

carrying 6 *Bulle's*, which were yesterday planted on two Batteries to scowre the Plain between us and the Town from the Enemies Horse. This night the Regiment of Guards will be relieved by the *Rhingraves* Regiment, that of *Helfstein* and that of *Gloster* under the command of the Duke of *Holfstein*: The Besieged continue to be very troublesome to us with their Cannon; but that which most concerns us, is, to see his Highness expose his person so much, that no private Volunteer can do more. The Besieged have not yet made any Sally. We are come with our Approaches, within Musket shot of the Counterescarp.

From the Camp before Maestricht, July 23. The 18 instant, about 9 at night, we opened our Trenches, and advanced them very considerably, as well on the side of the Prince's quarter, as of the Duke of *Ofnaburgs*; the former is called the *Rhingraves* Attack, and the other *Monfieur d'Arthurs*. The 21 we began to Batter the Town from two Batteries, on each of which were planted 10 pieces of Cannon, and this day we have a third ready likewise of 10 pieces. We have fired so furiously upon the Town, that the *Dolphins* Bastion, one of the strongest, is quite ruined. The Besieged on their side have 120 pieces of Cannon mounted, with which they have done great execution, not less than 30 or 40 Men and Horse falling every day; but we have not lost any Officer of Note, except the Major of Colonel *Beaumonts* Regiment, as likewise the Major of Colonel *Fennicks*. We are advanced so near with our Trenches towards the Gate of *Bolduc*, which is the principal Attack, that one may throw a stone into the Palisades. The Besieged have not hitherto made any Sally.

Hague, July 24. The States of *Holland* have resolved the raising the 200th Penny twice, and accordingly a Place is come out on that subject. This day a final resolution will be taken, concerning the Equipping the 14 Men of War designed for the *Mediterranean*. We have Letters from the Camp before *Maestricht*, of the 22 instant, which give us this following account; That the 18 instant at Night the Trenches were opened by the Regiment of Guards, and two others, commanded by Colonel *Beaumont*, and Colonel *Klooster*; that the Baron *de Merode*, Major of *Beaumonts* Regiment, had been killed by 3 Cannon Bullets, as likewise the Lieutenant of the *Marquis de Montpellier*, with several common Soldiers; that the Trenches had been advanced very far that Night and the next Morning, the Workmen being favoured by a thick Mist which lasted till Noon, and gave the Besiegers sufficient opportunity to cover themselves. That the 20, they began to Batter the Town with 20 pieces of Cannon from two Batteries, and that they were preparing a third likewise of 10 pieces of Cannon. That the 21, they had advanced their Trenches within Musket-shot of the Counterescarp; that they fired very furiously from the two Batteries above mentioned, and had already done great execution; that at the same time the Besieged likewise made good use of their Cannon, but had not made any Sally since the opening of the Trenches, which was much wondrous at; that the 22 instant, a *Newburg* Regiment of Foot arrived in the Camp.

Amsterdam, July 24. Yesterday about Noon happened a very violent Fire at *Amsterdam* in *Westerland*, which, before it could be quenched, burnt above 40 houses. We seem here to promise our selves, that *Maestricht* will be taken in three weeks at farthest, from the opening of the Trenches, which was the 18 instant.

Brussels, July 24. In our last we told you of the account we had that *Aire* was Besieged, and that the Duke of *Villa Hermosa* was marching with the Spanish Troops, and 6000 Dutch Foot to the relief of it. The 21 instant, his Excellency encamped between this place and *Hall*, the 22 at *Astibe*, and yesterday was far from *Astibe*, where his Excellency continued this day,

who, in all likelihood, will change his measures, upon the advice he receives, that the *Marschal de Schomberg* pass'd the 22 instant the *Haine* at *Conde*, and has taken his march towards *Flanders*, to cover the Siege of *Aire*. The last Ordinary from Italy, brought us the ill news of a great revolution at *Palemo*, the People having put out their Magistrates, and made choice of a select number of Jurats, who, with the assistance of the multitude, did possess themselves of the Castle and Forts, and chased the Spanish Soldiers out of them, &c. From *Germany* they write, That the Duke of *Luxemburg* was on his march, in order to the relief of *Philipsburg*. And that the Duke of *Lorraine* having abandoned *Lauterburg*, *Wissling*, and *Landau*, and reinforced his Army with the Troops that were in *Garison* there, was retired nearer to *Philipsburg*, to protect that Siege. The Count of *Waldeck* is removed with the Forces under his command, from *Gensap* to *Waure*.

