

together in great numbers, went in a Tumult to the house of the *Sieur Habens*, the Imperial Commiary, to demand satisfaction of him, but he retired in time out of Town. The Tumult continues still, and to appease it, our Magistrates have promised that 80 Vessels shall be forthwith sent out with two Convoys, for several parts. The Confederates have appointed the 24 instant the day for the Rendezvous of the Troops designed for the siege of *Stale*.

Ditto, March 13. The disorders of the Seamen are now appeased upon the return of our Deputies that were sent into *Gluckstadt*, with a promise, that the ships arrested there, should be released again. The 24 instant, the Confederate Troops are to Rendezvous at *Ferden*, from whence they will march directly to the Siege of *Stale*, which is already blocked up both by Water and Land. The preparations in *Denmark* are carried on with more than ordinary application, and it is expected that we shall very suddenly hear of some action on that side, that King intending as is said to pass the *Sound*, and to endeavor to recover the Isle of *Schonen*, which formerly belonged to *Denmark*.

Brussels, March 14. His Excellency the Duke de *Villa Hermosa* has directed our Magistrates to provide a place for the laying up in this City a considerable quantity of Corn, for the use of the Army this Summer. His Excellency has likewise caused a free Pardon to be published for all such as have deserted this service, provided they return into it within three Weeks. We are told that the French will not be so strong in Cavalry this Campaign as they were the last, and that their Forces on this side will not consist in above 8000 Horse, and 25 or 30000 Foot. The Most Christian King does certainly come into these parts, and accordingly the necessary preparation is making at *Courtray*. The French are still at work for the plaining a large way between *Chievre* and *Hayne*, which makes us apprehend their design may be upon *Mons*. The *Sieur de Louvigny* being made choice of to command the *Luxemburg* Troops, which are to come to our assistance; the *Marquis de Conflans* will command in *Luxemburg* during his absence. The Son of the Count *Tassis* having been on Friday last as far as *Scarlebeck*, to take the Air, was surprized by a French party, and carried away Prisoner to *Charleroy*. On Thursday last arrived here from *Holland* the Prince of *Vaudemont*, where he had been to make a visit to the Prince of *Orange*. Several Dutch Troops are arrived at *Antwerp* by Water from *Holland*.

Ditto, March 17. The French give us daily more and more cause to believe that they design to attack *Ipres*; the Garrison there is already pretty strong, and his Excellency has within these two days sent orders to the Spanish Regiment that lies at *Bruger* to march thither, for the farther reinforcing it, and some of the Dutch Troops that are expected from *Holland* will be put into *Bruges*. There remains now not any doubt but that the Most Christian King will come in person with his Army against these Countreys, and great preparations are making at *Courtray*, *Lille*, and other places of the French Conquests, against his Majesties arrival in those parts. The *Marquia de Grana*, who arrived here from the *Hague*, having had several Conferences with his Excellency, is returned thither again, finally to resolve with the Ministers of the other Confederates there, about matters relating to the Campaign. Our last Letters from *Spain* told us, that it was feared *Catalonia* would be in great danger this Summer, for that the French make great preparations on that side. We have Letters from *Lille* which give us an ac-

count, that the *Sieur Pelletier*, Intendant there, had been sent by that City to the Most Christian King, to pray he would cause his Forces to besiege *Ipres*, which at present very much incommodes its Commerce.

Hague, March 17. Yesterday the Prince of *Orange* returned from *Schenckenschens*, and to morrow the States of *Holland* will be assembled. The Resident of this State at *Brussels*, is arrived here, and has given the States an account of the present condition those Provinces are in, and of the want they have of a speedy and effectual assistance from hence. It was said hereupon, that the Prince would have gone directly from *Schenckenschens* towards *Brabant*, to have balled his Troops into the Field; but it seems his Highness thought it best to return hither, to assist in the Assembly of the States of *Holland*. Our Letters from *Hamburg* give us an account of great disorders that are there amongst the Seamen, occasioned by the stopping of their ships by the Danes at *Gluckstadt*, on pretence that they had Provisions in them designed for *Stale*. That City is already blocked up by Land and by Water, and it will not be long ere it formally be sieged. From *Copenhagen* they write, that through the great diligence that had been used there, 23 ships of War were already fitted, wanting only their Men and Provisions, and that till they could be all supplied therewith, the King had ordered that six of the principal of them should be put into a posture to sail, to kinder the transportation of the succors designed from *Sueden* for *Pomeran*. The States have Letters from the Lieutenant Admiral *de Ruyter*, dated at *Naples*, in which he advises, that having refitted his ships, he was going to set sail from thence for *Melazzo*; though we seem to wish here, that before he have any farther Engagement with the French Fleet, the new reinforcement that is ready to sail from hence will be joined with him, for that the French at present are much stronger than he. From *Strasburg* they write, that the French continue to draw their Troops together, in order to the forming a very considerable Body; but that it's not yet known whether their design be to make an incursion into the Countrey of *Brisgowe*, or to attack the Imperia lists in *Lauterburg*. We have advice that the Spanish Gallies arrived the 29 of *November* last in the *Havana*, so that they may be this Month expected at *Cadix*.

Ostend, March 19. We have advice, that 7 Dutch Men of War are sent by towards the Channel, two of them mounted with 60 Guns, and the other 5 from 50 to 40, being the ships designed for the reinforcing the Lieutenant Admiral *de Ruyter*.

Paris, March 18. The *Marfchal de Montmorency* is parted from hence towards *Germany*, where he is to command the Kings Forces this Summer. The Prince of *Conde* continues very much indisposed at his house at *Cicanti*. The Kings departure continues fixed for the 15 of the next Month. The *Marfchal de Crequi* will part hence in eight days for *Flanders*.

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