

Regiment of Foot Guards endeavoured to recover the Post, but they were also repulsed; in which actions the slaughter was great on both sides, inasmuch, that there was a Cessation for burying the dead; however, upon examination, it's said, we had but 200 Men killed, and between 4 and 500 wounded, among which were several persons of Quality. The Besiegers are now about undermining the said Bastion, and have yet hopes to finish the Siege in 8 or 10 days.

Brussels, Aug. 4. From the Camp before *Maestricht* we are told, that the 30th past, at night, the Prince of *Orange* gave orders, that 200 Men, drawn out of the English Regiment, should attack the Dauphins Bastions which they did, and with great bravery, carried the same, though with considerable loss; That they had been in possession of that Post an hour and half, when an unlucky accident happened, which was the cause of their losing it again; for some Powder they had there taking fire, and blowing up, gave them an apprehension that a Mine was springing, and put them into some confusion; and the Besieged falling with a great Body of Men almost at the same instant, the Assaults were beaten off again, though not without making a brave resistance; so that of the 200 that made the Attack, above 150 were killed or wounded: whereupon, the Prince ordered a Battalion of his Foot-guards to make a second Attack, but they were repulsed with great loss; several persons of Quality, as well Officers as Volunteers having been killed and wounded: during these Attacks, the Princes Regiment of Horse-guards was drawn up within Pistol-shot of the Palissadoes, for that the Enemies Cavalry began to appear; where standing very much exposed to the Enemies shot, they suffered extremely, and many were killed; the Princes own Cannon doing them likewise a great deal of mischief. We cannot certainly tell the number of the killed and wounded; but according to computation, about 1000 Men have been killed on both sides. On our side the Prince of *Vaudemont* received a Musket-shot on the Forehead, which entered not, but only made a bruise. The Count *de Solme*, the Count *de Noyel*, Monsieur *de Feu*, a Colonel of Horse; which two last were only Volunteers, &c. were wounded. The next morning there was a Cessation for two hours for each party to fetch off their dead. On the 30 in the morning happened a sad accident, for 4000 lb. of Powder, which was on a Battery in Monsieur *de Louvigny's* quarter, by a shot from the Town took fire, ruined the said Battery (which was quickly repaired) and destroyed near 50 persons. The Besiegers are now raising a Battery of 12 half Cannon on the side of *Wyck*. The French we hear are providing a great Magazine, especially of Hay, at *Charleroy*. We have now now an account of the surrender of *Aire*.

Ghent, Aug. 5. On Sunday we received the certainty of *Aire* being delivered up the day before to the French; the news was somewhat unexpected; for we had believed the place would have been able to hold out much longer; but it seems, the firing of the Magazine by a Bomb, thrown in by the Besiegers, put the Inhabitants into so great a consternation, that so soon as the Counterscarp was taken, they were unanimous to have the place surrendered upon the best Conditions that could be obtained, and took Arms to oblige the Governor thereunto; and even began to beat a Parley without his knowledge; the Governor being wounded, and things in this distraction, a Treaty was entered into on Friday; and the Garrison marched out the next day, with Arms, Bag and Baggage, Drums beating, Colours flying, two pieces of Cannon, &c. and to-morrow are expected here, being, as is said, 1000 Men. The loss of this place does very much concern people here; and to put *St Omer* into a good posture, his Excellency has reinforced that Garrison with three Regiments from *Ipres*, and in their stead, three Dutch and two Spanish Regiments are marched to *Ipres*. Last night we had advice, that the *Marschal Schomberg* passed yesterday with his Army by *Lille* in great diligence towards *Gravoy*; upon which, this morning Count *Waldeck* repassed

the *Schelde*, with the Dutch Troops, and is marched with all speed, with intention to pass through the Country of *Alost*, and go and cover the Siege of *Maestricht*, whither he has sent 1500 Horse before. The Duke de *Vi la Hermosa* is encamped at *Maestricht*, not far from hence, where he will continue, till he sees what new resolutions the *Marschal d'Humieres* will take; who, according to our last advices, lay about *Aire*, to see the Fortifications repaired.

