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*Perpignan, March 27.*

**T**HE Duke de Navailles, who commands the Kings Forces in these parts, having caused his Troops to march out of the Plain of *Rouffillon*, to take their quarters in *Catalonia*, and having advice, that 500 Spaniards, that were in Garrison in *Figueres*, had received orders to march from thence to *Rosès*, he commanded a Body of Men to pass with all diligence the *Coll of Perus*, and to way-lay the said party, which they did so successfully, that they intercepted them, and took them all Prisoners, amongst whom, they found the Governor of *Figueres*, and several other persons of Quality. On our side, we lost in this action a Lieutenant, and 8 or 10 common Soldiers.

*Madrid, April 22.* On Monday last their Majesties parted hence to *Aragnuez*, where they will continue some time. Sunday in the evening arrived here 500 Horse from *Toledo*, who were ordered to march forthwith to *Catalonia*; from whence we still receive Letters giving an account of the great preparations that are making on the part of the French to attack them. That the Duke de Navailles will be suddenly in the Field, at the head of a good Army, which will not meet with any thing to oppose it.

*Vienna April 26.* On Thursday last, the Emperor, who hath been somewhat indisposed since the death of the Empress was let blood, and is now very well again. His Imperial Majesty will about the beginning of the next Month take a journey of Devotion, to *Zell in Stiria*, where is said to be a miraculous Image of the Blessed Virgin, in great veneration in these parts. On Tuesday last was solemnized in the Church of the Capucins here, the Anniversary of the Emperor *Ferdinand III.* at which assisted the Empress Dowager, and the Archduchess of *Austria* her Daughter, with a great many persons of quality. From *Constantinople* they write, that the Grand Signior will not stir from *Adrianople* this Summer.

*Francfort, April 20.* From *Ratisbonne* they write, that the Letters written by two of the Suisse Cantons, in answer to what they received from the Dyet, concerning French Levies, had been communicated to the several Colledges, being to this effect. That the States of the Empire had been misinformed, for that for these many years past, none of their Subjects had been in the French service; and that they have endeavoured to dispose the other Cantons to follow their example, and particularly, that their Subjects in the French service might not be employed against the Empire; the other Cantons have likewise written on this Subject, but their Letters have not as yet been read at the Dyet. On the 15 instant; it was, as they tell us, proposed by some of the Deputies at the Dyet, that seeing the time for action was come on so fast, it would be necessary to consult concerning the 3 Points formerly mentioned, 1. About furnishing the just numbers of Horse and Foot by every Circle according to its proportion. 2. About establishing necessary Magazines. 3. About providing a Train of Artillery: on which points, some debate was

had, but nothing concluded. And, it is added, that the Deputy of the Elector of *Bavaria* said, considering the present posture the Empire was in, it would be much better to apply their endeavors towards the procuring a general Peace. All the discourse here is, that *Philipsburg* will be besieged before this Month is at an end, and every hour we expect to hear, that the Imperialists have attacked the Fort, which lies opposite to that place, *Strasburg, May 1.* The Imperialists have not as yet made any attack upon the Fort on the *Rhine* near *Philipsburg*, but we expect they will in a day or two. The Duke of *Lorraine* has sent to desire liberty of our Magistrates to pass the *Rhine* here, his Highnesses intention being, as is said, to leave some Troops with those of the Circles, to block up or besiege *Philipsburg*, and to go and engage the French Forces, which lie now near *Schlestadt*, before they are reinforced from *Flanders*, and other parts. Our Magistrates have not as yet returned any answer to his Highnesses demands herein.

*Menz, May 2.* The Imperial Garrison that is here, consisting in 2000 Men, have received orders to march forthwith towards *Lauterburg*, to pass the *Rhine* there, and to render themselves at the place appointed for the general Rendezvous of the Imperial Army, which, we are assured, will be composed of 40000 Men compleatly. It is said here, that their first work will be to attack *Philipsburg*, where the Garrison as is reported, begins to be in want of several necessaries.

