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Naples, June 23.

Our Viceroy has, as we are told, sent orders to severall places, to buy up ships which may serve as Men of War, designing to reinforce the Spanish Armada with them, which together with the Dutch Squadron continues at *Palermo*. In the mean time the Feluccas, and other Vessels set out from *Messina*, do very much infest the Sea, to the great disturbance of our Trade and Navigation. Two Vessels, with severall Tartanes, are parted from hence for *Palermo*, with severall Necessaries for our Fleet. And that our Viceroy may be able to give the Viceroy of *Sicily* such farther assistance as he solicits, his Excellency the other day called together the Deputies of this City, and demanded of them a Sum of money, but the matter meets with difficulty.

Marseilles, July 1. Eight Fireships are sailed from hence to *Tobulon*, for the service of our Fleet, which is now almost ready to return to *Messina*. A great quantity of Provisions have been shipped on board the Men of War, part of which is to be put ashore at *Messina*.

Warsaw, June 26. We have a very uncomfortable account from *Leopol*, of the present posture of things on the Frontiers, the *Tartars*, who continue with their main Body near *Caminice*, sending out their Parties into all the Neighbouring Provinces, from whence they return with considerable Spoils, and great numbers of poor Christian Slaves; the said Parties have been as far as *Zoczow*, *Kannien*, and *Brody*, and have burnt above 30 Villages belonging to *Obozuy-Korohny*, and carried away all the Inhabitants and Cattel: And from *Lublin* they write, That these Infidels have made themselves Masters of *Stanislaw*, a considerable place. On the other side, *Ibrahim* Bassa advances with the Ottoman Forces, and, as it's said, has passed the *Danube*: These approaches of the Enemy must needs fill us with terror, at a time when we are in so ill a posture to defend our selves; for though at the last Dyet at *Cracow*, severall wholesome resolutions were taken for the security of the Kingdom, yet what through the hopes of Peace, and the practices of evil-minded people, neither the men nor monies have been raised in severall Palatinates, pursuant to those resolutions; so that his Majesty finding himself destitute of all other means, has issued the Universals, for the calling the Arrierbin, and in the mean time hath ordered what other Troops he has, to march towards *Leopol*, to Rendezvous there, and with them the King will hasten into the Field.

Vienna, July 5. It is said that the Emperor has given out Commissions for the raising of 3000 men, for the reinforcement of his Forces in *Pomeran*, under the command of General *Cobr*. His Imperial Majesty understanding that great differences are like to arise between the Confederates in *Bremen*, about the partition of their Conquests, is sending a Person of Quality thither to adjust them, and prevent the ill consequences such misunderstanding will bring to the common Cause. The 3d instant, the Prince of *Newburg* treated at Collation the Emperess Dowager, the Queen of *Poland*, and the Archduchess of *Austria*, at *Newstadt*. We do not yet certainly know when to expect the Emperor here.

Copenhagen, July 11. The 6th instant, Admiral *Tromp* came with his Fleet before *Upstadt*, and sent immediately a Trumpet on shore, to summon the Governor to surrender the place; who reurning for answer, That he would perform his duty in the defence of it: the Admiral caused thereupon severall Frigats to come to an Anchor as close as they could to the Town, and to Batter it with their Cannon, as was accordingly done with considerable effect; and the 7th, in the afternoon, 3000 men, as well Soldiers as Seamen, were put into Chaloups, in order to their Landing in two Bodies, at the East and West-side of the Town; 700 Swedish Horse, and 200 Foot, opposed their coming on shore, but our men, under the protection of the Cannon of our Frigats, gained the Strand and having, after a brisk dispute with the *Suedes*, of whom about 150 were killed, forced the rest to retire, advanced to the Town, and were preparing to attack it, when they understood that the Swedish Garrison that was there, was retired: whereupon our Troops entered into the place, and the Magistrates took immediately an Oath of Fidelity and Allegiance to the King of *Denmark*. The 9th, the King, who had been embarked severall dayes, landed with all his Forces, which are 16000 men Horse and Foot, near *Helsingburg*, (which is a small Town and Cattle over against *Helsingne* on the other side of the *Sound*) without the least opposition on the part of the *Suedes*, who, it seems, had drawn all their Forces towards *Upstadt*, imagining the King would have made his descent there. The Town of *Helsingburg* immediately surrendered, being an open place, and the Swedish Soldiers, who were 200, retired into the Castle. And just now we have advice, That at two a clock this morning, our Troops took the Castle by storm, putting all to the Sword that was in it. The King was on shore in person, to view what place might be fittest for the Armies encampment; but afterwards returned again on board his ship, where his Majesty still continues.

