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Harmich, Octob. 2.

Yesterday we heard here a great many Guns, of the occasion of which, we have since this account; Two English Merchant men, the one called the *Loving Friendship* of *Newcastle*, *Thomas Green* Master, and the other the *Maryland Merchant*, *Roger Wray* Master, mounted each with eight or ten Guns, who lately came home with the Fleet from *Virginia*, and were now going for *Newcastle*, were Attacked off of *Oxford* by two Dutch Capers, the one a Fregat of good force, and the other a Dogger of about 12 Guns, the Merchantmen defended themselves very well, and were engaged with the Enemy above four hours, during which time the *Loving Friendship* was boarded four times, but still the Enemy were beaten off with considerable loss, and the last time were forced to leave their Mace and Gunner wounded behind them, who are brought ashore here; The *Maryland Merchant* was likewise boarded thrice, and the Dutch as often beaten off with loss, though the Master himself lost his life in defence of his Ship. We hear not of any killed of the English, but of some wounded; the Dutch finding they could do no good upon them, were glad to leave them.

Warsaw Sept. 15. Our last Letters from the Count told us, that the King being pretty well recovered of his late indisposition, intended to proceed yesterday on his journey to *Zamosch*, where the Principal Officers of the Army, and the Senators of the Kingdom, are to meet his Majesty, in order to the taking a final resolution concerning the declaring War, or else maintaining Peace with the Turks; The Muscovites continue with much earnestness to persuade the former; and promise great assistance, but yet after all, the general opinion is, that if the Turks will permit us to be quiet this year, we shall be willing to be so, and not begin the War on this side, which we are not as yet so well prepared for, as might be wished.

Strasbourg, Octob. 1. Notwithstanding the Imperialists have published that they have had several Rencounters with the French, yet we certainly know that there hath not happened any thing considerable between the two Armies, since they came near each other, unless on the 14 past, Monsieur de *Turenne* having placed 300 Men at a very advantageous Post, not far from the Imperial Camp, to guard a Passage of great concern to the French; General *Montecuculi* thereupon sent a party of Infantry much stronger then the French, to force them from their Post, but they received the Imperialists with so much vigor, that they not only refused, but pursued them with their swords in their hands, without greater loss on their side, then of four killed and fifteen wounded; whereupon Count *Montecuculi* sent out a party of Cavalry to bring off the Infantry, but the Count de *Guiche* coming at the same time likewise with a party of French Horse, the Imperialists were forced absolutely to retire, and to leave the French in the quiet possession of their Post. Monsieur de *Turenne* having some days since ordered a considerable quantity of Bread to be baked in the Suburbs of *Wertheim*, which was about seven Leagues from his Camp, and Commanded a Convoy of 50 Dragoons to attend there; Count *Montecuculi* upon notice there-

of, sent out 1000 Horse, who came so on the suddain upon the French, that they could hardly save themselves in the Castle; however they took all the Bread and Corn they found there, and laded it on several Boats, to carry it to their Camp, but Monsieur de *Turenne* being informed thereof, immediately Commanded out a party after them, upon whose approach the Imperialists set fire to the Boats, and so retired; this accident happened to the French by means of the Bishop of *Wurtsburg*, who permitted the 1000 Imperialists to pass through his Town, contrary to the promise he had made to Monsieur de *Turenne*, to continue Neuter, and notwithstanding which, hath received an Imperial Garrison into *Wurtsburg* and Commanded all his Boots to destroy the French Soldiers wherever they met them, which they too faithfully executed having set upon and killed 40 Victualers, and their Servants, who relying upon the promise of Neutrality, were dispersed in the several Villages in this Bishoprick; the French by way of Reprisals, for so unworthy an Action, have caused the Murderers to be taken, and several Villages and considerable Houses belonging to the said Bishop, to be plundered and fired. In the mean time Monsieur de *Turenne* who was Encamped about three Leagues on the other side of *Wurtsburg* on the *Main*, considering that that place being in the hands of the Imperialists, would hinder the Boats from coming to his Camp, and him from attacking the Enemy, in the place where they are Posted, thought fit to change the place of his Camp, and by that means endeavor to cause the Imperialists likewise to Decamp; accordingly he came and Posted himself with his Army at *Mariendal*, four Leagues above the mouth of the *Tauber*, between *Wurtsburg* and *Wertheim*, which is five Leagues from the Imperial Camp; this change of place is very advantageous to the French, for here they have the *Main* open from their Camp to the *Rhine*, and are Masters of the said River, to pass the same as they shall see occasion, and to follow the Imperialists which way soever they take their way; in the mean time the French have put Garrisons in *Wertheim*, *Bischofsheim*, *Landau*, *Mariendal*, *Rottingen*, *Konigshoucm*, and some other places in *Franconia*, to preserve the Victuals and Forrage, of which those places are full; so that the French may easily subsist above four Months, at the cost of the Bishop of *Wurtsburg*, who is likewise Duke of *Franconia*, in case the Imperialists continue to refuse a Combat.

