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Naples, July 7.

WE formerly told you, That the French Gallies were sailed from *Messina*, and that at the same time some Forces were marched out from thence by Land. Since we understand, that the latter have attacked the Fort of *Scalotta*, but that they were repulsed with considerable loss; and that the Gallies had landed some men in the Gulph of *Eupenica*, and had taken away 300 Oxen, and 1000 Sheep.

Elsenore, July 21. Last night the *Suedes* in *Land-scoorn* made a vigorous Sally upon the *Danes*, who, after a sharp Fight, repulsed them, and pursuing them very close, pressed into the Town with them, where the *Suedes* again maintained a very sharp Action, but at last found themselves, being 800 strong, obliged to retire into the Castle, which they still defend. In the said Sally and Action afterwards it is said 600 men were killed on both sides; on the part of the *Danes*, were killed the Colonel *de la Haye*, Major *Van Fusten*, with several other Officers. We have several advices which give us an account that the Sieur *Guldenlieu* was come within three Leagues of *Gottenburg*, and that he intended to Besiege it; which is hardly believed, considering he has but 9000 men with him. This is certain, that several Men of War are ordered to go and block up *Gottenburg* by S. E. By Vessels arrived from *Stockholme*, we hear, That the King of *Sweden* was with great impatience expected there.

Hamburg, July 28. The news we had of taking *Ahldam* by the Elector of *Brandenburg* is contradicted, our late Letters telling us, That the Elector expected his Army before he could formally Besiege it; That the place was very strong, being Garrison'd by 1500 chosen men. The *Imperialists* have marched from *Demmin*, to assist the Elector of *Brudenburg* in the Siege of *Ahldam*. We have Letters from *Bremen*, which give us an account, That the *Confederates* had agreed the partition of their Conquests, viz: that *Carelshurg* should remain to the King of *Denmark*, together with the County as far as *Friburg*; that the Duke of *Zell* shall possess *Stade*, *Buxtehude*, *Bremerbeurde*, the *Alt-Leda*, and all that lies along the River *Eibe*; and that the Bishop of *Münster* shall have *Burg*, *Otersburg*, *Willinghausen*, and *Tedinghausen*, till matters shall be otherwise ordered by a Peace. The Letters add, That on Thursday, the Governor's Son, and several other principal Officers came out of *Stade*, and had a Party with the *Danes* and *Lunenburg* Officers, concerning the delivering up the place, which, as the report goes, is to be put into the hands of the Duke of *Zell* on the 30 instant. The King of *Denmark*, we hear, has taken the Town of *Land-scoorn*, but not the Castle.

Sigeburg, July 24. The French Army, under the command of the Duke of *Luxemburg*, has been encamped since the 21 instant at *Seltz*, about a League and half from *Lutterburg*, and as yet we do not hear of any intention to remove from thence. Yesterday the Marechal de Camp, *du Plessis*, *de la Troussier*, and *de Joyeuse*, arrived at *Saverne*, on their way from *Lut-*

rain, and this morning are gone thence to join the Duke of *Luxemburg*. The overflings of the *Rhine* hath very much incommoded the Camp before *Philipsburg*, having obliged the Besiegers to raise the Siege on one side.

Spiré, July 25. The Duke of *Lorraine* continues encamped, as we told you in our last, having strongly entrenched his Camp, fortifi'd it with Palisades, and planted his Cannon with all the advantage possible. The inhabitants of *Landau*, and other places, have, upon his Highness's command, brought all their Wines and other Provisions into the Imperial Camp, by that means providing not only our Force with subsistence, but depriving the Enemy thereof, who continues encamped at *Seltz*, contriving how to raise the Siege of *Philipsburg*, at least to put a Succor into the place. The *Rhine* being within these few days very much swelled, through the great Rains we have had, hath occasioned us a great deal of trouble; for our Bridge of Boats at *Rhinhauen* was quite carried away, by the force of the water and fire at *Mechterfseim* very much ruined, but a great number of Carpenters are employed to make them up again; and the water being somewhat fallen, we hope they will be quickly in a posture again. The swelling of the *Rhine* has been of great benefit to the Besieged in *Philipsburg*; it was so sudden and unexpected, that the Marquis of *Baden* was forced in great haste to quit his quarter, and his Approaches which they have been long working on, having hardly time to draw off his Cannon, so that now the Besiegers turn all their force on the other side, which is not subject to these Accidents, and have already raised two Batteries there, from whence they very much incommoded the Besieged. It was apprehended that the Duke of *Luxemburg* would have made use of the disorder the said Invasion put the Besiegers in on that side, and have endeavoured to put some men by water into *Philipsburg*; and we are informed, that 15 Boats were manned out by the French for that purpose, but that they were hindered from executing their design, by 40 Boats armed out by the Marquis of *Baden*.