*Cologne, May 5.* On Saturday last, four Companies of Imperial Foot marched from *Bonn* to *Coblentz* and *Treves*, whither the Marquis de *Grana* is likewise gone. The former Deputies which the Duke of *Newburg* sent to *Maastricht*, to Treat with the Governor and Intendant there, in the matter of the Contributions, demanded by them of the Dutchy of *Fuliers*, being returned without any other answer, save that if the Contributions were not paid in the time appointed, they should proceed to excommunication. His Highness has sent other Deputies thither, to endeavor to dispose them to a more mild proceeding. In the mean time, the term set by the Intendant expires in a day or two.

*Hamburg, May 5.* The Bishop of *Munster* is about raising a Fort near the mouth of the River *Elbe*, at which, this City is not a little concerned, and our Magistrates have sent two Deputies to the Duke of *Zell*, as Director of the Circle, to represent to him the ill consequences of it; upon which, the Duke sent a party of 25 or 30 Men to command the *Munsterians* to desist from that work, which they would however hardly do, till they had seen an order from the Duke of *Zell* in writing, of which, notice having been given to the Bishop, or some of his principal Commanders, three Companies were sent with some small Field-pieces to the assistance of the former, who caused the *Lunenburghs* to retire, and to leave them to go on with their work. What may farther happen on this occasion, we must expect to hear. From *Berlin* they write, that the Elector of *Brandenburg* Troops will begin to march the 13 of the next Month, and that they will immediately begin some siege. We hear, that the Count *Coningmark* has accepted

govern the Government of Pomeran, with the Title of Marechal de Camp, and the Suedes seem to promise themselves, that things will be better managed than they have been.

*Disse.* May 5. On Friday last there happened a sharp encounter between some Lunenburgs, and a party sent out from Stade, which lasted several hours; when the Suedes were forced to retire; but the Lunenburgs following them too near their Guns, the Suedes played so furiously upon them, that they lost 50 or 60 Men upon the place, and among them five Officers, besides those that were wounded. The Suedes likewise sustained considerable loss on their side. From Pomeran they write, that the Suedes in *Stettin* have made a sally upon some *Brandenburg* Troops, of whom they killed and made Prisoners above 200, besides the Cattle they took.

*Bremen*, May 6. On Monday last arrived the *Heer Wittel*, deputed by the Duke of *Hanover*, to assist at the Conference that is to be held here, by the Ministers of the rest of the Allies, concerning the siege of *Stade*. General *Wedel* is parted hence in great haste, to draw the Troops that are quartered in these parts together, and to cause them to march towards *Stade*: And we hear that a Council of War is appointed to be held this week at *Bremervuerde*. The Duke of *Zell* is expected in a day or two at *Harbourg*, whose presence may contribute very much to the hastning the siege; which is the more desired by the Allies, for that they say the place is in no good condition.

*Brussels*, May 8. Yesterday about four a clock in the afternoon, our Army decamped from the Neighborhood of *Mons*, and passed the River *Haisne*, taking their march by *Buay*, directly towards the Enemy. It is now eight days since *Bouchain* was besieged, by a Body of 20 or 12000 Men; on Tuesday last the Line of Circumvallation was finished; and, it is said, that on Wednesday last the Most Christian King, who, before had his quarters between *Koifin* and *Kieurain*, removed his Camp nearer to *Quefnoy*, to facilitate the siege of *Bouchain*. Yesterday arrived here the *Sieur Christin*, one of the Plenipotentiaries of *Spain* for the Treaty of *Nimeguen*. From *Germany* they write, that according to all appearance, the Imperial Army will not assist itself with the siege of *Philipsburg*, but rather endeavor to fall into *Lorraine*. From *Cologne* they tell us, that the Regiments raised in that Diocese by the Bishop of *Osnaburg* are on their march to the place appointed for their Rendezvous.

