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Madrid, May 21.

THE Court continues still at *Aranjuez*. Five hundred Horse which came from *Toledo*, after having exercised several times before the King, are marched towards *Catalonia*, from whence we hear, That the French, having defeated 600 Spanish Foot, which were marching from *Figuera*, (of which above 300 were taken Prisoners) likewise possessed themselves of that City, and still keep it. Our Forces in those parts are much inferior to those of the Enemy, but new Levies are making in this Kingdom to reinforce them. Our last Advice from *Naples* was, That the Lieutenant-Admiral *de Ruyter* had joined our Fleet of Men of War and Gallies, in order to the besieging *Messina* by Sea and Land; and that the *Marquis de Velaz*, the Viceroy of *Naples*, had paid *Monseigneur de Ruyter* 100000 Pieces of Eight, which he had raised upon his own credit. They write, from *Port St Maries*, of a Fire that had hapned there, and among other things, had burnt several Stores, as Cordage, Sails, Pitch, Tarr, &c. which had been laid up for our Armada. That young *de Ruyter* was parted from *Cadix* with about 20 Vessels under his Convoy. And that *Sir Richard Rooth* in the *Adventure* Frigate, was likewise sailed with several English Merchantmen for *England*.

Copenhagen, May 26. There being not at present any intercourse of Letters between us and *Sueden*, we cannot know what passes there. It is however believed, that that King is at present in the Isle of *Schenon*, to have an eye upon the motion of our Force. In a day or two final Sentence will be given against *Griffenfelt*, and in the mean time it is the general opinion, that he will be condemned to a perpetual Imprisonment. Count *Alfeldt* is declared great Chancellor of this Kingdom; and on Sunday last he took possession of that charge. The next Week Admiral *Tromp* purposes to sail with the Men of War that are here, to join those that are already abroad under the command of Admiral *Juelen*. Here is a report that the *Sieur Guldenlieu*, Viceroy of *Norway*, hath lately defeated two *Suedish* Regiments; but it needs a confirmation.

Strasbourg, May 29. The 27 instant, the *Lorrain* Troops, which for some days were lodged near *Wilster*, marched in great diligence towards *Lauterburg*, to pass the *Rhine* there, and join the Imperial Army, leaving 1200 Horse, under the command of Major-General *Schultz*, to observe the motions of the French, and particularly to guard the Valley of *Knirzig*, through which, all the provisions must pass that are brought hither for the Imperial Army. All the Watermen of *Brisgaw* are commanded to repair forthwith hither, with their Boats; which makes us believe, that General *Schultz* has intentions to make another Bridge over the *Rhine*, between this place and *Lauterburg*. The French Army, under the command of the Duke of *Luxemburg*, is advanced into the Plain of *Hochfeld*, with a resolution, as is said, to dispute the passage of the River *Sorr*, with the Imperialists. The French have a Train of Artillery of 40 pieces of Cannon, and 100 Wagons laden with Ammu-

munition. They every day expect the coming up of the detachment from *Flanders*, which we hear was arrived at *Merz*.

Lauterburg, May 29. Yesterday arrived here Prince *Herman of Baden*, from *Manheim*, where he hath been to confer with the Elector *Palatine*, and without making any stay here, took his way to the Imperial Army, the right Wing of which is encamped at *Langenhandel*, and the left Wing towards *Hagenaw*. This afternoon a report hath been brought hither, that the Count *de Caprara* hath defeated four Troops of French Horse, who designed to enter into *Hagenaw*.

Frankfort, May 30. It is said here, that the Imperial Generals have resolved to lay aside the thoughts they had of besieging *Philipsburg*, and to turn them to that of *Hagenaw*; in order to which, the Imperial Army is marched that way, and was encamped the 28 instant about two Leagues from that place. This day it marches again, though we cannot believe that any siege will be undertaken, seeing the Enemy is come so near; for we understand, that the Duke of *Luxemburg* is passed by *Saverne*; but it is rather thought, that the Duke of *Lorraine* will endeavor to fight the Enemy before the reinforcement that is come from *Flanders* joins them. The Troops that remain in the Neighborhood of *Philipsburg*, are about taking several Posts, to hinder the incursions of that Garrison; and when the Troops of the Circles arrive, they will at least block up the place a little more closely; for hitherto the French are frequently abroad in small parties, though they do not venture to go far.