Frankfort, Oct. 4. Nothing has as yet passed between the two Armies, the Imperialists are Encamped at *Remlingen*, between *Wirzbourg* and *Wertheim*, and it is said, that part of them are already passed the *Main* at *Loh*, and that the rest will follow in order to their passing downwards the *Rhyn*; In the mean time Monsieur de *Turenne* continues to have an eye upon them, who lyes now not far from *Schaffenburg*, and will it is thought, take the first opportunity he can have to fight them.

Cologne, Oct 6 From *Kissenburg* they write, that the Imperialists begin to march towards *Wertheim*, and that the French Army, under the Command of Monsieur de *Turenne* lyes between *Mitzenbourg* and *Affschaffenbourg*; The French Ambassadors here, have as

we are told, make farther Propositions to the Mediators, in order to a Peace, but the Dutch seem to continue in their former obstinacy, as if they had resolved not to give ear to whatever reasonable and just Overtures should be made to them.

Amsterdam Oct. 6. From *Murich* we have advice, that the Duke of *Luxemburg* had caused great part of those Forces which he had brought together, to march towards *Brunel*, and some Letters speak, as if the *Sieur Puz*, late Governor of *Nardens*, had been condemned by a Council of War, and Beheaded, but with uncertainty. We do not now doubt, but that we shall ere long see Spain actually in a War with the French; for our Letters from *Flanders* tell us, that all things there seem to be preparing for it.

Hague, Oct. 3. The 29th past towards evening the Prince of *Orange* parted hence for *Bergen op Zoom*, that night he Lodged at *Doris*, and the next Morning early continue his Journey from hence; his Highness before his departure Commanded Monsieur *de Hamen* to march with four Regiments of Foot towards *Friesland*, to joyn there with the Forces Commanded by Prince *Maurice*, and General *Nauenburg*; *Coupa Wind* by order of his Highness, in the mean time continue here. The first instant his Highness arrived at *Wux*, near *Bergen op Zoom*, where he found 17 Regiments of Horse, and 7 of Foot, in all about 12000 Men; Colonel *Bampfild* is brought Prisoner thither, and in the mean time his Process is framing. The States have ordered 6000 Guilders to be presented to Lieutenant Admiral *de Rust*, 4000 to the other respective Lieutenant Admirals, 2000 to each Vice-Admiral, and 1000 to each Rear-Admiral, by way of Gratuity for their good Services; (1000 Guilders being as much as 100 pound Sterling.) From *Utrecht* we hear, that the *Sieur Puz*, late Governor of *Nardens*, hath been brought Prisoner thither, being accused of not having done his Duty in the defence of that place. From *Zealand* they write, that they had there 20 Capers ready to put to Sea, and that some which had been abroad in the late bad weather, were come in extremely shattered.

Ditto, Oct. 6. Yesterday the Count *de Dhom* Died here of the Wounds which he received at *Maestricht*, during the Siege of that place. The Deputies of the respective Admiralties have of late had several Conferences with the Deputies of the States General, concerning the Maritime affairs. Colonel *Bampfild* is acquitted by the Council of War. Count *Waldec* is parted hence towards the Leger. Yesterday his Highness the Prince of *Orange* was to meet the Count *de Montecrey*, Governor of the Spanish Netherlands, about three Leagues from *Antwerp*; This occasion a general discourse, that the Crown of *Spain* is about declaring War against the French, and that this Conference is in order to take joyned resolutions for the managing the War. From *Smol* they write, that the late violent storm had raised the Waters so high in all those parts, that they had made several Breaches in the Dyke, which the Bishop of *Munster* had made near *Covocden*, so any that place, and had done very great mischief, near 600 Boors and Souldiers having been drowned, besides other people; the damage hath been almost equal to both Parties, and it is said here, that the Bishop has sustained as great a loss by this accident as we. The States are not yet come to any final resolution concerning the Pole Money they are about to raise.