*Disse.* We have not received any news from our Army since it marched yesterday in the afternoon from *Mons* with a firm resolution to engage the Enemy if possible to a Battel, which hath put us here into a great impatience to have a farther account of what has passed since; being not 3 or four Miles from *Mons* to the Enemies Camp; so that it's very probable some action may have this day passed between them, which we are the more apt to believe, for that several Boors and others arrived this evening from *Hall*, which is in the way between this place and *Mons*, assure us, that all this morning they have heard very violent shooting, which we conclude must have been occasioned by the Engagement of the two Armies, so that people here run to their Devotions, to Pray a happy Success, and are in the greatest concern imaginable for the issue of the Battle they believe the Armies at this present engaged in. By our next we shall be able to give you the certainty.

*Disse* May 8. Our Letters from *Bremen* tell us, that the Siege of *Stade* will now be begun in good earnest in few days, the Duke of *Zell* being expected the day after these Letters come away at *Harbourg*. We are told, that the States have received a Letter from Lieutenant-Admiral de *Ruyter*, dated the

9th past, in which he tells them, that he continued with his Fleet almost in sight of *Assina*, though he was frequently forced by the strong Currents, and the Winds that came off the *Siber*, to quit his station; that two of his Ships had received some little damage, in a storm; but that it was repaired again, and that he hoped to attempt something upon the Enemy very suddenly, which we promise our selves he will the better succeed in, for that all our Advices continue to inform us of great dissensions that are among the French and *McInneses*. From our Camp they write of the 6th instant, and give us an account, that that morning the Army was decamped, and was passing the River *Huisne*, over 8 Bridges, that their march would be directly towards *Keurain*, the Enemies first quarter towards *Mons*. They add, that the Siege of *Bouchain* went on but slowly; that the Governor behaved himself very bravely, having made a very brisk Sally upon the Besiegers, and done considerable execution upon them, though likewise with great loss on the part of the Besiege. It is said, that his Highness and his Excellency have sent to assure the Governor of a speedy relief, and it's not doubted but he will defend the place to the last. We have Letters from *Naples*, of the 14 past, which speak of 5 French Men of War being lost near *Augusta* in a storm; but our other advices from *Italy* make no mention thereof, so that we must expect to hear farther.

*Raris*, May 5. Here hath been much discourse of late concerning *Madam Brimiliers*, who was brought prisoner hither from *Liege*; and is accused of having poisoned her Father, Husband, and several persons of Quality. She is very strictly guarded, and besides the Men that are for that end appointed, there are four Women added to them, who are continually with her; and that she may not poison herself as she has done others, her cloaths have been several times changed, and all her hair shaven off, that she may not lodge any poison about her. It is said, that when she was taken, several Bottles of Water were found in her Closet, and a direction in her Cabinet to apply them to any person by giving him three drops more or less, according to the time she would have him die in; and that she has one sort of poison, which has not its effect till a twelve Month after it has been taken by any person.

*Disse*, May 9. The 4th instant *Te Deum* was sung here, with the usual solemnity, for the taking of *Comde*, the Governor and Garrison of which place, are at present Prisoners at *Toumay*. The siege of *Bouchain* is not in that forwardness as we told you in our last, for the Trenches were not opened till the 6th instant, and the Batteries were not finished till yesterday morning, when according to our last advices, the Besiegers would begin to fire upon the Town. The King continues encamped at *Sibouze*, on two Lines, between the River *Hoisne*, which passes through *Kieurain*, and another small River, which running through *Musfroy* and *Kieurain* falls into the *Hoisne* below *Kieurain*; the left of the Army reaches to *Musfroy* and the right about *Sibouze*. The Enemies Forces, commanded by the Prince of *Orange*, and the Duke de *Villa Hermis*, as our last Letters informed us, are encamped between *Mons* and *St. Oulain*, being covered by the River *Haisne*. From *Alsacia* they write, that the Duke of *Luxemburg* remained at *Siebstadt*, that the Fortifications there, at *Sauerne*, and *Hoguenau* did advance apace, and that great Magazines were provided at those and other places, for the subsistence of the Army this Campaigne. From *Marseilles* of the 27 past we have advice, that the 16, sailed from hence 25 Gallies for *Assina*, having on board several Companies of Soldiers, and divers Barks laden with Corn under their Command. The Men of War are sitting at *Toulon* with all diligence to follow them.

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