

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 *Bremarwerde*. 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 Diocess by the Bishop of *Osna-brug* 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 *Mcinesses*. 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 *Le 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 Campagne. 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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