Hamburg, July 14. Our advices from *Pomeran*, inform us, That the *Suedes* have abandoned the Bais of *Tribsee*, as likewise the Isle of *Usedom* and are retired with most of their Forces towards *Stratfont*; That the *Brandenburg* Army is advancing into the heart of the Swedish *Pomeran*, giving out, that their design is to march directly to *Stratfont*. We have Letters from those parts, which say, That *Demmin* was invested, and that a brisk Action had passed there between the *Suedes* and the *Brandenburg*, of which we have not as yet the particulars. The 5th instant dyed at his Castle in *Pomeran*, the great Constable *Wrangel*. In our last we told you of great shooting that had been heard near *Stade*, since we have had this account, That the *Suedes* having cast up a small Work, and planted two Cannon on it under the protection of the Cannon of the Town, to secure their people who were sent out to fetch in some Corn; the *Lunenburgs* planted likewise severall Cannon against it, to dislodge the *Suedes*, on which account severall discharges were made on both sides, and the *Suedes* remained Masters of the Retrenchment. Here is news in Town, that the Bishop of *Munster* has permitted

Red 12 Wagons, Laden with Provisions, to enter the Town on that side where he is quartered, which has created great jealousies in the Dukes of *Luxemburg*; and, it's said, that 6000 men of the Duke of *Hanover* are approaching the *Weser*, to have an eye upon the Bishop, who has very strongly fortified his quarters.

Strasbourg, July 10. The French Army continues encamped as we told you in our last; since which, 3000 Horse have been detached from it, under the command of the Chevalier du *Plessys*, towards *Lorraine*, to join *Marschal de Crequi*, who is drawing together a Body of an Army. We do not yet perceive any intention in the Duke of *Luxemburg* to attempt the relief of *Philipsburg*, which will now be more closely pressed than it has been hitherto. Major General *Schulze* keeps his Post on the other side of the *Rhine*, to have an eye upon the French, and to hinder their laying a Bridge over the River, if they should intend it. We have this afternoon news in Town, of a second Detachment being sent by the Duke of *Luxemburg* towards *Lorraine*, and that a Body of French Horse having been commanded out towards *Weissenburg*, to take an account of the Imperial Army, they had been met by General *Dunewalt*, and totally defeated by him, near 500 of the French being said to have been killed, of which we expect the confirmation.

Strasbourg, July 11. From the Camp before *Philipsburg* we hear, That the 9th instant, the Besiegers having finished one of their Batteries, on which they planted 12 Half-Cannon in the quarter of Prince *Herman of Baden*, began to fire upon the Town, and have ever since continued so to do, not without doing considerable execution, having beaten down the Red Gate, made a great breach in the Wall, and ruined several Houses in the Town. To-morrow, or next day, the Battery in the Marquis of *Dourlach's* quarter will be likewise finished. The Troops of the Circle of *Franconia* are arrived in the Camp. Last night the Besieged made a brisk Sally, but were beaten in again. The Elector Palatine has recalled his Troops from the Siege, but it's thought they will suddenly return again.

Cologne, July 14. At the instance of the Envoy sent by the Prince of *Orange*, the Ministers of the Duke of *Newburg*, who have the Government of things in his Highness's absence, have ordered 2000 men more to be drawn out of the Dutchy of *Fuliers*, and the Countrey of *Berge*, to be sent to the Siege of *Maeſtricht*. There are Letters from *Francfort*, and those parts, which say, That one principal reason why the Siege of *Philipsburg* has hitherto advanced so slowly, is, that the Parties had not concluded what should be done with *Philipsburg* after it should be taken; which difficulty is at present removed, by an agreement that the place shall be slighted. Yesterday 300 French Horse of the Garrison of *Limburg*, appeared within half a League of this City.

