

Cologne, Novemb 6. Bon has been Besieged these three days; the Dutch have raised four Batteries from whence they fire very brily into the Town, in which the French have 2000 souldiers Men in Garrison, supplied with all necessaries, so that we doubt not but the place will hold out; and besides, the French will in a day or two have an Army together, under the Command of the Duke of *Luxemburg*, and the Marshal *d'Humieres*, capable to relieve it; *Montcouqui* does assist at the Siege though the Grofs of the Imperial Army is still about *Coblentz*. We are told, that the Emperor hath demanded of the Magistrates of this Town that they would put the Elector of *Cologne* into his hands, who is at present here, and that otherwise, he threatens to cause his Forces to Besiege us, but the Magistrates have absolutely refused it. The Duke de *Chaulnes* is gone towards *France*, with intentions to be back again in a short time, having left all his Baggage here.

Brussels, Nov. 8. The sixth instant, being his most Catholick Majesties Birth day, was Celebrated here with great Solemnity, the Count de *Monterey* our Governor having entertained all the persons of Quality about Town at Supper, and concluded all with Dancings, and other Merriments. Our Letters from the *Rhyn* tell us, that a party of the Imperialists were come down as low as *Anlernach*, and that having joyned with the Dutch and Spanish Troops, under the Command of the Prince of *Orange*, they had Besieged *Bin*, and raised four Batteries before it, but that the place was very well provided, and had a very good Garrison in it, Commanded by a stout and experienced Officer; The same Letters tell us, that the French would in few days have a very good Army in those parts, composed of such Troops, as the Duke of *Luxemburg* should have drawn out of the Conquered places in the Province of *Utrecht*, adding to them the Cavalry which the Marshal *d'Humieres* brought out of *Flanders*. Not any considerable Action hath passed in these Countries, since the Rupture between the two Crowns, though now and then Parties are out on both sides, and do some harm in the Villages and amongst the Country people. The Placact which came abroad against the French, that inhabited in this Country, hath been somewhat moderated, and not put in execution, according to the rigor of the Letter.

Amsterdam, Nov. 8. The bad weather has done much mischief to our Shipping; we hear daily of Ships that are lost; as well private Men of War as Merchants; of the former we have a great many at Sea, and they promise themselves good purchase, but hitherto they have not met with it, so that the Seamen are not now so fond of the service; we now and then hear of a Collier that is brought up, but that is far from quitting cost. Our Eastland Fleet is now all arrived, to the great satisfaction of the Merchants, who were in pain for several Ships that were missing, and are since come in. We have here very little news from abroad.

Hague, November 7. Monsieur van *Benningen* is gone by order of the States to *Brussels*, to concert with the Count de *Monterey*, Governor of those Provinces, the most effectual means to prevent all Communication with the French Garrisons, though he was hardly gone hence, when we received advice, that the Count de *Monterey* had done the business to our hands; having Issued a very severe Placact to that purpose, and this

day Don *Bernardo de Salinas* has acquainted the States, That his Excellency is gone farther, and hath forbidden the Importation of French Wines, and all French Manufactures. We have Letters from *Sweden*, which tell us, that the Ambassadors of that Crown at *Cologne*, had in the last Letters to the Ministers of that Court, highly complained of the insolent Carriage of the Dutch, telling them, That they had little reason to hope for any success of their Mediation, till they saw the Dutch make some step towards the conclusion of the Peace, in return to the great condescensions of the two Kings.

We are in much expectation to hear of some great Action of the Prince of *Orange*, but the Winter season comes on so fast, that he will not have time to do much. In the mean time the French are putting themselves in a condition to speak with him as he comes back again; for we are certainly told, that they will have an Army of Thirty thousand Men very quickly together in the Electorate of *Cologne*; and on the other side they say, That Monsieur de *Turenne* having reinforced himself, is coming again towards the *Rhyn* on the back of the Imperialists.

Lime, November 3. Here is a small Vessel arrived here from *Brest*, the Master whereof tells us, that the French Fleet of Men of War, Commanded by the Count d' *Estrees*, were, after having endured a great deal of bad weather, safely arrived there.

Lin, November 3. Yesterday a Dutch Caper of *Middleburgh*, mounted only with one Gun and sixty Men, was forced ashore not far from this place, and there stranded, most of the Men saving themselves.

Whitehal, November 4. This day his Majesty was pleased to Prorogue the Parliament till the seventh of *January* next.

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