

keep a good Garrison in the City of *Deux Ponts*; and, it's said, they have likewise put Garrisons into *Ammweiler* and *Berg-Zaberne*; the Imperialists, on the other side, will endeavor to remove them from thence.

*Hamburg, Febr. 11.* The Inhabitants of *Altenab-* belonging to the *Danes*, about half a Mile from this City, have been greatly alarmed by the *Suedes*, who came in several small Vessels from *Stade*, they landed at *Nieu-* *mulen* near the said place, and after some hours re-imbarked again, and returned to *Stade*, without having done any considerable execution. From *Berlin* of the 7<sup>th</sup> instant they write, that some *Brandenburgh* Troops had taken by storm the Town and Castle of *Ucker-* *munde*, where were 80 *Suedes*, who were all cut off, or taken Prisoners. We have Letters from *Stockholm* of the 29<sup>th</sup> past, which say, That General *Wrangel* was returning into *Sueden*, in order to a retirement; that in his absence the Count *Coninjsmark* was appointed to command in chief the Swedish Forces in *Pomeran* till Spring, when the Velt Marschal *Helmfeldt* was to pass with a supply of fresh Troops into *Pomeran*, and command the Army the next Campaign. It is confirmed that the *Brandenburghs* have retaken the Island of *Use-* *doms*, in which were posted 200 *Suedes*; and that the Velt Marschal *Dorffing* is on his march likewise, to attempt something considerable. The Deputies of the Allies are repairing to *Bremen*, where they are to meet, in order to the agreeing into whose hands *Carlsburg* is to be put; the Imperial Minister the Baron *de Lantzee* is already arrived there.

*Brussels, Febr. 14.* The last Letters we receive from *Naples*, are dated the 21<sup>st</sup> past, they had not then any certain account what had passed after the Fight, or whether the French succors were got into *Messina*, or not; we here believe the latter, and are in expectation of another Engagement between the two Fleets. As to the Fight on the 8<sup>th</sup> past, it appears that the loss was almost equal on both sides, the French having lost one Man of War (some say two) and spent two Fireships without any execution; and the Dutch having likewise lost one Man of War, and sustained other considerable damage. Our Governor General the Duke of *Villa Hermosa* is still at *Antwerp*, but expected back here in three or four days. Here are several Officers in Town to seek service, though it's thought they will not obtain any, for now there is no more talk of making any Recruits or new Levies. From *Liege* they write, that the Dutch have quitted the Castle of *Heer*, after having demolished it, and conveyed the Corn that was there to *Husselt*.

*Hague, Febr. 14.* Yesterday the States General received a Letter from Lieutenant Admiral *de Ruyter*, dated the 9<sup>th</sup> past, on the Coast of *Sicily*, in which he gives an account of his having been engaged with the French Fleet the day before; that the Fight had been very sharp; that the French had lost one Man of War, which was sunk, and two Fireships, which were burnt by themselves; that on our side, the ship called the *Es-* *sen* had been very much shattered, so far, that she was sent out of the Fleet to get into some Port. And from fresher Letters, we understand that the said Man of War sunk in her way thither, the men having been all saved by the Gallies that towed her. But as to the main point, *viz.* whether the French succors are got into *Messina*, or not, neither the said Letter of the Heer *de Ruyter*, nor our other Letters from *Naples*, and other places, make any mention, so that we here persuade ourselves they are not got in, which will be so great a disappointment to the City of *Messina*, that it will be forced to submit for want of provisions; for we are informed

from good hands, that the Inhabitants there had only wherewithall to subsist till the end of the last month. In the absence of the Prince of *Orange*, who is at present at *Soestdike*, here passes very little of business.

*Paris, Febr. 15.* Our Letters from *Rome, Venice, &c.* do now inform us of the Battle that was fought the 8<sup>th</sup> past, between our Fleet, consisting in 22 Men of War, under the command of the Sieur *de Quésne*, and the Lieutenant Admiral *de Ruyter*; that the Fight had been managed with great fury; that several ships had sustained great damage in their Masts, Tackle, &c. on both sides; that the Dutch had one of their Men of War sunk, as she was towing towards *Alarino*; that on our side no ship had been lost, but only two Fireships: as to the great matter of succouring *Messina* these Letters add, that the Sieur *de Quésne* had succeeded in it, having the morning of the Fight sent away the Vessels that were with him laden with provisions for the City, who had taken a way almost unperceived by the Dutch, and were safely arrived at *Messina*, to the great joy of those people, who were in great want of this supply; that upon a vice thereof, Lieutenant Admiral *de Ruyter*, declaring that since the Succors were got in, there remained nothing more for him to do, had taken his leave of the *Spaniards*, and was sailed with the ships under his command to the Westward. This is the account the last Advices from *Italy* gave us, of which we must expect a confirmation. It is now said again, that the Prince of *Orléans* is to command the Kings Army in *Germany*, and that the Marquis *de orony* was the other day with his Highness, to signify the same to him in the name of the King; That the Duke of *Orléans* will be Generalissimo of the Army in *Flanders*, and under him the Marschal *de Schomberg*, who is now on his way hither from the frontiers of *Catalonia*, according to our last advices from *Per-* *pignan*, having put the command of the Kings Forces in those parts, into the hands of the Duke of *Nawails*. The Kings Musketeers have orders to supply themselves with Tents, so that it's supposed they will now very suddenly begin to march. It is the general belief that the King will take his journey, which hath been so much spoken of, towards *Germany*; and some are farther of opinion, that his Majesty will have his Court some time at *Metz* in *Lorraine*.

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*John Cox*, aged about 17 years, Run away from his Master Lieutenant *Gilbert Talbot*, Febr. 9. being *Ashwednesday*, about Two of the clock in the morning, is suspected to have taken with him 28 Guineys, a 2 s. piece, and two Duckets, in a Purse: He is fair haired, well complexioned, having a hurt on one of his hands, not quite cured; his cloaths were blew Breeches and Doublet, with long Skirts, a yellow Livery, Laced thick, and Lined with Red. Whoever shall give notice of him to Mr. *Grounds* in the Hay-market, next door to the *Bank*, shall be well Rewarded.

These are to give Notice, That on *Wednesday* in *Easter* Week, being the 29<sup>th</sup> of *March* next, will be a Horse Race at *Wimbler* for a piece of Plate of 20 l. value, now provided for that purpose.