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Cologne, April 10.

In our last we told you, that the French Ambassadors had communicated the Orders which they had received for their leaving this place, in order to their return home; for which they are accordingly preparing, and purpose to begin their journey from hence some time the next week. The Ambassadors of England have received like Orders, and may suddenly set forward from this place, on their return for England.

Hague, April 9. Yesterday in the evening arrived here, the Marquis d'Aseniar *Maistre de Camp* General of the Arms of the King of Spain, in the Spanish Netherlands being sent by the Count de Monterey, to adjust the designs of the approaching Campaigne, the Succors, which in case of need, each party is to assist the other with, and the places for the Rendezvous of the two Armies, that of this State, and that of the Spanish Netherlands: For it is resolved, That they shall act separately. We fancy here, That the Bishop of Munster will ere long find himself under a necessity of making Peace with us, for that we believe his affairs to be in a bad posture; that he cannot expect any considerable assistance from France; and lastly, that, as is said here, this State hath concluded an Alliance with the Princes of *Frunswick* and *Lunenburgh*. The reports here have been very different concerning *Wesel*, being delivered up to the Elector of *Brandenburgh*; for after so many that have been spread abroad, there are some here in Town, who pretend to have advice, That the fourth instant the French Garison drew out from thence, and that, at the same time, Colonel *Sibourg* took possession of the place, in the name of the Elector of *Cologne*. Our Letters from *Groningen* tell us, That Monsieur *Rabenhaup* had defeated a party of 1000 *Munster* Horse; that afterwards he was marched to *Nienhuys*, and had taken the place by storm. We are very ready to believe, that the French will quit all their Conquests in these Provinces; excepting only one or two places of the greatest importance; this is certain, That they empty their Magazines at *Aernheim*, and remove all their Ammunition, Provisions, &c. to *Nimwegen*. On Munday last the *Marschal Bellefonds* arrived there.

Disso, April 13. We formerly gave you an account, That it had been resolved by the States General to readmit the Province of *Utrecht* into the Union; but at the same time the Deputies of the Province of *Frisland*, declared; That they would not consent, unless *Utrecht* would for the future yield them the precedence: The matter has been hitherto controverted, they of *Frisland* pressing it very hard, and *Utrecht* being as unwilling to part with their ancient right, and great endeavors have been used here to persuade the Deputies of *Frisland* to quit their pretensions; but in vain: For after all the said Deputies have declared in the Assembly of the States General, that they had received new and positive Orders from their Principals, to persist in their demand of the precedence; so that it is thought *Utrecht* will be forced to yield the Point, to prevent their utter ruine; that Province having suffered more

since the French quitted it, then they did before; having all this while been without any Government. The Marquis d'Aseniar having demanded greater Succors to be sent to the Spanish Netherlands, then we can spare them, nothing hath been agreed in the matter, but the Count de *Waldeck* is gone with him to *Brussels*, to endeavor to adjust this affair with the Count de *Monterey*. All the Officers of the Army are commanded to be ready against the first of *May*, the Rendezvous being appointed to be the sixth; in the mean time, there will be on the fifteenth instant, a General Review of the Forces of this State. We seem here extremely pleased with some Letters which are lately come from *Berlin*, which they say, give great assurances of the intention of the Elector of *Brandenburgh* to enter into the interests of this State, which, if true, there is little likelihood the French will quit *Wesel* to him: What has been said of their having already abandoned it, proves a mistake.

Amsterdam, April 12. Our Letters from *Groningen* of the eighth instant, tell us, That the Bishop of *Munster* having caused 1000 Horse to be brought together to oppose the farther progress of Monsieur *Rabenhaup*, they hapned to rencounter him near *Northhorst*, and were defeated by him, and the Troops under his command: After which, Monsieur *Rabenhaup* march'd towards *Nienhuys*, where, as is said here, there were 1000 Men in Garison, and causing the place to be attacked, took it by storm. The Men of War that are fitted out by this Admiralty, begin to be in great readiness.

Brussels, April 13. On Tuesday Viscount *Berlin* came hither from *Valenciennes*, and the next day was sent by his Excellency to *Lieuwe* to see in what condition that Garison is, both as to its Fortifications, and the number of Men in it; and his Excellency has likewise sent for the better security of that place four Companies of the Count de *Boumonts* Regiment, so that there is now in it 1000 Foot, and 100 Horse. The Ammunition and Carriages belonging to the Army, that were at *Tillemont*, are likewise conveyed to *Lieuwe*, for their better security. They writt likewise from *Lieuwe*, that a party sent out from thence, passing through the Suburbs of *S. Truyen*, in the Countrey of *Liege*, was shot at by the Garison there, and pursued almost to the Ports of *Lieuwe*, there being open hostility between those two places. The Viscount *Berlin* in his return from *Lieuwe*, has orders to go to *Malines* to see the Fortifications there, and so to return hither, but not as Governor, as was supposed. Monsieur *Louigny* is declared Governor of this place, and the Prince of *Arenburgh* made Governour of *Valenciennes*, in the place of Viscount *Berlin*, whom his Excellency has appointed with Count de *Rasch*, to be his two Lieutenant Generals in this Campaigne. On Tuesday last, the Gates of *Antwerp* were kept shut till nine in the morning, whilst the Margrave secured the *Scott*, who is the next Officer to him, by order from his Excellency confined him to his house with a Guard, seized upon his son, and carried him to the Town Prison. Monsieur *Meine*, a person of quality in the Town, was three days