

fill'd up the Ditch. This day all the Imperial Infantry have pass'd the Rhine, and have taken their quarters with our Line. This day likewise arriv'd 4000 Foot and 2 Regiments of Horse of the Elector of Saxony's Troops.

From the French Camp at Pfaffenhouen, Aug. 21. The 18 instant we decamp'd from Wert, and came and lodg'd here; and as yet we know not what our General has resolv'd concerning our farther proceeding. It was some days since reported in the Camp, that we should pass the Rhine either above Strasburg or at Brisac, and enter into Brisgow; but hitherto there is little appearance of such a motion. Major General Schultze is at present at Wisstet, with a Body of Horse, for the security of the City of Strasburg, and General Caprara is likewise on the other side of the Rhine with several Regiments of Horse and Dragoons to observe our march. At Philipsburg the Besiegers lose every day a great many Men, and the Troops of the Circles are so weakened, that the Duke of Lorraine has found it necessary to bring all the Infantry of the Imperial Army before the place, leaving his Cavalry in his Camp on this side the Rhine, under the command of the Duke of Saxon Lawenburgh.

Charlevoix, Aug. 25. We may now in few dayes hear, either that M^{rs}hibi is taken, or relieved. The Besieged have hitherto made a very extraordinary defence, and the Besiegers, notwithstanding their great numbers of killed and wounded, are as obstinate in their Attacks. Our last advices from thence are of the 23 instant, and they give us this account, That the 17 at night the Besiegers made an Attack on the side of the Queens Bastion, but that they could not lodge themselves, being gauled extremely by the Besiegeds Small-shot from the Hornwork, and so were forced to retire, after having lost a great many Men. That the 18 at night, Monsieur de Louvigny being in the Trenches with the Osabrung Troops, made another Attack towards the Hornwork, but was likewise repuls'd with great loss. That the 20, the Besiegers made a third Attack, and after a very sharp dispute, which lasted from 10 at night, till 4 in the morning, lodg'd themselves on the point of the Half-moon, which is on the side of the Hornwork; that they had brought their Miners to the said Hornwork; and that the 21 and 22 at night, the Besiegers had made themselves Masters of the Covered way, and had lodg'd themselves on the Counterescarp. We cannot justly tell the number of Men the Besiegers have lost in these several Actions, but it is comput'd that they cannot have had less than 7 or 8000 men killed and wounded since this Siege. Count Waldeck, with the Troops under his command, was arriv'd in the Camp, and the Duke de Villa Hermosa was expected there as this day, and then the Besiegers would be above 4000 strong. In the mean time, the Marschal de Schomberg, who is marching to the relief of Maestricht, encamp'd the 21 instant at Haisse St Peter, and Haisse St Paul near Binch, where the Troops that had been under the command of the Marschal de Humieres at the Siege of Aire, and the Cavalry of Marschal Crequi, which came from Charleville, join'd the Army. The 22, the Marschal de Schomberg came to Thimeon; the 23, to Gemblours, where the Army continued yesterday, to receive a Convoy from hence, which parted yesterday morning; and at the same time our Governor, the Count de Montal, pursuant to the orders he had received from Court, being to command the Army as Lieutenant-General, under the Marschal Schomberg, who decamp'd this morning, leaving all his heavy Baggage behind him, towards Maestricht, and tomorrow will encamp at Tongres. The Sieur de Melas, Colonel of Horse in Maestricht is come out of the Town, to inform the Marschal how the Enemy is post'd before the place.

