

Cologne, Aug. 9. The news we had from *Strasburgh*, of the French having repass'd the *Rhine* at *Altenheim*, after a sharp fight with the Imperialists on the first instant, which was fought with great loss of Men on both sides, is confirm'd from all hands, as likewise that the City of *Strasburgh* hath broken its Neutrality with the French, the Magistrates having sent a Deputation to General *Montecuculi*, to offer him the use of their Bridge over the *Rhine*; which, its said, he pass'd with his whole Army the seventh instant, and is following the French into *Alsatia* from whence our next Letters will give us a more particular account of what has pass'd since the Armies came on this side the *Rhine*. The French that are at present garrison'd in *Limburgh*, make frequent excursions in o the adjacent Countries, to the great disturbance of those people; they have lately plundered the Village *Kerpen*. The *Lunenburgh*, *Lorraine*, *Munster*, and *Osnabrugh* Troops making together 17 or 18000 Men, have besieg'd *Treves*, so that we hope ere long to have a good account from thence,

Brussels, Aug. 13. Several Regiments drawn out of the Garisons in *Gelderland*, *Friesland*, and *Groningen*, having rendezvoused at *Grave*, are, as we are inform'd, march'd under the command of Prince *Maurits* towards *Venlo*, where they expected to join with 3 or 4000 Spaniards, and that done, would either fall into the Country of *Liege*, or go upon some other action, according to the orders they should receive from the Prince of *Orange*.

Amsterdam, Aug. 14. The ninth instant, the Lieutenant Admiral *de Kuyter* was at *Schonevelt* on the Coast of *Zealand*, where he had all the Men of War together that compose his Squadron, as well as the Merchantmen that are to sail under his convoy, excepting onely one East India ship of *Vlissing*, which was expected every moment would join the Fleet, and then the Lieutenant Admiral would sail with the first opportunity of weather. Our Letters from *Sueden* which arriv'd by the last Ordinary told us, that it had been resolv'd there to release such *Holland* ships as had Passes from the Sicur *Erbenstein*, late Ambassador here from that Crown. We have been here in a continual expectation for this Month or six Weeks past, to hear of the King of *Denmark*'s having formally declar'd against *Sueden*, but without receiving hitherto any satisfaction, though our last Letters from *Copenhagen* said, that their Fleet was ready to sail, and that the King was returning to his Army in *Holstein*.

Antwerp, Aug. 15. Yesterday we had an account from *Brussels*, of the defeat of the Marschal *de Crequi* near *Treves*, which was brought to the Prince of *Orange*, and the Duke of *Villa Hermosa*, by an Express; of which we expect by our next Letters from *Lunenburgh*, the confirmation, and the farther particulars; at present we are not certainly told, whether the Marschal be himself killed, or taken Prisoner. We are now assur'd, that the Prince of *Orange* will decamp with his Army in a day or two at farthest; the 13 instant, his Highness and his Excellency, with several of the general Officers, were abroad, to view the ground for their next encamping, which is towards *Coutray*; many people are of opinion, that his Highness will undertake the siege of that or some other considerable place, though others say, that the French Army command'd by the Duke of *Luxembourg*, at present call'd the Marschal *de Montmorency*, continues too near and is as yet too strong to permit any such design. We are told of certain Propositions that have been made to the Elector of *Cologne*, viz. That if his Electoral Highness, as Prince of *Liege*, can so order

matters, that the Cittadel of *Liege* be evacuated by the French, and demolish'd, that the Confederates will likewise quit *Bon*, and restore it to his Electoral Highness; and that if the French will forbear to raise any Contributions of the Country of *Liege*, they will do the like. Our Letters from *Italy* assure us, that the Duke of *Vivonne* hath left *Messina*, though it is thought he will not return with the Fleet immediately to *Marseilles*, but endeavor to give the Spaniards some disturbance upon the Coasts of *Catalonia*.

