

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 *Weisserburg*, 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 o'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* has 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 *Trempe* 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 revented 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 in, 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 *Strasbourg*, 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*.

#### Advertisement.

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* Fisqat the Ship in *New Kings-Street* or to *Mr. Robinsons* a Dyer in *Three Crane Wharf*, *London*, and he shall be very well Rewarded.