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Rome, May 27.

**T**He Courier which lately arrived here from France, is sent back with ample Instructions to Signior *Nerli*, the Popes Nuncio at Paris, for the accomplishing the most Christian Kings intentions, concerning the re-establishment of the Equestrian Order of St. *Lazarus*; it is said, that the said Courier carries Orders to Signior *Nerli* to return home, his friends here having desired it of the Pope; that they might the better procure him a Cap at the next Promotion of Cardinals. The Duke of *Gravina* hath at length yielded to the earnest instance of the Cardinal *Nittard*, the Spanish Ambassadour here, concerning his performing the Ceremony of Homage, on the part of the Crown of Spain, for the Kingdom of *Naples* on St. *Peter's* day, which the said Duke will do with the greatest splendor and solemnity the short time he has to make his preparations in will give him leave. An Extraordinary Courier coming from Spain, with Dispatches for the Vice-Roy of *Naples*, was assaulted near this place by four persons, his Letters taken away, and the Courier killed; of which Cardinal *Nittard* having complained, strict Orders have been given for the discovery of these Assassins.

From the Camp before Maestricht, June 12.

The King with most of the Cavalry, and about 4 or 5000 Foot, arrived before this place on Saturday last, about Noon, having marched 7 Leagues that morning: In the afternoon his Majesty traced the Line of Circumvallation on this side the River, and gave the Cavalry their several grounds, and left Intervals for the Foot: His Majesty was upon that they call the By-watch all the night, all the Squadrons being on horseback: yesterday early in the morning, the Infantry and the Artillery joyned the Camp: The Bridge of Communication was made yesterday, and a Camp formed on the other side of the River, which the Duke of *Orleans* commands. The King has given the Duke of *Monmouth* the Command of half the Great Line on this side, which contains 8000 Horse and Foot; and is a Post of very great consequence. We told you in our last, that the Enemy had made a Sally with six Squadrons of Horse, but that they were beaten back, without any great loss, there having not been above 20 men killed on both sides: some we took prisoners, who tell us, that there is 5000 Foot, and 1400 Horse in the place; That Provisions begin to grow dear already, and that their Horse are very bad. The report we had here of Monsieur *Turenne's* being coming down the *Rhine*, is now contradicted again.

*Cologne*, June 13. Yesterday morning the Dutch Plenipotentiaries parted from *Aix la Chapelle*, and this evening they are expected here: the Swedish Ambassadours are likewise here; several Visits have passed between them and the French Ambassadours. Count *Conningsmark* is arrived here; his Troops which have for some time lodged in the Counties of *Nassau*, *Dillenburgh*, *Siegen*, &c. are now on their march, intending to pass the *Rhyn* at *Bon*, and so to pass on to *Maestricht*. Monsieur de *Turenne* continues still at *Soest*.

*Amsterdam*, June 15. We still continue to talk of the great Victory we have obtained at Sea, though we begin to abate very much of the Enemies losses; for

instead of 22 Men of War, which according to our first advice, they had burnt, sunk, and stranded, we now can onely speak of 10, which we fear will at last come to none, and that it will be found, that as the Victory, so the greatest loss is on the side of this State: but it is no wonder, if all this while we talk at random, considering the great care that is taken to conceal all matters that are any way to our disadvantage. A certain person arrived here, informs us, that the 13 instant he was in our Fleet, then lying at Anchor in *Schonevelt*, the English Fleet lying within sight of them, behind the *Sweenbank* and *Osterbank*; that our Fleet consisted of 65 Men of War; 5 or 6 of our Ships which were very much disabled, being gone into Port to refit; that near *West Cappel* lay three great Vessels, having on board vast numbers of wounded men, for the carrying of which to shore, 8 or 10 small Vessels were to be employed; that it was the general report in the Fleet, that we have lost three Men of War besides the *Deventer*, and a great many Fireships: This person farther adds, That the Captain of the Ship he was on Board (being one of the first Rank) told him for truth, that he had had 90 men killed out-right, besides almost as many more wounded; That it is forbid, on very severe penalties, That no Officer or Seaman shall write any news concerning the posture or condition of their respective ships, to their friends ashore; but as for the Enemies losses, they have leave to make them as great as they please. We have now an account of these Officers killed, Vice-admiral *Schram*, Rear-admiral *Ulugh* of North-Holland, Capt. *Backer*, Capt. *Bergen*, Capt. *Cuylenburg*, Capt. *Nassau*, Capt. *Port*, and Capt. *de Haes*; we are assured that our Fleet has positive Orders not to come in, but that still upon all occasions they retreat to the *Weilings*, where they may refit their Ships, and have all things necessary sent them from hence; and that for such Ships which shall be so disabled, that there is a necessity for their coming into port, that they send them to *Ulissing* and *Middleburg*: By such stratagems as these, we endeavour to keep up the hearts of the people, who, should they see the truth of things, would be as much dejected as they seem now animated with the false reports that are spread abroad. We have just now advices, that the Fleets are Engaged again, but have not any of the particulars.

*Hague*, June 16. Our last Letters from our Fleet was of the 13 instant, when they lay in *Schonevelt*, repairing the damages they had sustained in the late Engagement. The French are still at *Muderbergh*, many fear, that *Muyden* will at last fall into their hands. We report here with much confidence, that the Imperial Army is on their March, to give the French a diversion; We continue to talk here very extravagantly, concerning the last Fight. Since my last, I have got a sight of the true Letter, written by Lieutenant-Admiral *de Ruyter*, the day after the Fight, to the Prince of *Orange*, in which I find this clause in the latter end of it (which was not published with the rest) — *Five Ships, which were quite disabled, I have sent to Ulissing to be refitted; Three of our Men of War are missing, and I fear lost: We have lost most of our Fireships, and a great many men. I beseech your*  
Highness