Brussels, Aug. 16. We have the confirmation of the defeat of the Marschal *de Crequi*, and that most of his Infantry was cut off, but that all his Horse escap'd, as did likewise the Marschal himself; his Cannon and Baggage was taken, as likewise the Chevaliers *de Soudis & la Trouffe*, &c. The Prince of *Orange* continues still in his Camp near *Hall*. The seventh instant the Imperial Army pass'd the *Rhine* at *Strasburgh*, and the two following dayes march'd towards *Hagenau*; the French Army was within two Leagues and an halt of *Strasburgh*, command'd by the Marschal *Duras*. The Confederates continue to besiege *Treves*.

Paris, Aug. 17. The 14 instant, we had here the bad News of the Marschal *de Crequi*'s being beaten by the *Lunenburgh*, *Lorraine*, and other Confederate Troops, near *Treves*; it seems that *Treves* being besieg'd by the Confederates, the Marschal upon advice thereof, advanced with 8000 Men Horse and Foot, to succor it, or at least to put some Men into the place, keeping for his security the River *Sar*, which he was inform'd was no where fordable between him and the Enemy; but they having an account of the Marschal's march, left the siege, took a good way about, and having found three or four Fords, pass'd the River, came upon the French on their Rear, who hardly expected them, and engag'd them; our Troops being overpower'd, for the Confederates were sixteen thousand strong, after some resistance, were totally beaten; the greatest part of our Foot, some reckon 3000, having been kill'd upon the place, the rest escap'd to *Metz*, *Nancy*, and *Thionville*, leaving all their Baggage, and what Cannon they had with them, in the hands of the Germans, who were so greedy to plunder the Baggage, that they gave many of our Men means to escape, who must otherwise have fallen into their hands. The Marschal *de Crequi*, its said, fled with five or six Men, and got safe to *Treves*, where the Governor, the Count *de Vigny*, was some days before kill'd by a fall from his Horse. The Duke of *la Fausade*, who is now call'd the Marschal *de Aubusson*, is gathering together the scatter'd Troops of *Crequi*'s Army, in whose stead, its said, he is to command, and hath already with some fresh Troops made up a Body of 7000 Men, about *Versidan*. Our last Letters from the *Rhin*, left the Imperial Army encamp'd between *Cumar* and *Schledat* in *Asat*, and the Count *de Lorge* with the French Army not far from thence; the former was reckon'd at near 30000 Men, and the latter at not above 18000; but this day we are told, that the King has advice, That the Duke of *Duras* was arriv'd in the Army with a good Body of Men drawn out of the *Frank* Countee; as likewise the Prince of *Conde* with 3000 Horse, the Infantry he carried with him from *Flanders*, following with all possible diligence; so that our Army will quickly be in a posture again to make head against the Enemy from *Flanders* they write. That the Prince of *Orange* was come within two Leagues of the Duke of *Luxembourg*, and that it was imagin'd his Highness intended some siege. The Duke of *Vivonne* is parted from *Messina* with our Men of War and Gallies, which, its thought, may to better purpose be employ'd upon the Coasts of *Catalonia*.

Advertisements.

Strayed or stolen from *Boston* in *Chester*, the 30 of *July* last, a brand black Mare, with a brown Coat, a fower Head, her Mane lying towards, a white Ring about the far-fore Leg, 14 hands high, 8 years old. A light grey Mare, with a black bear under the Bri ket. 15 hands high, 8 years old, supposed to be stolen by two Men that broke out of *Crofters* Castle, (together with Bridles and Saddles.) Whofoever giveth notice of these to Mr. *Thomas Carpenter* at the *Blackmores*-bed in *Aldermanbury*, *London*, or to Mr. *F. Keel*, at *Chester*, shall have 20 s. Reward.

A Black Mare, about 15 hands high, seven years old, hath all her paces very well, a white spot in the Saddle place, and the hair broke off both her knees. was stolen out of a ground near *Wawick*, Aug. 7. Whofoever shall give notice of her to Mr. *Samuel Medley* in *Wawick*, or to *Thomas Glass* Porter at the *Bea* in *Smiffeld*, shall have 20 s. Reward.