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Hambrough, May 19.

From Sweden our Letters tell us, That that Senate had ordered the Forces they intend for this side of the Water, to be Embarked forthwith, in order to their Transportation. The City of Bremen seems very jealous of these preparations of the Swedes; what reason they have for it, time will shew.

Liege, May 23. On Saturday last arrived here the Duke of Chaulnes, and Monsieur Courtin, the French Plenipotentiaries for the Treaty of Peace, yesterday they went hence to Wesel, and so will continue their way to Cologne; whither the Swedish Mediators, and the Dutch Plenipotentiaries that are at present at Aix la Chapelle will likewise go.

Cologne, May 26. From Lipsbad they write, that Monsieur de Turenne departs from day to day his departure from Soest; in the mean time that he hath caused a great many Waggons and Horses to be provided, in order to a march. All Hostilities are now likewise ceased in the Dutchy of Cleves, between the French and the Elector of Brandenburg, and instead thereof, all Offices of an entire Friendship now pass between them. The Imperial Regiment in Garrison here, having taken an Oath of Fidelity to these Magistrates, and some of its chief Officers changed, there remains no farther difficulty, but that the Plenipotentiaries of the several Princes concerned in the present Treaty do meet here, in order to a Peace. We hear that the Baron Swerin and the Sieur Brant, are to come hither on the part of the Elector of Brandenburg. The Baggage of the French Ambassadors is already arrived here. The six or seven Regiments of French Horse which were lodged in the County of Eyffel, are come into the Countrey of Juliers, and take their way towards Mascyk.

Wissing, May 26. It is almost impossible to express the confusion this Countrey is in, upon the news we receive of the approach of the French: our Drums continue to beat still for Men, for as yet not any of our Men of War are gone to Sea for want of Seamen; we are fitting two Fireships here, and at Middleburgh and Teruere two more, which it is thought may be ready the next week; our Fleet lies still at Spooonvelt, being couated in all about 60 Men of War.

Amesfoort, May 27. We have at present 3000 Men in Garrison here, though formerly we had not so many, which is occasioned by the report spread abroad, of the Enemies having a design upon this place. The French preparations in the Province of Utrecht are very great, their Forces begin to march, and we may expect to hear suddainly of some Action.

Hague, May 27. We have at present little to advise from hence; the Prince of Orange with other the chief Officers, are at their several Posts on the Frontiers. Our great expectation is to hear from Flanders, of the Motions of the most Christian King, and though we send what force we can spare that way, yet we should much joyce to hear that Spain was engaged in a War with that Crown. We are told, that after long debate, the States have resolved, that our Fleet shall onely act a defensive part this Summer, and therefore endeavor still to secure themselves amongst the Sands, on the Coast of Zealand. The Imperial Army, under

the Command of the Duke of Bournouville, lyes at present near Egra in Bohemia, where they are to refresh themselves, in order to their return towards the Rhyne.

Amsterdam, May 29. On Saturday last Lieutenant Admiral Tromp sailed with 8 Men of War from the Texel, to joyn the rest of our Fleet; The Steenbergben and the Looking-Glass remaining behind, because they were not quite ready; and we have advice that the Waekende Craen, a Ship of 90 Guns, Comanded by Captain Brackel, lies still at Helvoet Sluys for want of Men. In the Texel are arrived four Ships from Curassow, they bring advice, that the French had made an accord with the Governor there, for the delivering up that place to them; but that the Governor dying before their arrival, it had not any effect. Yesterday several French Troops came from Woerden, with intentions to make themselves Masters of the passage at Never sluys, for which purpose they had raised a Battery at Brenkell, and had planted several Guns, in a Vessel they to that end brought with them; what they effected, we know not, but we still hear the Guns this morning, which makes us conclude they are still at it. Count Conningsmark is marching with his Regiment for Friesland, and in his room Count Waldeck is to Command at the Post at Bodengrave.

Bruges, May 27. The French have possessed themselves of a small place on the River of Ghent, about two Leagues on this side that place, where they have passed the River with a considerable Body of Men, and this day they will pass over their Cannon; what design they have in hand, we know not, farther, then that they advance towards Sluys, Ardenburgh, and those other places. Yesterday the French sent some Persons to Ghent to buy Provisions, which they having done, and put them up in Waggons, they were in a furious manner assaulted by the Commonalty, and their Provisions taken from them: upon which, the Magistrates fearing the consequence of this ill Treatment, caused other Provisions to be bought, which were likewise in a violent manner attacked by the Commonalty, and not permitted to be carried to the French Camp, as intended; which it is feared, the most Christian King will resent. This day we have news, that the Prince of Conde has Besieged Gorcum, others say Heusden, certain it is, his Troops are before one of these places, if not both; in the mean time the Count de Monterey has drawn together a Body of 8000 Horse and Foot near Dendermond.

Ostend, May 29. From Zealand we have advice, that five of their Capital Ships are at length got to Sea, and joyned with de Ruyter, though at the same time several Passengers arrived from thence assure us, that they cannot possibly get Men to man them; so that they lye still at Flushing and Middleburgh, in no readines at all; The Dutch Fleet lies still at Schoonvelt, being on all 65 Men of War, besides Fireships and Tenders. The French are come to Issendyke, and so intend to enter into Cadland; notwithstanding the Countrey is every where laid under water. Monsieur de Turenne is coming down the Rhyne towards Macbricht, and the Prince of Conde is marched to besiege Gorcum, so that the Dutch may now expect to be suddainly attacked on all sides.