Ditto, Octob. 10. The Prince of *Orange* having been at *Antwerp* to confer with the Count *de Montecrey*, who is at present there, returned yesterday again to the Leger at *Rosendale*; and this day it is said, the Army will break up from thence, though with great uncertainty as to their intended march, some reporting that they will take their way towards *Liege*, but others with more probability say, they will march for *Bra-*

bant, to joyn with the Spanish Troops, and so joynly to make some attempt upon the French. The States have ordered that 12 *Fregats* onely shall be out this season for the winter Guard, to be Commanded by Monsieur *Van Nies*. From *Antwerp* they write, that the Count *de Montecrey* had sent for the Magistrates of the Town, and ordered them to cause a Bridge of Boats to be made over the *Scelde*, for the passage of his Troops, as there may be occasion, but that they had refused it, saying, that if such a Bridge must be made, it ought to be at the Kings charge. We hear likewise of another Bridge which is intended to be made over the River at *Veno*.

Antwerp, Oct. 5. Yesterday morning his Excellency the Count *de Montecrey* went hence, attended with his Guards to meet the Prince of *Orange*, about five Leagues from hence, at a place called *Campbour*; where they had a Conference all the morning, and having Dined together, the Count *de Montecrey* returned thither towards evening, and the Prince of *Orange* to *Bergen-op-Zoom*, and to morrow it is said his Highness is expected here; In the mean time we talk of nothing else but forming an Army to be Commanded by the Prince of *Orange*. The Prince of *Condé* lies still with his Forces about *Audenard*, having with him in all about 12000 Men. The news we had here some days since, of the victory obtained by the Imperialists, proves altogether false.

Brussels, Oct. 10. The fourth instant was an interview between the Prince of *Orange* and the Count *de Montecrey* at *Campbour*, and that evening the Prince returned to *Breda*, and the Count *de Montecrey* to *Antwerp*; The 7th instant towards evening, his Highness arrived at *Antwerp*, his Excellency going out of Town in his Coach, followed with several others to meet him; at his coming into the Town, the Burgers were drawn up in Arms, through a double lane, of which his Highness passed to his Lodging, where a Company of Spanish Foot were ordered to keep a guard; that evening his Highness was Complimented by the Magistrates, and the next morning visited by the Count *de Montecrey*, with whom having had several Conferences, his Highness parted again about three in the afternoon for *Rosendale*. The Count *de Montecrey*, and all others here, gave the Prince the Title of Royal Highness. The States of *Brabant* have consented to raise the 20 penny of all Rents, Revenues, or personal Estates, which hath been paid five times almost within this 12 months, & extremely are the People here burthened with Taxes.

Advertisements.

Lost on Thursday evening, being the second of *October* instant, in *St. James's Park*, a small Spanish Bitch brown and White, the ears all brown, a speckled Nose, and a hair down her forehead, her left leg before all brown, with a small cut, say: bring notice to the Kings back stairs, and shall be well rewarded.

Lost on Monday the 15 of *September* last, betwixt the *East-India House*, and the *Custom-house*, *London*, a very large Packet of Letters, which cam. from the *East-Indies* by the Ship *Rainbow*, Capt. *Goodlad*, directed to Mr *Michael Godfrey* Merchant in *London*, wherein were divers Letters for other persons, with Directions and Writings about settling an Estate; If any one have taken up the said Packet, or the Letters and Papers that were therein contained, it is desired that they may be left at the Shop of Mr *Robert Horn* Book seller, at the south entrance of the *Royal Exchange*, and though all of any of them may happen to be unsealed, no Person shall be questioned for the same, but the Party that leaves them at the Shop aforesaid, shall immediately have twenty Shillings for his pains.

On Wednesday the 17 of *September*, went away from one Mr *Gettons* Houfe a Locksmith in *East-Smithfield*, at the Sign of the Duck and Mallard, one *Ann Getton*, a Distracted middle aged Woman, with a black hood on her Head, a mixt Serge Waistcoat, two black Petticoats, a white Apron, and a black handkerchief: whofoever shall bring her to the said *Gettons* House, or to one Mr *Gibert* the Kings Gunsmith at the *Minories*, at the Sign of the Ragged Deer, shall have forty Shillings for their pains.