanding which, they have at preſent ſo great want of Forage for their Cavalry, that they have been forced to take the Straw, which covered the poor Country peoples Hutts, to feed their Horſes. The Dukes of *Brunſwick* have ſent 1000 Foot and 100 Horſe to be put into Garrifon here, for the better ſecurity of this place; The Brandenburg Troops are removed out of this Dioceſe, though the Imperialiſts are ſtill quartered up and down in the ſmall Villages.

Bon, March 25. Our Elector having conſented to the Leavies, which the Magiſtrates of *Liege* are about to make for the ſecurity of that Countrey, Commiſſions have been iſſued for the taking them in hand forthwith, and Orders given for the diſperſing theſe Troops, ſo ſoon as they are on foot, into *St. Truyen*, *Hoydenant* and *Eke*; in the mean time ſeveral Troops are put into *Liege*, for the better ſecurity of the place, the Government whereof is at preſent committed to one of the Canons of the Chapter, till ſuch time as they ſhall have provided a fitter perſon to be Governor. The French are laying up great ſtores of Hay and other Forage in *Tongres* and *Mafeyck*, for the ſubſiſtence of their Cavalry; The Garrifon of *Machtricht* endeavors to do the like, and ſend daily our Parties to fetch it in from the Villages, which depend upon the Biſhoprick of *Liege*, publiſhing at the ſame time ſeveral Plaquets, by which they endeavor to oblige the Bores, to bring in to them all their ſtores, though all to little purpoſe, the whole Countrey being left ſobare, that the Country people, though they never ſo much deſired it, know not how to ſupply them. The Spaniſh Garrifon in *Calcar* hath lately ſurpriſed two Troops of French Horſe, which lay in *Udem*, belonging to the Regiment of the Count *de Montgommery*, however this hath ſerved to awaken the Neighbouring Garrifon of *Cleves*, *Santem*, *Goch*, and other places thereabouts, whither the Count *d'Eftrades* hath beſides ſent ſome Companies of Infantry for their better ſtrength. *Monſieur de Turenne* having made two Bridges over the *Weſer*, beſides that at *Hoxter*, his Troops have paſſed that River, and followed the Confederates, as faſt as they retreated higher up in the Empire, not knowing where with ſecurity to ſit down to winter: The Imperialiſts had got into the Dioceſe of *Hildeſheim*, intending to provide themſelves there with winter quarters, which that they might the more ſecurely do, they deſigned to Beſiege the Town of *Hildeſheim*, and endeavored to make themſelves Maſters of it, but at the

Complaints of thoſe Inhabitants, the Dukes of *Brunſwick* ſent two thouſand Men into the place; upon which the Imperialiſts quitted their firſt intentions, and are retired towards *Franconia*; The Elector of *Brandenburg* being on his return to *Berlin*, hath left Major General *Eller* to Command at *Minden*, and Major General *Spaen* at *Lipſtadt*.

Hambrough, March 29. Several Paſſengers arrived from *Harnburgh*, *Wolfenbuttel*, *Brunſwick*, and *Lunenburgh* tell us, that the Elector of *Brandenburg* was on Friday laſt at *Harnburgh*, two Leagues from *Halberſtadt*, his Troops, together with the Imperialiſts and thoſe of *Lorrain* having their quarters at the ſame time at *Steinfeld*, expecting Orders how to proceed; They farther tell us, that the Mareſhal *Turenne* had altered his march to *Caſſel*, and was paſſed the *Weſer*, to aſſiſt the Inhabitants of *Hildeſheim*, to force the Confederate Troops out of that Country. From *Bremen* we hear, that the *Swedes* are raiſing ten Regiments in that Dutchy, beſides which, they expect ſeveral Troops from *Sweden*, with the Velt-Heer *Wrangel*, ſo that they will have a conſiderable Army on foot this Campaigne.

Cologne, March 31. Our laſt advices tell us, that *Monſieur de Turenne* was returned from *Hoxter* to *Saxeſt* again; and that the Imperial and Brandenburg Troops, continue ſtill in the Biſhoprick of *Hildeſheim*, having miſerably ruined and Harreſſed that Country; Several brave Troops paſs daily by this place towards the French Army, which is of late very conſiderably reinforced; all things are there in an excellent poſture, and good ſtore of Proviſions and all other neceſſaries, We begin to prepare Houſes here for the Ambaſſadors and Plenipotentiaries of the ſeveral Princes concerned in the preſent War, who are to come hither to Treat of Peace.

Paris, April 1. All neceſſary preparations are every where making for the King's journey, which he will begin about the 15 of this month; his Majesty intends, as is ſaid, to continue at *Compiene* till the beginning of *May*, and then to go into the *Campagne*; Their Majesties are at preſent at *Verſailles*, where they reſolve to paſs the Holidays, and ſo to return to *St. Germain*. From the *Franche Comte* they write, that the Marquis *de Liſſenet*, who was head of the late Faction raiſed againſt the Government there, had ſince his retreat into the Dutchy of *Burgundy*, endeavored to encite the People to take up Arms aſreſh for the eaſing themſelves of thoſe many oppreſſions, he tells them, they lie under, and which they muſt expect will daily grow upon them, unleſs they prevent it by chaſing the Spaniſh Troops at preſent out of the Countrey, and not permitting for the future any others to be brought in upon them, to maintain the Governor in all the violences which he commits upon the People; to this purpoſe he hath written to the Magiſtrates of ſeveral Towns of that Countrey, adding, that if they will accept of his ſervice, he is ready to come to their aſſiſtance with 800 Horſe, and that beſides he will bring with them ſix ſums of Money as ſhall be capable to raiſe a conſiderable Force, which at the ſame time he proteſts he will employ only for the good of his Countrey, and for the freeing it from
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