

Bishop of Munster is on his march with 5000 Men towards the Meuse.

Ruremond, July 10. On Monday last the Troops which have lay'n for some time in this Neighborhood marched towards Maestricht, to be employed in the Siege of that place, where the Prince of Orange arrived the 7th instant, and the Duke of Osnabrug the next day. Count Horne, General of the Artillery, is not as yet pass'd by here with the Cannon designed for that Siege, but is expected this evening or to-morrow. Great numbers of Pioneers have been sent from all these parts to the Camp; and a considerable number is likewise sent from the Countreys of the Duke of Aremburg, and from Namur; so that it seems the Siege will be carried on with all vigor possible. We are told that the Garrison in the place consists in 8000 Men.

^{the} Liege, July 12. There is now no farther doubt of the Confederates design to besiege Maestricht. The 9th instant pass'd by this place down the Meuse, a Bridge of Boat from Namur, together with several other small Vessels laden with Ammunition and Provisions. The Prince of Orange has taken his quarters at Smeer-Maes, and the Duke of Osnabrug his at St Pierre. The Line of Circumvallation is almost finished, and in a day or two the Batteries will be likewise so, and then the Trenches will be opened. The Besieged in the mean time fire very furiously with their Cannon; but hitherto have not made any sallies. The Prince of Orange has written to our Magistrates to assure them of his good intentions towards this City, and to desire they will permit his Commissaries to buy up Provisions here at moderate rates, which they have granted. The Spaniards of Charlemont have had a design to surprize Dinant, and accordingly 300 Men were sent out, who went so far as to get into the Suburbs of Dinant, but the design succeeded not, and they were repulsed. We hear that several of the Burghers of Maestricht have been seized, upon the discovery of a conspiracy to let in the Enemy.

Hague, July 14. The Sieur Almonde is arrived here from the Baltick, and hath given an account in the Assembly of the States of the late actions with the Swedes. It is said he is appointed by the States to command the ships they intend to send into the Mediterranean, to reinforce the Squadron they have already there. The Sieur Engel de Ruyter is gone towards the Baltick, to command the Dutch Squadron there, in the room of the Sieur Almonde. It is said the States have ordered 12000 Guilders for the making a Tomb for the late Lieutenant Admiral de Ruyter. The Siege of Maestricht being now formed, the States have commanded publication of a free Leaguer there; and accordingly Passports will be given to all persons who will carry thither any Provisions or other necessaries to sell, to exempt them from paying any impositions or charges for the same as they pass up the Meuse; by which means, and by the other care that has been taken by his Highness, it's not doubted but the Camp there will be abundantly provided with whatever they shall stand in need of. The 11th instant, we had advice of the arrival of 6 of our East India Ships in the Texel, the rest being 6 more, have put into the Maes, and into Zealand.

Brussels, July 14. Maestricht is now actually besieged, his Highness the Prince of Orange has his quarters at Smeer Maes, about half a League from the place, on the side of Ruremond; and the Duke of Osnabrug his near St Pierre, on the side towards Liege. The Line of Circumvallation was finished on this side the Meuse on the 12th instant, as it would be the next day on the side of Weche. The Cannon were arrived in the Camp, and it was intended that this day the Batteries should be

ready, and begin to play upon the Besieged, and then the Trenches will be likewise opened. The Bridges for communication of quarters were laid over the River on both sides the Town. Fresh Troops, with great quantities of all kind of Provisions arrive daily in the Camp, as also great numbers of Pioneers; of which sort, 2000 were to come from the Dutchy of Juliers. Major-General Farns was arrived in the Camp from Treves, and the Bishop of Munster was likewise expected in few days. In the mean time, the Prince of Orange has sent orders to Count Waldec for four Regiments of 1000 more, and as many of Horse to come to him from the Army; which since our last, is removed from Nivelles to Genap; the Duke de Villa Humana having his quarters at Huisan le Muis, and Count Waldec his at Genap; and from thence, it's thought, the Army will in a day or two remove again nearer to the Scheldt, and Chaussee the better to cover the Siege of Maestricht. The Spanish Regiments are marching from their several Garrison to the Army, and in their room, some of the new raised Troops will go into those Garrisons. From Metz they write, that the Marshall de Crequi was drawing a Body of Men together on that side, with intention as is thought, to make some diversion on the Moselle. The French Army, commanded by the Marschal de Schomberg, is removed from Kœursaine to Banay, where the Count Montbron, who hath been posted some time since near Cambrai, and the Marquis de Rene has orders to join the Army with the Forces under their command. From Gemany they write, that the siege of Philipsburg advances not very fast for want of Men. It is reported, as if a Plot had been discovered at Maestricht, and that some of the principal Burghers had been apprehended on that account.

Duis, July 14. This day are arrived some persons from the Camp before Maestricht, they assure us, that things are already in pretty good forwardness, and that in a day or two we may expect to hear of the opening the Trenches, and that 60 pieces of Cannon batter the Town. That the Governor of Limburg had twice endeavoured to put a Body of Men into the place for the reinforcing the Garrison, but had been prevented by the Besiegers, who are reckoned to be at present 25000 Men effective, besides the Confederate Troops which are yet expected to arrive in the Camp, as well from the Dutchy of Juliers and Luxemburg, as from Westphalia, which last will be commanded by the Bishop of Munster in person.

Paris, July 15. In our last we inform'd you of the Kings having declared his resolution to return this week to his Army in Flanders, which was a mistake, or else his Majesty has again changed his mind, for we are assured, that his Majesty will not go into the Field any more this Summer, unless something extraordinary happen; and accordingly their Majesties are removed with the whole Court to Versailles. On Sunday last in the morning Monsieur de Louvois parted hence for Flanders, to assist, as is said, Monsieur Schomberg with his Council, who at present solely commands our Army there, under the Duke of Orleans. The Marschal d'Ambray is made Governor General of all his Majesties Conquests in Flanders, with a Pension of 50000 Livres per annum. The most considerable news we have at present in Town is, of the discovery of a Conspiracy at Maestricht, formed by some of the principal Inhabitants, who, it's said had made a Mine under the place, where is kept all the powder and other stores of the Garrison, and that the design was to have blown it up, and while the Governor and the principal Officers were in the surprize and disorder that would be occasioned by that accident, the Conspirators were to open one of the Gates of the place, and let in the Enemy. It is farther said, that the Garrison, after the said Plot had been discovered, and most of the chief contrivers of it secured, had made a Sally upon the Enemy, and had killed many of them; of which our next Letters from Flanders will give us a certain account, which seems yet wanting. We have Letters from Alsace of the 10th, when the Duke of Luxemburg was encamped at a place called Viere, without receiving any disturbance from the Enemy, who seem wholly intent upon the siege of Philipsburg, having finished their Batteries, on which they have 80 pieces of Cannon, which they had for some days employed without any intermission against the Besieged, who hitherto want nothing necessary for their defence, and are full of resolution to defend the place; so that we doubt not but they will give the Besiegers work enough. The Duke of Lorraine continues encamped at Westemburg, having fortified his Camp, which is beside guarded by the small River Lanter that passes before it, that he is secured against all attempts. The affair of Madam B. mulliers continues to give the Judges a great deal of trouble; several new parties are daily brought in, and new matter arises, so that it's thought the thing will take up some time yet, before it can be determined and that sentence can be given.