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Dantzick, July 21.

Our Letters from *Warsaw* tell us, That the King continues his preparations for the Campaign; that out of his private Revenue he has given 130000 Rix-Dollars, towards the paying the Arrears of the Army, which consists at present of 16000 Men; That in the mean time his Majesty has Commanded the Nobility to be in a readines, resolving however, not to call them into the Field, but in case of extraordinary necessity. The Tartars which made an incursion into *Podolia*, to the great destruction of that Country, have been forced to retire again for the defence of their own Territories, having news that the Muscovites were fallen into *Tartary* with a considerable Army. We are here not without hopes of a suddain Peace with the Port, though the Grand Vizier has lately written to the Republick, in which he reproaches their breaking of the late Treaty, before the Ink (as his expreffion is) with which they Signed that Treaty was dry; and tells them, That if they do not in time send to the Grand Signior and give him satisfaction; he will enter into this Kingdom and utterly destroy it with Fire and Sword. The Queen Dowager has chosen *Thorne* in *Prussia*, to go and reside there.

Coblentz, July 19. Yesterday Monsieur de *Turenne* decamped from his Quarters near *Ladenburgh*, and marched towards *Philipsbourg*; In the mean time the discourses are various concerning his designe, some report that he will goe and attack the Confederates in their Camp at *Florsheim* near *Mayence*, others, that he will besiege *Frankendal*; but the Imperialists give out, he is going towards *Flanders*, to joyn with the Prince of *Conde*.

Acnhem, July 28. On Thursday last passed through this place two Regiments of Foot towards the Camp before *Grave*, which place is now formally besieged by our Troops, under the Command of Monsieur *Rabenhaupt*; The 26 instant at night six of our Regiments passed the *Maes* in small Boats, and took their several Posts; The next day our Troops secured themselves of a Sluyce near *Grave*, by means of which, the French might have very much incommoded them; Yesterday the Besieged made a Sally with a party of Dragoons, but were forced to retire again without any great loss on either side; several People have been killed and wounded by the Enemies Canon, which they make use of without any intermission: It is said that a Bore hath been taken as he was endeavouring to get into *Grave*, being charged with Letters to the Governour.

Hagu, July 31. The 27 instant the States of *Holland* separated, after having resolved for defraying of the charges of the War this year, to raise the 300 penny twice by way of Loan, at the rate of 4 per Cent Interest, and that the said Interests may be duly and constantly paid, they have settled a Fond for it, by doubling the Impositions that are already on Turf and burning Wood. The Raede Pensionaris *Hugel* is preparing for his journey to *Nimwegen*, whether he goes to give or-

ders for the furnishing Monsieur *Rabenhaupt* with all things necessary for the Siege of *Grave*, which he has already undertaken; Our last advices told us, That on our side they were at work about making the Lines and raising of Batteries; and that in the mean time the Besieged (who have the Marquis *de Chamilly* for their Governour) defend themselves very well, having made several Sallies, and done some execution in our Camp with their Canon; We are assured that they have in the Town about 3000 Soldiery, 500 pieces of Canon, and 17000 Barrells of Powder, of which they are not in the least sparing. We are told that the States have likewise resolved to pay the Moneys for which the Hostages of *Swoll* and *Deventer* are still detained by the French at *Maestricht*; but at the same time, that they have resolved to find out some way to reimburse themselves of the Elector of *Cologne*, who it is said, by the late Treaty between him and this State, is obliged to set these Hostages at liberty, and to content the French. Our Letters from *Vienna* tell us, That the Emperour was much dissatisfied, that so much of the Summer was spent without any action on our side, and that he had thereupon written to the Count de *Souches*, General of his Army; and that his Imperial Majesty had likewise written to the Elector of *Brandenburgh* to pray him to hasten the march of his Forces towards the *Palatinate*, for the assistance of that Elector; and from *Cologne* they tell us, that the said Forces begin already to march, but so slowly, that they believe it will be the latter end of the next month before they will be joyned with the other Confederate Troops.

Amsterdam, July 31. Passengers as well as the Letters that come from *Nimwegen* inform us; That our Troops under the Command of Monsieur *Rabenhaupt* have now formally besieged *Grave*; that the Lines were almost finished, that they were at work about raising of three Batteries, with intention to plant six pieces of Canon on each of them; That our Troops had in the mean time possessed themselves of a Sluyce near *Grave*; which the French designed to have opened, and by that means to have set one side of the Town under water, and that last night the Trenches were to be opened; That the Besiegers defended themselves with a great deal of courage and resolution; that they had made two Sallies, though without doing any considerable execution; and that they fired with their Canon into our Camp, without any intermission, they having in one day made above 600 shot. This day we have advice, that 2000 French Horse have appeared near *Ruremond*, whose designe as is thought, is to get into *Grave*. Here is arrived a small Vessel from the *Streights*, and brings advice, That Lieutenant Admiral *de Ruyter* was past by with a Squadron of Men of War, and other Vessels that attended him, directing his course, as they believed, towards the *West-Indies*; it is said he has with him 2000 Soldiers.

Nimwegen, Aug. 1. Our advices from the *Loze* before *Grave* tell us, That on Sunday last the French made a Sally with a considerable party out of the Gate which is towards *Velpen*, and charged several Troops which