Harris, Aug. 5. On Saturday last the King received an account of the surrender of *Aire*, on the 6th day after the opening of the Trenches; the execution of our Bombs, which set fire to the Magazine in the Town, &c. hastening the rendition of the place, the Garrison whereof obtained to march out with Bag and Baggage, two pieces of Cannon, &c. to *Ghent*, where the Duke de *Vi la Hermosa* with the Spanish Troops was according to our last advices encamped. Here is a discourse, that the *Marschal Cregui* is coming down from *Lorraine* to join the *Marschal de Schomberg*, and so endeavor to relieve *Maestricht*. We are in great expectation to hear of something considerable from *Alost*, our last Letters from thence, which were of 23rd past assuring us, that the Duke of *Luxemburg* would in two or three days attempt to relieve *Philipburg*. On Saturday last, one *Bisleguis*, lately Servant to the *Duc de Guantier*, was arrested, being charged with matters relating to the affair of *Madam Brissoulles*; Our Fleet is sailed from *Thoulon*, on its return to *Messina*.

Berghin St Winnoch, Aug. 6. Several Billanders have been Laden here with whole Cannon, Granadoes, Ammunition and Provisions, for the use of the Army under the command of the *Marschal d'Humieres*, which lies at present not far from *St Omer*; last night these Vessels parted from hence, and this morning, as we hear from *Bergh St Winnoch*, passed by there, so that the discourse here is, that *St Omer* or *Ipres* will be Besieged; in the mean time, part of Monsieur *d'Humieres* Troops are employed to fortify *Cassell*, not far from *St Omer*; a Party of his Forces is also near *Lindke*, and yesterday a Party of his Horse marched towards *Ipres*. *Postscript*. Since the writing the above, Passengers are come from *Bergh* aforesaid, who tell us, they heard there a great deal of shooting about *Lindke*, and that it was believed *Marschal d'Humieres* was set down before that place, which cannot hold out above 24 hours.

From the French Camp at *Seltz in Alsace*, July 31. To-morrow we march from hence, towards the Enemy, in order to the relief of *Philipburg*. We have made a great Machine to set fire to the Enemies Bridge. In three or four days it will in all probability be decided who shall have *Philipburg*; from whence we have Letters of the 24 instant, which tell us, that the Besiegers were then 150 paces from the Counterscarp; and that the day before the Governor had taken a review of the Garrison; and that it consisted in 3000 Foot effective, besides Horse and Dragoons. A great quantity of Oats is arrived in the Camp from *Lorraine*, to serve our Horse instead of forage, which is very scarce in these parts.

Advertisements.

THE last Wednesday in August next, will be run for on *Winchester Down* a considerable Place, (for which none but Gentlemen are to Ride) consisting of three four Mile-heats, for which every Horse that Runs, must carry either 4 Stone, besides the Saddle, or 14 Stone 3 pound and a half weighing the Saddle, at the choice of the Rider; And the Lord Marquis of *Winchester* hath engaged to give another Place to that Horse which shall Run second for this Place, and to this first Plate any may be a Contributor for two Guineys per annum, and put in a Horse for nothing; and he that is not a Contributor, must pay 3 Guineys. The City of *Winchester* will next day give another 14 Stone Gentlemen's Plate, for which any Contributor to the former may put in a Horse for nothing and all others must pay two Guineys a Horse, which Plates are to continue for seven years. Now whereas several persons have not only for this Plate, but for another of the like nature, which was first Run for at *Burford* last *Whitsun-week*, promised to Sign the Articles concerning them, as Contributors, and pay accordingly, and yet have omitted so to do, They are hereby desired to make good their said Promises; and that all may know whither to go or send, This is to give Notice, that the *Burford* Articles are left at the Shop of Mr *John Mawson* Goldsmith at the *Golden Buck* in *Fleetstreet*, London; and that the *Winchester* Articles shall also be left there for about a Fortnight, and then carried to *Winchester*, where in the mean time any may Sign a Counterpart of them now in the hands of the Mayor of *Winchester*.

On Sunday last, in the forenoon, from Mr *Elyots* house in *St James's Street*, a large young *Mariff*, his color a yellowish white, cut Tail, and his Ears cut close to his Head, some scars under his right Eye, by fighting. Whoever gives notice to Mr *Elyots* house in *St James's* aforesaid, and they shall be well rewarded.