

gether not far from hence. Part of the detachment which the Marquis de Renel brought from Flanders, has orders to remain at Metz.

Cologne, July 16. This day the rest of the Garrisons of *Dusseldorp*, *Duclen*, *Duliers*, and of other places in the Territories of the Duke of *Newburg*, are marched to the Siege of *Maestricht*, and in their stead, a number of Boors are put in those places.

Hague, July 21. We are told that the Deputies of the Admiralty have proposed an Equipage of 24 *Men of War*, all mounted from 70 to 60 Guns, besides several small Vessels, for the reinforcement of our Fleet in the *Mediterranean*; that the Ships will be fitted out with all diligence; and that a considerable Sum of money hath for that purpose been remitted from Spain to *Amsterdam*. From *Maestricht* we hear that the Cannon arrived the 18 instant in the Camp; and that it was betwixt the next day or the following at farthest, they would begin to play upon the Town. Of the Siege of *Philipshurg*, we hear in general, that it advances, though but slowly. From *Brussels* they write, that there begin to be some appearance of an Agreement betwixt the *Confederates*; and that then the Siege of *Strade* would be forthwith taken in hand.

From the Prince of Oranges quarter before Maestricht, July 19. The Prince of Orange has changed his quarters from *Smeermes* to the Abby of *Hocht*; the Lines on this side are quite finished, as they will begin some few days on the side of *Wysche*. On Thursday night last, the Batteries were marked out; for these 3 dayes past, above 20 great Boats are arriv'd before *Smeermes*, laden with all sort of Ammunition; and yesterday arriv'd several others with greatest part of the Artillery, which will with all diligence be planted on the Batteries; and to morrow we hope all will be ready, that we may begin to make use of them. The Baron *d'Asperen* is arriv'd from *Holland* with a very considerable sum of money. His Highness has demanded of the States of *Liege*, to supply him with a certain number of Bioners.

Tournaay, July 21. This afternoon are arriv'd here some posts from *Lille*, which tell us, That on Friday and Saturday last part of Monsieur *Schomberg*'s Army pass'd through that City, and having joined some other Troops, march'd under the command of the Marechal *d'Humieres* towards *Ipres*, in order, as was believ'd to Besiege that place. At the same time, a Train of Artillery Ammunition, *Grandos*, *Bombes*, &c. were put on Board the Vessels for that purpose provided, which pass'd down the River likewise towards *Ipres*; and yesterday morning a great many Pioneers march'd through *Lille*, taking their way towards *Bethune*; and this afternoon we have the certainty that Marechal *d'Humieres* has invest'd *Aire*, a place which is reputed very strong, though it hath at present but a slender Garrison of 7 or 800 men, some say 1000.

Brussels, July 21. For these three or four dayes past, we have had several advices of the march of the Enemy, viz. that a considerable detachment had been sent from Marechal *de Schomberg*'s Army (which still continues at *Kourain*) towards *Flanders*; That the Sieur *de Meubron* was likewise march'd with the Troops under his command that way; and that the Marechal *d'Humieres* had drawn several Troops out of *Lille*, and the Neighbouring Garrisons; and that some thousands of Pioneers had been summoned upon which, the Duke *de Villars* *Hermsé* believing the Enemy intended some Siege on this side of *Flanders*, decamp'd this morning from the Camp at *Hulstain* near *Ghent*, with all the Spanish Troops, and 6000 Dutch Foot, leaving the rest of the Dutch Forces there under the command of Count *Waldeck*, to cover the Siege of *Maestricht*, and to observe the Marechal *Schomberg*. This evening his Excellency encamp'd near *Hully*, about two Leagues from