Brussels, July 17. Our last Letters from the Camp before *Maeſtricht*, are dated the 15 instant, which tell us That they continued to work on the Lines of Contravallation; That that evening 60 pieces of Cannon were expected in the Camp, being arrived the day before at *Stockhem*, four Leagues from *Maeſtricht*; That it will be Sunday or Monday before the Cannon can be planted on the Batteries, or the Trenches opened. In the interim, our Army, under the command of the Duke of *Villa Hermosa*, remains encamped at *Hautain* and *Genap*; and, we are told, his Excellency has desired the Prince of *Orange* to send him a reinforcement of Horse from his Camp, upon the advice he has received, that the *Marschal de Schomberg* is preparing to march with the Army under his command, from his quarters about *Kievrain*, and *Reuay*, and that several considerable De-

tachements are on their march to join him. Monsieur de *Louvois* is arrived in the Army, and will, it's said, be followed by the Prince of *Conde*. From the Camp before *Philipsburg*, of the 11 instant, they write, That on the 8th instant the Besiegers had finished two Batteries in the quarters of Prince *Herman of Baden* and General *Vermuller*; upon which, the Besieged made the same day a Sally, without any great effect. That the 9th, about 3 in the afternoon, Prince *Herman* began to fire from his Battery with 12 pieces of Cannon, which had pierced the walls of the Town in several places, and had beat down the tops of some houses; That since the said 8th instant, the Besieged fired very sparingly, but on the 10th had made another Sally upon General *Vermuller's* quarter, but to as little purpose as the former; That on the said 10th, arrived in the Camp the Troops of the Circle of *Franconia*, being 4000 Foot, 1000 Horse, and 1000 Dragoons.

Ditto. We have advices from several parts, That the French Army is preparing for some great Action; and we have great reason to believe, the Siege of *Valencennes* is designed, which place has for some time past been in a manner blocked up, and still continues so. The Siege of *Maeſtricht* is as yet somewhat backward, by reason the Cannon was not expected to arrive in the Camp till this evening, occasioned by the low water, which hinders very much the passage of the Boats who come up the *Meuse* from *Holland*. The Prince of *Orange* has his quarters at *Smeets-Maes* the Duke of *Osnabrug* his at *Wilde*, where the Most Christian King was lodged during the Siege in 1693, and Monsieur de *Louvois* at *Lichtenberg* near *St Pierre*. On the side of the *Wycke*, the *Brandenburg*, *Newburg*, and some Spanish Troops are lodged, and have fortified their several Posts, but cannot finish the Line on that side, till the arrival of the *Munster* Troops. On the 15, the Besieged made a Sally on the *Wycke* side, and beat the grand Guard from their Posts, but were afterwards repulsed, and pursued to the Palisadoes of the Town, where some of the French were taken Prisoners. The Besieged make use of their Cannon against the Besiegers without intermission.

Paris, July 18. We have now the certainty that *Maeſtricht* is besieged by the Confederates, as is *Philipsburg*, by the Troops of the Circles: As to the former, we understand that the Sieur de *Mombion* has joined the *Marschal de Schomberg* with the Troops under his command, and that the Marquis de *Renel*, who has come as far as *Charleville* with the detachment he was sent with towards *Lorraine*, is marching back to join the Army likewise, which will then, as is said, enter upon some Action of no less importance than is that of *Maeſtricht*. And as to *Philipsburg*, the discourse is, That the Duke of *Luxemburg* has positive orders to endeavor the relief of it, and that he is accordingly about laying a Bridge over the *Rhine* near *Drusenheim*: our last Letters from those parts tell us, That the Besieged in *Philipsburg* make frequent and very vigorous sallies, and that they seldom return empty without Prisoners or Booty. In one they made the 3d or 4th instant, they took the Count of *Isenbourg* Prisoner, who some days after dyed of his wounds. Yesterday *Madam Brinvilliers* was Executed at the *Grève*, according to the Sentence pronounced against her some days before, after having been convicted of having Poysoned her Father, her two Brothers, &c.

Advertisements.

These are to give Notice, That upon Friday, the 25 of *August* next, in the Forenoon, my Lord Treasurer will be ready at the Treasury Chambers in *White-hall*, to receive all such Proposals as shall be then tendered for Farming of the whole Excize for Three years, to Commence from the Expiration of the present Farm in being, viz. from *Midsummer* 1677.

Lost or Stolen the 3d instant, from *Richard Astwell* of *Kidderminster*, a black Mare, without any white, except some Saddle-spots, lately docket, and not yet healed, and a hurt on her back, the hair not grown again, about six years old, 13 hands high. Whoever gives notice of her to the said *Richard Astwell*, shall be well rewarded.