Paderborn, July 25. We have now the certainty that the *Marschal d'Humieres* has Besieged *Aire*, and that the Trenches were opened the 23 instant. From *Lauter*, we hear, That the *Marschal Schomberg* continues at *Kien*; that at *Maestricht*, the Besieged have already in their Sallies killed a great many of the Besiegers, and very much hindered them in their Works. Our Letters from *Alsace*, give us an account, That the Duke of *Luxemburg* was advancing towards the Duke of *Lorraine*, who having demolished *Lauterburg*, *Wissling*, and *Landau*, and removed his Bridge lower down from *Lauterburg*, was retired with his whole Army to *Gerresheim*, about a League from *Philipsburg*, on the other side of the *Rhine*. That on the 20 instant, the two Armies were within three hours march of each other, and that the next day the Duke of *Luxemburg* resolved to march directly to the Enemy, so that we are in expectation to hear by our next of a Battle. The Letters add, That the Besieged in *Philipsburg* make continual Sallies, and that in a late one, they killed a great many of the Besiegers, some speak of 800 or 1000. As to what we told you in our last concerning a fresh Action in *Sicily*, it is said that the *Dutch* and *Spaniards* had made an Attack upon some *French* Men of War that remained at *Messina*, but that they had been repulsed with the loss of two Men of War, and two Gallies, on their side; of which we expect a confirmation. It is reported, that there have been great disorders at *Palermy*; that the People have turned out their Magistrates, and made choice of new; and that they pretended to be a little Commonwealth among themselves. It is believed that our Fleet is by this time sailed from *Thoulon*, with those great Supplies, designed for *Messina*, which it's not doubted will enable the Duke of *Vivonne* to attempt some great matters upon the *Spaniards* in those Parts.

Calais, July 26. We have Letters of the 23 instant from the Camp before *Aire*, which say, That the 21 in the morning, the *Marschal d'Humieres* invested the place; that that afternoon his whole Army was camped up, which consisted in 15000 men effective; that the 22 at night, the Fort of *St Francis*, which is very strong, and lies near the Town, was attacked, and the Trenches opened within 60 paces of the Ditch of the said Fort, about 40 paces of the Besiegers having been killed and wounded, and three or four Officers; that the same day, 22, they began to work on their Lines, which would be of a very great Circumference; and that the 23 in the evening, or the morning following, they should begin to Batter the said Fort, which must be taken before they can attack the Town, which is very strongly fortified, but as we hear has a very small *Garison* in it. From other parts we have advice, That the Duke of *Villa Hermosa* was on his march towards *Flanders*, in order to the relief of *Aire*; and that upon advice thereof, the *Marschal de Schomberg* had sent a Detachment of 5000 men from his Army, to reinforce *Marschal d'Humieres*, which Troop arrived the 24 instant at *Lille*, and the next morning continued their march towards *Aire*. *Postscript*. We have a report here, that the Fort *St Francis* is taken, and that *Marschal de Schomberg* is marching with his whole Army towards *Flanders*.

Advertisements.

Mary Miller, servant to Mr *Erskine* at *White Lion* in *St James* Lane in the County of *Surrey*, Run away the 17 instant, in the evening, with 50 Guineys, and a Gold Mourning Ring, with *FW* on it. She is of middle stature, dark brown hair, fresh coloured, freckles in her face, and some curl on her forehead; about 18 years of age; her cloaths are a light hair coloured Jacket, a black Petticoat, under that a dirty Calicoe, and under her Bodice, a striped Watecoat, blue and white, like a Seamans. Whoever can secure her, and give notice to the said *Mr Culliam*, shall have 40 s. Reward.

Lost on Saturday the 15 instant, betwixt *Fulham* and *Willesden*, a small black Bowle. Whoever brings the said Bowle to Mr *Phillips* at the *Posters Lodge* in *White Lion*, shall have 20 s. Reward.