hence, and to morrow will continue his march towards *Aire*. From the Camp before *Maestricht* they write, That the Towns of the *Meuse* had very much hinder'd the coming up of their Cannon, which were at last arriv'd, and were plant'd upon the Batteries, and would begin to play the last night, or this morning. That their Lines on this side were wholly finish'd; but that they were not so on the side of *Wysche*, where they wanted the Troops of the Bishop of *Munster* which are expect'd; That on that side, the Besieged made frequent Salies, and shot without effect; and that 100 Horse had the 17 instant at night got into the Town, where are 100 pieces of Cannon plant'd, of which the Besieged make good use, in so much that hardly a day has pass'd since the Prince of *Orange* set down before the place, that 20 of the Besiegers have not been killed. The Marechal *de Crequi* assembles an Army together in *Lorraine*, in order, as is said, to the relief of *Philipshurg*. This evening we have advice, That the Troops sent from Monsieur *Schomberg*'s Army, having join'd the Marechal *d'Humieres* near *Lille*, they march'd the 18 instant with 36 pieces of Cannon, and passing under the walls of *Ipres*, not without giving an alarm to that place, and occasioning several discharges of the Cannon of the Town, advanc'd to *Aire*, a Frontier Town of the Spanish Army, before which they set down the next day. It is said that there is but a small Garrison in the place.

Ostend, July 22. We have for these two or three dayes past, had an Alarm. That the French had Besieged *Ipres*, occasioned by the Marechal *d'Humieres* appearing very near that Town with 6000 Horse; but we have now certain advice, that the Enemy's design was in reality upon *Aire*, which they now Besiege, the Marechal *d'Humieres* commanding those Forces, which, it is said, make not together above 14000 men. It is much question'd whether the place can hold out till it be relieved, considering the time it will take up to march thither from the place where our Army was encamp'd according to our last advice. We just now receive an account from *Brussels* that our Governour General, the Duke *de Villa Herta*, was marching with the Spanish Forces, and some Dutch, toward *Flindis*.

Paris, July 22. From *Flanders* we have advice, That the Marechal *d'Humieres* was march'd from *Lille* with 15000 men to Besiege *Ipres* or *Aire*; That the Enemy goes on with the Siege of *Maestricht*, but that endeavors are using on our side to relieve that, as well as *Philipshurg*. We have Letters of the 18, from our Army in *Aire*, which say, That all their great Baggage was to go that day towards *Schlusfeld*; and that the Army was to march the next towards the Duke of *Lorraine*, who lay entrenched between *Cyon*, *Wissenburg* and *Lautsburg*. The discourse in Town is, That News is come from *Alstina*, as if there had been another Action between our Gallies and some Men of War, and the Dutch and Spanish Fleet; that of the latter, two Men of War had been lost; and of the former one Gally: but this is reported without any certainty.

Advertisements.

Solen from Mr *Charles Newbery* in *Brewers-yard* near *Kings Street*, *Windsor*, Woodmonger, upon Wednesday evening, the 12 instant, by his servant, who went by the name of *Mary Grant*, but as we are since informed, her right name is *Fane Ryle*, a lusty brown Wench, 30 years of age, with a sad-colour'd cloth Waistcoat, edged with Ribon, a black and red Petticoat; One very large Silver Tankard, with a Lyon upon the knob of the Lid, with M. F. E. under the bottom, one massive Silver Cup with a Handle, seven Silver Spoons, six of them mark'd with N. one Wedge of Gold set in a Silver Handle in the nature of a Coral, four Silver-trencher Salts mark'd with N. one Silver Tobaccobox with a Lyon Rampant on the Lid. Whoever gives notice of the said things, or person, to the said Mr *Newbery*, shall have 5 l. Reward.

Lost on Thursday the 13 instant, a Gold Watch enshell'd, the outside Cafe Seal-skin, studded with Gold; on the backside of it, was the History of *St Paul's Conversion*, with small characters, *Saul, Saul, quid me persequeris?* And on the Dial part, was the Stoning of *St Stephen*, with *Lanskip* round about; and in the inside of the back, a *Damask Rose* exactly enshell'd, the Key fasten'd with a black Ribon. Whoever gives notice of it to Mr *William Crayth* a Watchmaker at the *Black Boy* in the *Strand*, near the *Quoy*, shall have 3 l. reward.

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