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St. Sebastian, August 5.

THe 31st part arrived here Lieutenant Admiral *Tromp* with about 60 sail of Men of War and other Vessels having left a small Squadron on the Coast of France; the next day the said Lieutenant Admiral, Count *Horne*, and other chief Commanders came ashore, and were treated by our Governor, and supplied with refreshments for the Fleet, which still continues off of this Port.

Hamborough, Aug 17. Yesterday arrived here from *Wisner* the Count *d'Oxenstjerne* Ambassador Extraordinary from his Majesty of Sweden to his Imperial Majesty; his Excellency will make but a very short stay here, and proceed on his way to *Vienna*: It is said his chief business is to endeavor to dispose the Emperor to a Peace, and to pray his Imperial Majesty will please in consideration thereof and the good that will thereby accrue to all Christendom to remove on his part those obstacles which hinder the renewing the reassembling of the Ambassadors of the several Warring parties in order to the said Peace. From *Zel* they write that their Prince having been present at the Rendezvous of his Troops at *Nyenburg* on the *Wejer*, was returned hither again, the said Troops being in the mean time on their march towards the *Palatinate*, where they purpose to arrive about the 18. or 20. of this Month, and joyn with the other Confederate Troops under the Command of the Duke of *Bourbonville*. From *Copenhagen* they write that the Treaty between his Majesty and the States General of the *United Provinces* was Signed.

Antwerp, August 17. By Letters from the Prince of *Oranges* Camp, dated the 15th Instant, we have this following account; On Saturday last our Armies composed of the German, Holland and Spanish Troops, under the Command of the Prince of *Orange* and General *Soubis*, marched by three several ways from the village *Smiff* towards *Monsieur* having left 1000 Foot, and 2000 Horse and Dragons in the Rear under the Command of the Prince of *Condé*, the Baggage marched by three other ways, and that which belonged to the Prince of *Oranges* Army, the nearest to the Enemy, though his Highness had ordered it should goe farther about more to the right hand, rather then take the way it did, which was in many places very narrow and full of ill passages (but it seems was not observed) this was the reason that the Imperialists were already encamped, and the Prince of *Orange* had marched two Leagues and an half, when our Baggage and the Troops that guarded it, were not advanced far from *Scheffe*. In the mean time the Prince of *Condé* drew out his Army behind a Hill which was before his Camp, and about 9 in the morning sent two Regiments of Foot and Dragons to attack our Troops, but they defending themselves very well, the Prince of *Condé* sent a greater force with two pieces of Canon against them; by this time our Baggage was got clear of a narrow way it was forced to pass, and our Troops thereupon retired to a other ground, which they displaced with the Enemy, but being overpowered by their Foot (our Horse by reason of the inclosures not being able to do any service) they were forced to give way, having left young Prince *Mauris* of *Nassau*, who Commanded one of the Battalions, and most of their other Officers, our Troops having retreated about a League, were relieved by Count *Waldeck*, Marquess *d'Assensar*, and the Duke of *Villa Hermosa* in the head of 5 Regiments of Foot and 1000 Horse, having two small pieces of Canon planted on a Height by them; The Prince of *Orange* who was here in person, after a sharp dispute, and

having given some stop to the Enemy, left this post to Count *Waldeck* and those other Generals and went to put the rest of his Army into a posture of fighting; about half a League farther he found his Artillery and several Regiments of Foot Commanded by the *Rhynow*; His Highness presently got his Artillery planted on a height near *Monsieur* and drew his Foot and some Horse to defend it; In the mean time the Marquess *d'Assensar* was taken Prisoner, Count *Waldeck* Wounded, and most of the Officers and Soldiers of those 5 Regiments lost with their two pieces of Canon, the 1000 Horse that was with them not having behaved themselves very well; though the Duke de *Villa Hermosa* who Commanded them acted bravely in his own Person. It was now about one a Clock, when the Prince of *Condé* attacked our Artillery with his whole Force, which was resolutely and bravely defended by the Prince of *Orange*, His Highness besides his own Foot having drawn thither 5 German Regiments, who as well as the Dutch fought very well, the Prince had some Squadrons of Horse with him, but the main Body of our Horse was in the Bottom and Plain near us towards *Mons*, the Hill on which we were, was on the Top level and large, and surrounded with Wood and Orchards, through which the Enemy pressed to come upon us having planted their Artillery on certain heights, which were near us; the fight was very sharp, the Enemy having broke in twice with some Squadrons of Horse on our Flank, crying to us, *to lay down our Arms*, but were beaten off again, and thus the Fight continued with great slaughter of men on both sides till midnight; between one and two in the morning the French retired to their Camp at *Feison*, and about the same time having taken our Wounded men, and the bodies of the dead of Chiefest note, we likewise marched half a League to a Plain, where we staid till 8 in the morning and then continued our March as was resolved before the Fight to the Plains between *Monsieur* and *Mons*, where we now are. We have lost two pieces of Canon, most of the Baggage of the Prince of *Oranges* Army, about 4000 men are killed and 1000 Prisoners, besides 1000 wounded. The Prince of *Orange* who during the whole Fight performed as well the part of a great General as of the meanest Soldier, was often in imminent danger, but Fortunately escaped; many Officers of greatest Quality are killed and wounded, *Sir Walter Van*, who was Major General to the Prince of *Oranges*, having behaved himself like a brave man was shot in the Back and the Knee, of which he is since dead: We suppose the loss on the Enemies side is yet more considerable. The Marquess *d'Assensar* is dead, Count *Waldeck*, Monsieur *Aloa*, the *Rhynow*, the Duke of *Hoffstein*, Prince *Charles* of *Lorraine*, Prince *Fis*, and many other eminent Officers wounded. The Count de *Montrency* is come to us again with a good Body of Horse and 5000 Spanish Foot.

Brussels, August 17. Yesterday *Te Deum* was sung here, and all the Canon about the Town discharged three times for the late Victory obtained against the French, though many people here are not satisfied that we have any great reason to rejoice for that dayes encounter. It is said here that the Prince of *Orange* is somewhat dissatisfied with Monsieur de *Louvoigny*, because of the loss of his Baggage, the ordering of his March having been sent to him. His Excellency the Count de *Nomerey* has given the Count de *Rasch* the Command of *Maistre de Camp* General void by the death of the Marquess *d'Assensar*, till her Majesties pleasure be otherwise known. Our Armies are at present encamped near *Mons*; where the Count de *Montrency* has joyned them with several fresh Troops, and more are to the same purpose drawing out of our Garisons in *Hainault*. On Wednesday night last Lieutenant General *Agourto* went out with 3000 Horse and 1500 Foot, though on what