

cons thereabouts were all fired, and fires made upon the Steeples to give the neighboring Towns notice of the approach of the Enemy, that so they might come to their assistance; the Drums beat all night, the Bells rung, as in time of the greatest danger, and the Burgers were called in Arms, several Companies of whom, as well from hence, as *Dort*, and other places were sent towards the *Brill*, for the security of that place; it is hardly to be said the great distraction we were in, our tears transporting us so far, that many of the Inhabitants began to pack up their Goods, and to remove with their Families, some to *Delf* and the *Hague*, though as many at the same time fled hither from thence, and the rest to *Dort* and other places.

Hague, Aug. 4. Yesterday a great Fleet, consisting, as we reckoned them from the Shore, in 150 sail, appeared off of *Seveling*, which we at first believed to be our own Fleet, till some of the smaller Frigats coming as near as they could, fired several shot a-bore, some of which took place in the Steeple of the Church there, and so discovered our mistake, and that they were the English Fleet, which the more surprized us, because we were but lately made believe, that they had been so destroyed in the late Engagements, that they would not be able to come to Sea again this Summer; though now we may see how vainly we have been deceived, with this farther mortification, that the Enemy thus carries fear and confusion all along our coast, whilst our Fleet, who we were told, was not long since in search of them, lies still to look on, within their Sands on the coast of *Zeland*. This morning about 4 of the clock an Ives here the Prince of *Orange*, and found us in great disorder, the Burgers were in Arms, and several whole Families were marching out of Town to other places. In the mean time, all endeavors were used to settle the minds of the People, and to put our selves in the best posture of defence, in case the Enemy should attempt to Land. The Heer *van Harcn*, is not as yet arrived from *Friessland*, nor the Sieur *Gockinga* from *Gronningen*, till when, the States General cannot come to any final resolution concerning the Instructions to be given to their Plenipotentiaries, who are to return to *Cologne*: His Highness's Life-Guard, being 600 Horse, are come to *Rotterdam* from *Gertrudenburg*, where the Army lies still encamped.

Antwerp, August 4. The Dutch Army continues still near *Gertrudenburg*, observing the Motions of the French, who are in the Mayery of the *Bosch*, and some Letters say, that the Prince of *Orange* upon the news that the English Fleet was come upon their Coast, was gone in great haste for the *Hague*. We do not now talk up on much of Peace as formerly; all our hopes depend upon the Instructions the States shall give to their Plenipotentiaries when they return to *Cologne*, for if upon their arrival there, they have the like disposition, as the other Parties have, towards the carrying on the Treaty, we doubt not but to hear in a short time of a good conclusion of it. Our last Letters from *Germany* give us an account, That Monsieur *de Turénne* removes not yet from his quarters at *Wetzlar*, his Army being at present composed of 30000 brave fighting Men. The most Christian King is according to our last advices at *Metz*, bringing a considerable Army together in those parts, so that we cannot after all believe, but that the Imperialists will be very cautious of engaging themselves too far. Our Letters from *Rotterdam* of the third instant, tell us, of the great disorder all the Countrey thereabouts was in, upon the English Fleet's appearing upon their Coast, and that the Burgers and Bores had been every where put in Arms, and add, as if some of their Forces were Commanded from *Gertrudenburg*; to Guard the Coast; in the mean time this news differs very much from what we had not long since, from thence, viz. That the English

Fleet could not come to Sea again this Summer; and what we here very much wonder at, is, That the Dutch, who have all along told us, that they impatiently expected the coming out of the English Fleet, that they might fight them, have since their being abroad, not thought it safe to stir out of *Schonevelt*, except it be some Leagues to look about themselves, and so to return again. Our Governor the Count *de Monterey* is expected in a day or two as we hear at *Ostend*.

Brussels, August 5. On Thursday last in the Morning, our Governor the Count *de Monterey* parted hence for *Bruges*; and the general discourse is, that his Excellency will go as far as *Ostend*. The Count *d'Assensar*, *Marfite de Camp* General of the Forces employed in the service of these Countries, is gone to visit the Provinces of *Guelderland*, *Limburgh*, and *Luxemburgh*. According to our last advices from the *Hague*, the Dutch Plenipotentiaries had not yet received their Instructions, in order to their return to *Cologne*; In the mean time, the slow proceeding of the States in a matter of this concern, make the people more plainly discover, that though they extremely desire a Peace, that their Superiors are of a contrary mind, and it is said, our Governor likes well they should continue to be so; for though we cannot learn what advantage we have got by the War, yet we are assured, that all endeavors are here used to hinder the Peace, and that end it is given out, that the Queen of *Spain* has at last finally resolved to proceed to a Rupture with the Crown of *France*, in favor of the Dutch, and this perhaps makes them so backward, in contributing towards the Peace; which the contrary Parties with much earnestness endeavor, and they which seem to stand most in need of it, and indeed pretend to desire it, least promote it. We now talk of nothing but the march of the Imperial Army, from whom great matters are expected, we reckon them here to be near 40000 Men, and in a word are wanting in nothing for the encouraging the Dutch to carry on the War.

Ostend, Aug. 5. In our former we told you, that on Monday and Tuesday last, the English Fleet was within sight of the Dutch, upon the coast of *Zeland*, not being able to bring the latter to a Battle, notwithstanding they had the Weather-gage of the English, they keeping still this method, that when the English Fleet stood from them, they ventured out, and followed them some Leagues, making us here ashore believe, that it was with intention to fight; but no sooner did the English Tack upon them, but they did so too, and retreated into *Schonevelt*; the English finding nothing was to be done with them, are sailed along the Dutch coast to the Northwards, the Dutch in the mean time, unwilling to trust themselves too far from this place of refuge, keep themselves in *Schonevelt*.

Advertisements.

These are to give Notice, That His Majesty hath been pleased by his Letters Patents to Grant to the Town of *Newcastle* upon *Trent*, in the County of *Nottingham*, two new Patents, each to continue two days for buying and Selling all manner of Cattle; The first will be kept on *St Lukes* day next, and the other the Tuesday sevennight before *Ides Sunday*, and so on those days yearly for ever.

Whereas *Richard Haines* of *Sullington*, &c. having by his own Industry found the way of Cleaning a certain sort of Grass Seeds, properly called *Trefyle- Seeds*, and by some called *Nonsu. b*, and by others *Hop-Flower*, &c. from its Husk and Course Grass, by which means it is much bettered and improved; There are to give Notice to all Persons, That the said *Richard Haines*, being the first finder out of the said Invention, and for that the same may be of great profit to this Nation, for his encouragement. His Majesty hath been Graciously pleased by his Letters Patents, under the Great Seal of England, to Grant and Confirm to the said *Richard Haines*, the sole Privilege of cleaning the same Seeds, according to the same Invention, and to prohibit all Persons within this Realm, to use or exercise the same Invention, during the term of fourteen years, according to the Statute; the said Seed is to be sold at the *Cross-Keys* in *Lombard Street*, with Bills of Direction.