

was ready to begin his Voyage for these parts, and that with him were to embark a very considerable body of Men both Horse and Foot, though we hear from all hands, that the Swedes have already a considerable Force together on this side the water. From *Westphalia* we have advice, that the Bishop of *Münster* is preparing to come into the Field with an Army of 16000 Men at least, to which are to be added the Elector of *Cologne* Troops, and both these to be joyned to the Army Commanded by the Prince of *Conde*; Here are various discourses concerning the design in hand, but the most general is, that they will directly march towards *Friesland*. The *Brandenburgh* Forces lye as yet very still, and we believe will continue so to do, if it be true, what is reported of the Treaty between the French and his Electoral Highness being Ratified, as we have little ground left to doubt it, notwithstanding all the Dutch can say to the contrary.

Maastricht, May 24. We are now in daily expectation to see the French appear under our Walls, and are preparing for a Siege, for the carrying on of which *Monsieur de Turcotte* is to come down the *Rhyn*, with the Army under his Command, and other Troops are to come from *Charleroy*, to joyn with those at *Tongres* and *Mafeyck*. Here are come several hundred Italians.

Hague, May 24. On Monday last the States of *Holland* were extraordinarily assembled, which was occasioned by the confirmation they received of the conclusion of the Treaty between the French and the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, which notwithstanding they long since had notice of its being in hand, very much perplexes them. The Prince of *Orange* is gone with Count *Walddecke* to the Leuer at *Alphen*; all our Forces are drawn towards the Frontiers, whither a great many Companies of Boreas and Burghers have been likewise sent, for the greater strength of those places. It is said here with much confidence, that the Imperials are coming again towards the *Rhyn*. From *Ntrecht* they speak much of some great design the Prince of *Conde* has in hand, and that the preparations there are accordingly.

Hague, May 26. Yesterday in the evening the Baron *d'Issola* arrived here from *Brussels*, and intends within a day or two to be going hence to the place of Treaty. The 24 instant the Heer *Romswinkel* the *Brandenburgh* Minister residing here, presented to the States a Letter written by his Electoral Highness from *Berlin*, on occasion of the Treaty between him and the French, in which it is said, his Electoral Highness tells them at large the motives that induced him to it. The French Army being come to *St. Dennis*, within two Leagues of *Ghent*, hath put those Countreys in a general Alarm, though we here, cannot be much troubled at it, there being nothing that we more desire, than a War between *France* and *Spain*.

Dendermonde, May 24. This day about noon the Count *de Monterey* arrived here on his way to *Ghent*, his Excellency being thus continually passing from one place to another, to see all things put in the best posture of defence. The French Army lies at present between *Harlebeck* and *St. Dennis*; several of their Troops being Commanded to *Charleroy*.

Ghent, May 24. This day we have advice that the most Christian King is come to *St. Denis*, which puts us here into great disorder, notwithstanding all possible care has been taken to put us in a good posture of defence, in case of any Attack, and besides we hear his Excellency is bringing a good body of Men together, between this place and *Brussels*.

Courtray, May 24. The 20 instant arrived here *Don Antonio de Agurto*, being sent to Compliment his Majesty by the Count *de Monterey*, Governor of the Spanish Neatherlands, he was very kindly received by his Majesty, and pre-

ferred with a Jewel of very considerable value. The same day the Duke of *Orleans*, who came the 18 from *Fawn*, arrived here. The 22 the King gave publick Audience to the Envoy of the *Czar of Muscovy*, who arrived here from *England*. The 23 the Queen parted hence for *Tourney*, where her Majesty will reside during this Campaign, having been accompanied part of the way by the King, who afterwards returned and went to *St. Denis*, two or three miles from *Ghent*, where is appointed the general Rendezvous of the Army. The 19 of this Month our Plenipotentiaries came to *Liege*, on their way to *Cologne*.

Brussels, May 24. Yesterday the most Christian King came with his Army to *St. Dennis*, about three Dutch miles from *Ghent*, where it is said he will expect an answer from his Ambassador at the Court at *Madrid*, to what he directed him to represent to the Queen Regent, in relation to the present affairs, and accordingly take his farther resolution. *Don Antonio de Agurto*, who was sent by his Excellency the Count *de Monterey* to Complement his most Christian Majesty upon his arrival in these parts, is returned hither again. The 20 instant the Duke of *Orleans* arrived in the Army, which he is to Command in chief under the King. At *Audenarde* are at present 80 pieces of Cannon, to which are to be added 50 Pieces more, which are coming from *Lech*. We have just now advice, that yesterday the French passed the *Faert* between *Ghent* and *Bruges*, on what design we shall now soon learn. The discourses here are various concerning the strength of the French Army; some tell us, that it consists of 50000 Men, others but 40, and a third will allow them to be but 30. His Excellency has ordered that all the Infantry shall work constantly on the *Fort-Royal*, without the *Halsche Port*, in order to the finishing that Fortification. The Baron *d'Issola* is gone again to the *Hague*.

Antwerp, May 27. All the Countrey hereabouts is in great consternation upon the approach of the French Troops, who in a Body of 16000 Men have passed the *Faert* at *Ghent*, and are now Camped about two Leagues from *Sas van Ghent*: the Countrey People inhabiting about *Hulst* begin to retire hither in great numbers, though in the mean time we here hardly think our selves secure. From *Cologne* they write, that the French Plenipotentiaries were arrived there, and that it was confidently reported, that the Imperial Troops were coming down towards the *Rhine* again.

Ostend, May 27. The Dutch Fleet was here told are removed from their station at *Schoonvelt*, and are gone to joyn the *Amsterdam* Squadron, under the Command of the Heer *Tromp*; it is reckoned they will be then altogether, with the Ships of *Zealand*, 65 men of War. From *Middleburgh* they write, that six of their men of War were gone to Sea, to the rest of the Fleet, but that the rest of their Squadron lye still at *Flushing*, having hardly any Men on board. We have news that the French are come to *Issendike*, not far from *Sluys*.

Whitehall, May 19. This day His Majesty, accompanied by his Royal Highness, returned hither from the Fleet, which His Majesty left in a very good condition, off of *Dungenesse*, ready to sail with the first fair Wind: Before his coming away, His Majesty having a gracious Esteem of the many good Services performed on several Occasions, as well in the last Summer Expedition, as at other times, by the Right Honourable the Earl of *Ossory*, was pleased to make him Rear-Admiral of the *Blew* Squadron.

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Stolen out of the Grounds adjoining to *Bishop's Hall* between *Neithal-Green* and *Hackney*, on Friday night last, a thin light timbred black Nag, near 14 hands high, a little Yenn-neckt, a white Face, and rising in his Forehead, his hinder Legs white to the Gambrels, being five years old and having all his paces. Also one Iron Grey Nag, about thirteen hands and half high, having all his paces, and a little trace Galled; Whoever shall give notice of them to Mr. *Thomas Andersen* at the Signe of the *Crown* by *Algate*, shall have 40 s for each Horse.