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Warsaw, May 25.

The preparations for the Campagne go on but slowly, and the reason is said to be, because we must first expect the result of the several Provincial Diets, in relation to their approving what was done in the last General Diet held here; and besides, the danger does not seem at present to press us so much; however, we continue still to receive frequent Alarms from the Frontiers, of the preparations the Turks are every where making for War, though what we more credit, is, the Advices we receive from the Port, That some part of the *Ottoman* Forces will go into the Field this Summer; that neither the Grand Signior, nor the Grand Visier, will be there in person, but that the chief Command of those Troops will be given to the *Hussan* Bassa. We have not of late heard any thin considerable of *Dorofensko*, his Power seems to decrease daily, great part of those Cossacks that have all along continued with him beginning to desert him, so that he hath been forced to flee to the Port for protection.

Vienna, June 1. On Sunday last the Emperour arrived here from *Luxemburg*, to assist at the Ceremony of Consecrating the Bishop of *Strieffe*. The Count *Coninow*, appointed by the Emperour to be his Plenipotentiary to assist at the Treaty of Peace at *Cologne*, is still here, though he talks every day of setting forward on his journey. The several Officers of the Army are preparing themselves for the Campagne; for it is considerably reported here, that the Army 30000 strong, will very suddenly march towards the *Rhine*; the Prince of *Lorrain*, who is General of the Cavalry, is making a very Noble Equipage. The Count *de Windisferitz* having been employed by the Emperour to several Princes of the Empire, is returned hither again, though what success he hath had in his several Negotiations, we have not yet learn.

Cologne, June 9. On Tuesday last the French Ambassadors made their Publick Entry into this place, which was intended should have been without any Ceremony on the part of the Town, to prevent all differences that might arise concerning it. It is confidently said, that Monsieur *Turenne* is coming down the *Rhine* to assist at the Siege of *Mastricht*, and that a Bridge is preparing to be made at *Kerswert*, in order to his passing the *Rhine* there with his Army which consists of 20000 Men.

Middleburgh, June 9. The Ship *Daventer*, Captain *Curlenburgh* Commander, being disabled in the Fight, was, coming in here, cast away upon the *Raem*, there having been only sixty persons saved, all the rest being lost; this Ship was mounted with 70 Guns. At *Flushing* by three Ships, who must have new Masts, &c.

Hague, June 12. The eighth instant the Prince of *Orange* arrived here from *Gorcum*. The *Elephant*, a Ship of 90 Guns, is sailed out of the *Texel*, with three or four Ship more, to reinforce our Fleet since the late Engagement. The French continue still at *Mulderbergh*, they have raised a Battery between that place and *Muyden*, from whence they prove very much to annoy *Muyden*. The Bishop of *Major* seems to have his eye upon *Grinsigen*.

Amsterdam, June 12. We have now seen several Relations in Print, of the Engagement on Wednesday the 28 May, which all differ according to the pleasure of the Author; some tell us, that the Enemy has lost 22 Men of War, some say more, and others less, but all conclude, we have obtained a great Victory, and that the Enemy will not be able to look us in the face again. However, we confess, that we have lost two Capital Ships, the *Leventer*, and the *Armes* of *Haerlem*, which sunk before *Zealand*; and that three Ships, viz The *Blazing Star*, the *Princes Horse*, and the *Zuyderhuy* are come in very much disabled to *Flushing*; and what is much wondered at here, is, That Admiral *de Ruyter* in his Letter to the Prince of *Orange*, does not make mention of these great losses sustained by the Enemy, of which a Copy follows, as Printed here.

Lieutenant Admiral de Ruyters Letter to his Highness the Prince of Orange.

Scene and Highborn Prince,

MY last was of the Sixth instant about Noon, That Afternoon the weather began to clear up; towards Evening we could see the Enemy again. The seventh in the Morning, the Wind at North-west, and fair weather, the Enemy began to move: Whereupon I called a Council of War, and having consulted together, it was resolved, our Fleet should weigh anchor, to meet the Enemy, in case they should come to Attack us. Our Flag Officers were not yet all returned to their several Ships, but the Enemy began to draw towards us with all their three Squadrons, in the form of a Half-Moon, and their White Squadron, which was most Northerly, was the first; that about one a Clock engaged the Lieutenant Admiral *Tramp*, who was in good order, and they fought bravely, and stood together North East. We and the Lieutenant Admiral *Banker*, with our respective Squadrons, could not be Attacked by the Enemy so soon; and that we might not be separated from one another, we held our course also North-Eastward, until about two a Clock in the Afternoon, and then judging it was requisite to Tack about Southwards, I caused a Sign to be given, and sent the advice of it by a Yacht to the Lieutenant Admiral *Van Tramp*; and having Tacked about accordingly, we encountered the Head Squadron, and the Lieutenant Admiral *Banker* the Blew Squadron: We engaged through one another; but I was more fortunate then Lieutenant Admiral *Banker*, whose Fore-Mast was shot down, and of whom I took care: So that having cut off from him some Ships of the Enemy, of whom we had then the Weather Gage we thought it not fit to pursue them, but Tacked about again to the Northward to meet the Head *Van Tramp*; which we did towards Evening, when we altogether sailed with the Enemy Southward, and maintained the fight, until night parted us. Wh reason we came to an Anchor about two Leagues W. N. W. off *West Capel*. To give an exact Relation of all the Particulars that have happened, during this fight, is impossible, because we could hitherto not be informed of them; but we judge absolutely, That thus far the Victory (God be praised) is on the side of this State; and our Highness, to perfect which, we shall employ our utmost endeavors, and the best of our courage, trusting in God he will bless and prosper us. The fight hath been furious on both sides; but on our side, some had a greater share in it than others, for as much as some had an advantage of the Wind above others; the like we take to have been the Enemies case: Of both Fleets there are many disabled Ships. The Officers killed on our side, are, Vice-Admiral *Schram*, and Rere-Admiral *Ulugh*, and Captain *Van Fergen*; Captain *Ecker*, and Captain *Nassau*, mortally wounded. The Fireships did little execution on both sides, yet many of them were destroyed and burnt; the Enemy would gladly have bestowed some of theirs upon us. We have put the Rere-Admiral *de Hegen* in the place of Vice-Admiral *Schram*, under the Squadron of the Lieutenant Admiral *Tramp*; and the place of that Rere-Admiral, is supplied by Captain *Van Meenen*, who came yesterday