From the Camp before *Philipsburg*, July 25. The instant, the Marquis of *Baden Durlach* gave orders for the attacking a Retrenchment on the side of his quarter about 30 paces from the Curtain of the Counter-scarp, which, as you have already heard, was vigorously executed by the Count of *Stremberg*, who gained the said Retrenchment, and with the assistance of the Count of *Furstenberg*, who came opportunely with his Regiment to his assistance, kept it. We reckon that 100 of the Besieged were killed and wounded, and on our side much the same number; the Count of *Furstenberg* being wounded in the head with several other Officers. But yesterday the *Rhine* overflowing very extraordinarily, obliged the Marquis of *Baden* to quit his quarter at *Rhinheim*, and the several Posts he had taken, among which was the said Retrenchment, having hardly time to draw off his Cannon.

Brussels, July 28. On Sunday last Count *Waldeck* marched from *Waagre* with the Dutch Troops under his command, after having sent a detachment to the Siege of

of *Maastricht*. Yesterday he encamped at a Village called *Scarbecke*, about half a League from hence, and this morning has passed the Canal, and continues his march towards *Ghent*, where the Duke de *Villa Hermosa* has been encamped two or three dayes in expectation of him, that so they might march with their joint Forces to the relief of *Aire*; but we very much fear the place will be taken before his Excellency can arrive there, the French having already possessed themselves of the Fort *St Francis*: it seems the Commander in chief in the said Fort, having withstood two Attacks of the Besiegers, and finding he had not men enough to defend it much longer, abandoned it in the night, and retired into the Town. The Siege of *Maastricht*, according to our advices from thence of the 26 instant, was so well advanced, that the Besiegers had hopes to be Masters of it in 8 or 10 dayes.

Ditto, July 31. We have Letters from *Naples* of the 7th instant, which confirm the ill News we had by the preceding Post, of the Revolt of *Paterno*, yet so, as that the Spaniards continue to keep the Castles. The Inhabitants, it's said, had planted several pieces of Cannon, and would not permit the Dutch or Spaniards to come ashore from their ships. The Letters add, That the French of *Messina* had made an attempt upon the Fort *Scaletta*, but that they had been repulsed with the loss of 200 men killed and taken Prisoners. This evening we receive Letters from *Ghent*, which say, That on the 29, the Duke de *Villa Hermosa* removed from *Mareckirke* to *Nevele* near *Deynse* on the River *Lis*, where he expected the Count of *Waldeck*, who was to pass the *Schelde* yesterday at a place called *Gavre*. From the Camp before *Maastricht*, we are told, that they continuo to batter the Town very furiously; That the Trenchos advance very well; That the 29, at night, Monsieur de *Louvigny* had taken by Assault one of the Redoubts which covers the Counterscarp; and that this night the Prince intended to make a general Assault upon the Outworks. It is said that his Highness had intercepted a Letter from the Governor of *Maastricht*, wherein he presses for speedy relief.

Bruges, July 29. Yesterday morning the Regiment of Foot that was in Garrison here, marched out towards *Ipres*, leaving the guard of this place to the Burghers. Yesterday in the evening arrived here two Regiments, and this night we expect two Dutch Regiments from *Slype*, who are all to march to *Ipres*, to expect the Duke de *Villa Hermosa* there in his march to the relief of *Aire*; his Excellency has been encamped these two days at *Mareckirke* on this side *Ghent*, in expectation of Count *Waldeck* with the Dutch Troops. Just now we have a report, that his Excellency decamped this morning, and is marching towards *Thiel* in the way to *Ipres*. Since the Siege of *Aire*, 160 Musketeers got into the place from *St Omer*, & 50 more attempted to do the like, but could not effect it. The French, we hear, have taken the Fort *St Francis*, that is, the Spaniards quitted it, and retired into the Town, not being strong enough to defend it.