Hagenaw, May 30. The 24 instant the Duke of *Luxemburg* decamped from *Schlestadt*, after having given the necessary orders for the security of that place; and the same day lodged with the Army at *Gros-Sant* near *Bensfeldt*. The Train of Artillery, commanded by the *Marquis de Fregeliere*, parted not from *Schlestadt* till the 25, not having arrived there from *Brisac* till the evening before. That day the 25, the Army encamped at *Altorf*, and the 26, at *Wiltzen*, two Leagues from *Saverne*, where it remained the two following days. The 28, the Duke of *Luxemburg*, accompanied with several principal Officers, went to visit the Fortifications of *Saverne*, and found them almost finished, and the place in a very good posture. The same day, two Battalions of *Picardy*, one of *Languedoc*, and some other Troops joined the Army, which decamped yesterday, and marched to *Inguenbeim*, where it is at present. Yesterday a party of *Keyserlauterne*, consisting in 200 Foot, and 40 Carabiers attacked a French Convoy, going from *Phalsbourg* to *Saverne*, within three quarters of a mile from this latter place, so vigorously, that our Troops gave ground, and the Enemy fell to plunder; but the Chevalier *de la Fregeliere* came so opportunely to the assistance of the French, that the Enemy were forced to quit their Booty, and were totally routed, 80 of them being killed, and 70 taken prisoners, and brought to *Phalsbourg*. The Chevalier *de la Fregeliere* had his Horse killed under him, and lost about 20 of his Men.

Cologne, June 2. *Monseigneur de Louvigny* who is to command

command the *Osnabrug* Troops, arriv'd here two days since from *Luxemburg*, and this night is part'd hence for *Brussels*, intending to be back here again very suddenly, and by the time the *Osnabrug* Troops arrive in this Neighborhood, which may be about the middle of this Month. The Letters from *Osnabrug* say, that the march of the said Troops was deferred till the return of the Envoy which that Duke had sent to the Prince of *Orange*, and to the Duke *de Villa Hermosa*. Our Letters from *Alsacia* inform us, That the 28 past, the Imperial Army was encamp'd at *Weisserbarg*, about two Leagues from *Hagenaw*; that the 29 past, the *Lorrain* Troops, which had lay'n at *Wilster*, in the Neighborhood of *Strasbourg*, had pass'd the *Rhine* at *Lauterburg*, and had join'd the Army, which the next day, viz. the 30, intended to decamp, and to march on toward's *Hagenaw*. At the same time we understand the Duke of *Luxemburg* was encamp'd with the French Army between *Saverne* and *Hagenaw*, in expectation of the Detachment that went from *Flanders*, having with him 40 pieces of Cannon. The Elector of *Treves* continues very ill, and this day it is reported here that he is dead.

Hamburg, June 2. The news we told you in our last of the taking the Fort of *Stade* by the Confederates proves a mistake; and on the contrary, we do not find that there is any likelihood that they will be Masters of it very suddenly. There is now as little talk as ever of the siege of *Stade*, so that the Suedes there have little to fear but want of Provisions within. From *Leipzicke* of the 29 past they write, that all the Imperial Troops which had been quartered in the Territories of the Elector of *Saxony* had received orders to march; being command'd by General *Cobz*, to join the *Brandenburg* Troops.

Brussels, June 5. The Armies continue in the same quarters we told you in our last, and as yet there is not any appearance of their suddain removal. The Most Christian King remains in his Army, and is lodg'd near *Ninoven*. The French parties appear daily in our Neighborhood, and have burnt since our last 10 or 12 Houses in the Village of *Andernecke*, for that those Inhabitants did not send to the French Camp the Cattle they were taxed with, and have fail'd to pay their arrears of Contributions. From *Cambray* of the 3d instant they write, that the French having notice of the late incurtion into *Picardy*, a party of 2000 Horse had been immediately sent out, under the command of the Baron *de Quincy*, to cut off their retreat; but our Troops, taking a way contrary to the Enemies expectation, got safe to *Cambray*; whereupon the said Baron had so posted his Men between *Cambray* and *Valenciennes*, that the Cavalry of this last place could not get home but was forced to remain at *Cambray*. From *Liege* of the 3d instant we hear, that a considerable Body of Horse and Foot, with several Pieces of Cannon, was march'd from *Maesricht*, but their design was not known.

Hague, June 5. We have little at present to write from hence, unless it be to give you an account of the death of the Lieutenant Admiral *de Ruyter*, which as we receive from several hands, so particularly by this following Letter.

From on board the Ship *Gouda*, lying at anchor in the Bay of *Siracusa*, May 1.

