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*Liege, April 26, N. S.*

**S**INCE the 23d the French have advanced but very slowly in their Approaches before Maestricht, the rainy Weather having much retarded them, as well as increased the Sickness. They confess to have lost, between killed and wounded, from the 18th to the 25th Instant, 3000 Men, and above that Number are gone into the Hospitals of Tongres, Herfal, and the Suburbs of this Town. The Ration is ordered to be diminished, the Cavalry being already in Want of Forage. The Meuse is so swelled since Yesterday, that the Boats can neither go up nor down, and the Roads between this Place and the Camp are almost impassable.

*Liege, April 30, N. S.* The Night between the 25th and 26th; the Garrison made a Sally, tore up the Besiegers Gabions, and leveled Part of their Works: The French continued advancing their Works towards the Cover'd Way till between the 28th and 29th Instant, when Marshal Saxe attacked it with a large Body of Troops, and; after a vigorous Resistance; carried it; but the Enemy confess nine hundred Grenadiers killed, besides what the several Regiments have lost, and the wounded. During this Mr. Aylva made a Sally on the Wyck Side, which succeeded beyond Expectation; for they hauled up 14 Pieces of Cannon, and killed near a Thousand of the Besiegers. A French Regiment, that was in the Trenches, behaved ill on this Occasion. The Marquis de Bissy, Lieutenant General, had his Leg shattered in this Action, which was cut off soon after. We are positively assured by a French Officer of Rank, arrived this Afternoon from the Camp of the Besiegers, that they have been entirely beat out of the Cover'd Way again. The Bombardiers of the Garrison acquire great Reputation, and the French do them Justice in all their Accourts. The Governor is already preparing for the Defence of a Breach; and the Besieging Ar-

my has suffered so much by the bad Weather, and other Accidents that attend it, that it is said they will be obliged to go into Quarters as soon as the Siege is over. The Weather is now dry, but very cold. This Day the River became navigable.

*Hellinrouch, April 29, N. S.* The Town of Maestricht defends itself extremely well. The Inundation has for the present stopp'd M. de Lowendahl's Attack on the Wyck Side, though it is reported this Morning, that the Grenadiers of the two Armies were all ordered to be in Readiness last Night, in order to attack the Cover'd Way:

*Hellinrouch, May 2, N. S.* The Austrian pontoons are arrived here, but the Weather has been so stormy that we have not been able to lay our Bridges. Yesterday the Enemy were not in Possession of any Part of the Cover'd Way of Maestricht.

*Hague, April 30, N. S.* The Prince of Orange has appointed Admiral Taalman to command the Dutch Fleet upon the Coast of Zealand, in the room of the late Admiral Wiltchut. The Remainder of the Dutch Foot Guards marched from hence this Morning to Breda, and the Swiss Guards do Duty here at present.

*Hague, May 3, N. S.* The Prince of Orange left this Place on Wednesday last about Noon; and the same Night landed at Moerdyck. The Army, which his Highness has now assembled in the Neighbourhood of Breda, amounts to 40,000 effective Men, and will daily increase, as the Recruits are coming in very fast from all Parts. There is likewise a Battalion of Baden-Dourlach, which is lately arrived at Bois-le-duc; and the fourth Battalion of Orange Nassau is already passed Nimegen. The Deputies from Groningen arrived here on Wednesday last, with the Diploma of the hereditary Stadtholdership, a few Hours after the Prince's Departure. The Letters received this Day from Paris, fix the 5th Instant for the French King's Departure for the Army.

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