Ditto, August 1. The Duke de *Villa Hermosa* is at present encamped at *Nevele*, three Leagues from *Ghent*; and yesterday Count *Waldeck* passed the *Schelde* near *Gavre*, and encamped last night between the *Schelde* and the *Lis*. We do not know what resolution they will now take, seeing they cannot hope to take *Aire*, we hearing advice that the French had already taken the Counterscarp, and the other Outworks, expecting every hour to hear that the place is surrendered. The Regiments that marched from hence to *Ipres*, will, it's thought, be countermanded.

Hague, July 31. The Equipage for the Mediterranean, is, it's said, finally resolved, and the Captains na-

med for the Men of War, which will be fitted out with all possible diligence. Our last advices from the Camp before *Maastricht*, are of the 29 past; They say, that the Siege advanced very well; That the Cannons of the Besiegers, had dismounted almost all the Cannon in the Town, and had made great breaches in two or three Bastions; That that night, viz. of the 29, an Attack was intended on a Ravelin, and that in a day or two a general Assault would be made upon the Counterscarp; That the 26, a great Fire was seen in the Town, and lasted two hours, burning as is believed, some Magazine of Corn or Hay; whether the Fire was accidental, or occasioned by a shot, we know not. The 27 at night, the Besieged made a sally, but were repulsed with considerable loss; the Besiegers continued to batter the place without the least intermission. The States General have written a Letter to the Prince of Orange, to this effect; That they were very much troubled at the wound his Highness had received; but more, to perceive that his Highness exposed his illustrious Person every hour to such imminent danger, and prayed him to be more sparing of himself for the future, considering his Person was of such importance to the State, that, next to the mercy and assistance of God, it was altogether necessary to its preservation and happiness. Here is a report fit Town, as it came to have been delivered up as this day, to the Duke of *Zell*.

Ditto, August 1. The King has by an Express received advice from his Ambassador at *Rome*, that the Pope dyed the 22 past, aout one in the afternoon; upon which, all the Cardinals that are here, are hastening away with all diligence to assist at the new election. The Letters we have from *Aixne*, are of the 26 past, when the Duke of *Luxembourg* was still encamped at *Selz*, having caused a great many Boats and Carpenters to be provided, as if he designed to pass the *Rhine*. The Duke of *Lorraine* had very strongly fortified his Camp, so that it would be a difficult matter to attack him. We expect every day to hear that *uire* is taken.

Catinus, August 2. Yesterday we had News, that *Aire* was surrendered to Marshal d' *Hammer* on Friday last; of which you must expect the Particulars in our next.

Advertisements.

Two short Discourses against the Romantics. 1. An Account of the Fundamental Principle of Property, and of the Insufficiency of the Proofs they have for it. 2. An Answer to six Queries proposed by an Assembly of the Church of *Rome* by H. Dodwell M. A. Sold by Benj. Tooke at the Ship in St Pauls Church-yard.

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 *Whitehall*, to receive all such Proposals as shall be then tendered for Farming of the whole Excise for Three years, to Commence from the Expiration of the present Farm in being, &c. from Midsummer 1677.

Daniel Pettyfer, about 18 years of age, long-visaged, having a sad-coloured cloth Coat and Breeches, a white Hat, a reddish coloured Parricue, Run away s on Sunday last, from Mrs *Owen Lawrence* Widow, living in East-Smythe ad next door to the Golden Stile. Whoever brings the aforesaid person to the said Mrs *Owen Lawrence*, or to Mr *Wm. Wilkin* at the Golden Ball in New-street in Cloth fair, shall be well Rewarded.

Taken out of the Grounds of Sir Edw: *Abney* of *Witton* in the County of *Derby* Knight, on the 6th instant, A white Mare, and a black Nag 10 years old, 14 hands high, both Bob-tails and Trotters. The Nag hath two obscure flesh brandons on his buttocks. One of the men who is suspected to have stolen them, goeth by the name of *Henry Vaughan*, a tall man, a light Peuke, and a gray Stuff Coat lined with Red. Whoever shall apprehend the said Vaughan, or bring him to the said Mare and Nag, to *William Chidwell* of *Witton* aforesaid, or to *Tho: Wh: Smith* in *Lincolnes Inn Fields*, London, shall have 40 s. Reward.

Taken the 11 instant, from *Simon Ratkin* of *Arbury* near *Norwich*, A bay Mare 15 hands high, with white spots on her back, a crest, her haunches strained, and hath been spayed, crossswell. Whoever gives notice whereof to Mr *John Bell* in *Abchurch-lane*, London, or *Adrian* in *Norwich* after-math, shall be well rewarded.