In my preceding Letters, I gave you an account of the wounds Lieutenant Admiral *de Ruyter* had received in the late Fight, what I have now to acquaint you is, That till the 28 past, he continued in a pretty good condition; and gave us hopes of his recovery,

but that day he was taken very ill, insomuch, that he lost his Speech in few hours; if he continued till the 29, which betwixt 9 and 10 a Clock at night he departed this life, being old 70 years and 10 months, to the great trouble of all the Officers and Seamen, who lament his death. The Vice-Admiral *de Haen* was taken upon him the command of the Fleet, and at present this Ship bears the Admirals Flag; the *Eendracht*, on which the Heer *de Ruyter* formerly commanded, bears that of Vice-Admiral, and the *Steerbeigen* that of Rear-Admiral. We shall in few days part hence for *Palermo*, to take in Powder and Bullet.

Ditto: Five or six French Frigats having of late appeared upon our Coasts, the Sieur *Bastriaux* is sail'd with the like number, to secure our Navigation. We have Letters from *Bremen* and those parts, which say, that the Confederates intended to make a general Assault upon the Fort of *Stade* the 2d instant at night; and add, That the Suedes had made a Sally, with design to have fallen upon the *Lunenburs* at *Hornburg*, but that they had been repuls'd with loss. From *Copenhagen* by Letters of the 30 past we understand, that what hath been said of the taking of the Isle of *Eusel* by the *Danes*, was without ground. That on the 2d instant that King intended to fold a general Rendezvous of his Troops. That 3 Men of War more and 2 Fireships were arriv'd at *Copenhagen* from these parts, and that in 2 or 3 days the Sieur *Tremp* intended to sail with them, and such Danish Men of War a veterancy.

Paris, June 6. His Majesty continues with his Army in the Country of *Alst*, not far from that of the Enemies, having his head quarters near *Ninoven*. According to our advices of the 29 and 30 past, from *Wilsice*, it seems, the diligent march of the Duke of *Lorraine* hath revent'd the design the Duke of *Lorraine* might have had upon *Hagenaw*; who, on the 28, was encamp'd within two Leagues of that place, while our Army lay betwixt *Saverne* and *Hagenaw*. It is said, that if the Imperialists intend to advance any farther, they must pass through Woods and narrow Lanes of a great length which would give our Army so great an advantage upon them that it's believed they will not attempt to pass them. However, we cannot believe they will long continue in the posture they are, but both parties will endeavor to come to some speedy action. Our Army is reckon'd at present above 20000, and when the detachment arriveth that went from *Flandre*, it will be near 30000, about which number we count the Imperialists. The Duke of *Lorraine*'s Troops, which were at *Wilsice*, not being able to obtain passage over the Bridge of *Snashang*, are march'd to *Lauterburg*, to pass the *Rhine* there, and so to join their Duke. Our Letters from *Sicily* give us an account, That after the Fight on 23 April, our Fleet sail'd to *Augusta*, and continu'd at anchor in that Road a day or two, the Spaniards raising the Siege of that place, which they had formed by Land; upon which, our Fleet, command'd by the Sieur *de Spieswe*, set sail again, passing by *Syracusa*, where the Enemies Fleet was repairing the damages received in the said Fight, and after having for some days kept the Sea, returned the 1st of May to *Messina*; where our Gallies are daily expected; according to our last advice they were at *Civita Vecchia*, having been much hindred in their Voyage by foul weather and contrary winds; they have on board them 1250 Foot, and 300 Dragoons to be mounted at *Messina*. We have now the certainty of the death of Lieutenant Admiral *de Ruyter*, and that his Vice-Admiral has taken upon him the command of the Dutch Fleet. On our side the person of chiefest note that was killed in the said Engagement, was the Sieur *d'Almeras*. Our Letters from *Cologne* give us an account of the death of the Elector of *Treves*.

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MR Tho. Willcox in *Three Crane Yard* in *Southwark*, between the *Orange* Inn and *White Hart* Inn, at the late fire, did deliver to a Stranger a large flat Trunk covered with blew Leather mark'd T. W. E. containing several Pieces of wrought Silk, as *Taffaties*, *Sarcenets*, *Alamodes*, and *Lutes*. The person to whom it was delivered, is desired to bring it to *James Chadwicks* Fisq at the *Ship* in *New Kings-Street* or to *Mr. Robinsons* a *Dyer* in *Three Crane Wharf*, *London*, and he shall be very well Rewarded.