

is come to *Dendermonde*, and upon the order from his Excellency, 300 Horse marched in the afternoon, to join the Duke de Montmorency with 400 Horse, and 400 Foot, had posted at *Locheren*; but it seems he was forced to quit a position and to retire, upon the approach of the Enemy, who rushed in Body, and had several pieces of Cannon when on the other side he had none. The next day the French continued to burn several Villages, and at last made an agreement of Contribution, viz. That the Countrey of *Waes* shall pay 300 000 Guilders. This day at Noon 33 Troops of Horse, under the command of the Count de *Nancre*, are arrived at *Wetteren* on the *Schelde*, between this place and *Dendermonde*, having with them a great many Wagons. They have laid a Bridge over the River.

*Ditto*, April 17. We have already told you, that the Duke of *Montalto*, who it seems was accompanied with the Prince of *Vaudemont*, the Marquis de *Conflans*, and several other Persons of Quality, had posted himself on Monday last at *Locheren*, having with him his Excellencies Guards of Horse, three Companies of Dragoons, and as many of Foot, to oppose the farther progress of the French into the Countrey of *Waes*; but it seems these French Troops were not sufficient to make head against the Enemy, who came against them 7000 strong, with the advantage of several pieces of Cannon, which ours wanted; wherefore the Duke de *Montalto*, after some skirmish, in which the Count de *Ville*, and about 30 of the Guards, with one of their Lieutenants were killed, and another Lieutenant taken Prisoner, thought fit to retire in some haste towards *Dendermonde*; which had he not timely done, he and all his men had been cut off by the French, who came marching upon their backs, and already appeared in sight. The French posted themselves at *Locheren*, where they continued till Wednesday, during which time they burnt part of *Locheren*, and finally made an agreement, that the Countrey of *Waes* should pay a yearly Contribution of 50000 Crowns, and 10 0000 Crowns at the present for the time past; and for an assurance of payment hereof they took with them the grand Bayliff, and 40 other principal Persons, as Hostages. Besides this great Contribution, 10 Villages have been burnt to the ground; and we are told that the loss thereby, as well as what the French have carried away, amounts to five Millions of Guilders. On Wednesday those Troops that were left to guard the Pass at *Rinne*, having joined their main Body at *Locheren*, they all decamped, and marched to *Wetteren* on the *Schelde* between *Ghent* and *Dendermonde*, (where the Count de *Nancre* expected them with a Body of Horse, having brought with him a great many Wagons to carry off their Booty) and having passed the *Schelde* there, are returned home.

*Brussels*, April 17. Yesterday arrived here the Duke de *Montalto*, and the Prince de *Vaudemont*, not having it seems been strong enough to attempt anything upon the French, in their return out of the Countrey of *Waes*; and this evening his Excellency is likewise returned to Town. All the news we have had for these 4 or 5 days, is, that the French were going to besiege *Ipres*, and that they had already invested it; but this day we have advice, that the French Forces are marching towards *Conde*. This day the Prince of *Orange* breaks up from *Rosendael*, and marches this way. The Most Christian King is come into *Flanders*.

*Hague*, April 17. The 15<sup>th</sup> instant arrived here the Lieutenant Admiral *Rossignol* from *Rosendael*, where he had been to receive his final dispatches from his Highness, being appointed to go

out with 12 Men of War, to Cruise in the North-sea, to secure our Trade and Navigation against the Privateers of *Dunkirk*. The Sieur *Myerboom*, the Danish Master here is gone for *Amsterdam*, to hasten the Equipage of the Men of War designed for the Baltic; of which 4 are ready to pass the *Pamper*, as the other three will be very suddenly. The Heer *Tromp* has taken his leave of the States, and of all the Persons of Quality here, and is gone for *Amsterdam*, intending to take his passage for *Denmark* in the Men of War above mentioned. From *Flanders* we have an account of the French having fallen into the Countrey of *Waes*, and of the great damage they have done there.

*Paris*, April 18. On Thursday last his Majesty parted from *St Germain* towards *Flanders*, to command his Army in person. Yesterday his Majesty lodged at *Mondidier*, and will be this day at *Peronne*. From *Lisle* we have advice of the Marechal de *Humieres* having with 28 Squadrons of Horse, and 10 Battalions of Foot, fallen into the Countrey of *Waes*, and set that whole Countrey under Contribution.

*Townsey*, April 17. The French Troops have for these 15 days past been drawing together in the Plain of *Lisle*, and at the same time a great many Cannon, and great quantities of Bullets, &c. were put on Board several Vessels appointed for that purpose, to be Transported as there should be occasion. Some few dayes since, the Troops that were there, received orders to march, as they accordingly did, and went and encamped near a place called *Comines*, upon the River *Lys*, about two Leagues from *Ipres*, which gave us an opinion that that place would be besieged. The 14 instant, as we understand from *Lisle*, the Marechal de *Rocheport*, and the Marquis de *Louvois* arrived there, but parted again the night following: And yesterday morning the Forces that lay at *Comines*, decamped from thence, and marched this way; and we are told that yesterday likewise marched from *Lisle* above 60 Wagons laden with Shovels, Pickaxes, &c. followed with a great company of Pioneers and Carpenters, they continuing their march all last night and this day, having with them vast quantities of Forage for the subsistence of the Cavalry, the Grains being as yet too low. In the mean time the Marechal de *Craqui* is arrived at *Pont a Bonvaux* with 14 or 15000 Men; and yesterday the Marechal d' *Humieres*, who is returned from setting the Countrey of *Waes* under Contribution, joined with the Marechal *Craqui*, as the Forces that came from *Comines* have likewise done; all the discourse here is, that *Valenciennes* will be besieged, but first *Conde*, for the Army marches that way, and the report goes that *Conde* is already invested. The King will be this night in *Aras*, and to morrow will be with his Army, which will consist in about 45000 Men, and be commanded under the King by five Marshals, viz. *Craqui*, *la Feuillade*, *Humieres*, *Schomberg*, and de *Lorge*.

*Postscript*. Just now comes news that *Conde* is invested.

#### Advertisements.

There is now Extant a Map of *New England*, as it is now divided into the three great Colonies of *Plymouth*, *Massachusetts*, and *Connecticut*, with a printed description of the whole Countrey. By John Seller Hydrographer to the King, and are sold by him at the *Hermitage* in *Wapping*, and by John Hill in *Exchange Alley* in *Cornhill*, London.

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And all persons owing any Rent, Arrears of Rent, or Sum of Money, are also directed forthwith to pay the same into the said Office at their peril, else *Sci e Facias* or *Capias* will issue against them, which will be both chargeable and troublesome, and only to be avoided by speedy payment.

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