Paris, Aug. 29. We have little at present to tell you from hence, unless it be, that we are in great expectation to hear what has pass'd at Maestricht. The 23 instant, the Marschal de Schomberg encamp'd with his Army, which, it is said, consist'd in 130 Squadrons of Horse, and 43 Battalions of Foot, at Gemblours, where he rested the 24, and the next day continued his march towards Maestricht, where he would arrive the 27, having sent all his heavy Baggage to Charlevoix. From Alsace our Letters informs us, That Philipsburg is like to hold out some time longer; and that the Duke of Luxembourg lies at Pfaffenhouen, where he has abundance of Forage. We have an account of the arrivall of our Fleet, compos'd of 24 Men of War, and six Fireships, under the command of the Sieur de Quésne, with sever-

al Tartanes, and other Vessels at Messina, to the great encouragement of those Inhabitants, who will now be in a condition, not to fear any attempt of the Enemy. From Caen the 24 instant they write, that the Sieur Drenx, Intendant in the Low r Normandy, had (by virtue of a Commission received from his Majesty) made Process against the Chevalier Brunant, his Brother, their Interpreter, and the Bailiff of Courvaux, Accused and Convicted of having Arrested an English Vessel, and forced the Ships Company to depose that she was Dutch, which did occasion the confiscation of the Goods Laden in her, and that the said Sieur de Braunant and his Brother had been condemn'd to behead'd, and the Interpreter to be broken upon the Wheel; which Sentences were accordingly executed upon them in H^{is} Majesties, they being fled; but the Bailiff of Courvaux, who had declared the said Vessel Prize, and was Prisoner in the Castle of Caen, according to his Sentence was brought to the great Market place of that City, and after having made honourable Amends, in his Shirt, with a Torch in his hand, and a Halter about his Neck, was hang'd, his Body remaining 24 hours on the Gibbet, and his Goods confiscated, to repair the damage sustain'd by the interest'd in the said Vessel.

Brassils, Aug. 28. This evening we receive Letters from our Army dated yesterday noon at Egen Tuisen near Maestricht, they give us an account, that the 26 instant, about noon, the Prince of Orange caus'd an assault to be made upon the Hornwork by the Regiment of Taminga and a Regiment of Dragoons; and that after a sharp Fight, they had been repuls'd with so great a slaughter, that of Taminga's Regiment, there came off only 50 Men, and of all the Officers only two Lieutenants; that of the Dragoons, there were 150 killed upon the place, with four Captains, and as many Lieutenants, and that in all, there were near 700 Men killed in that Attack; That that afternoon Marschal Schomberg came with the French Army to Tongres (which place the Duke de Villa Hermosa had few hours before pass'd through with his Forces to join the Prince of Orange) and about six in the evening made three discharges from four pieces of Cannon, to give the Besieged notice of his approach; that about the same time a Council of War was held by the Confederates, to consult what was to be done; where it was resolv'd, seeing they were not strong enough to fight the Enemy and keep the Siege at the same time, wholly to abandon the Siege, that accordingly the necessary orders were given, and the following night was employ'd to draw off the Cannon from the Batteries, and to embark them, and the next morning early the Besiegers having set fire to their Huts, Baracks, &c. drew out of their Lines, which they could not do, but that the Besieged fallied out, and very much annoy'd the Troops that were in the Rear. All our Forces being join'd together, went and encamp'd at Bilsen aforesaid, not far from Maestricht, where it is thought they would continue the 27, and perhaps the 28, till all their Cannon was embark'd, and carried away to Ruemond. Our Letters add, that few hours after the siege was rais'd, Monsieur Montal having pass'd the Meuse at Vifet, entred into Maestricht on the wycke side, with 3000 Horse, and as many Dragoons. The Minister Troops were not arriv'd in our Camp when these Letters came away.

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○ Ne Thomas Tacher, a tall young man, aged about 20 years, with his own short dark-brown lank hair, pale face, black eyes and eye-brows, in a mixt Cloth Sute, servant to Robert Chapman, living near Doctors Commons, London, went away the 23 instant from his Masters house, having stolen and carried away with him Gold, Silver, several Rings, and other things, to a considerable value. If any persons meet with him, they are desired to seize him, and give notice to his said Master, or to Mr Thomas Darwyn at the Back Boy in St Pauls Church-yard, and they shall be well rewarded.