

has committed some great crime. Here is arrived the Marquis *Conflans* from *Brussels*, being sent by the Duke de *Villa Hermosa* to inform this State of the great power which the French assemble together in order to the attacking those Provinces, and the need they are in of a speedy and considerable assistance from hence; upon which it is said more Forces of this State will be commanded to march towards *Brabant*, and that the orders necessary for that purpose will be given out so soon as the Prince of *Orange* returns hither, which will be sooner than his Highness intended when he parted from hence, the States having written to him to let him know how necessary his presence is at present here. The 31<sup>st</sup> past the *Sieur Dyckvelt* arrived here from *Brussels*, where he resides on the part of this State; but without making any stay here, parted again for *Saefdike*, to give his Highness an account of the matters he is charged with. The *Heer Van Heckeren*, who was on the part of this State in the Imperial Army the last Summer, is likewise returned here. The *Sieur d'Almonde*, who was obliged, by reason of our Ports being frozen up, to put into *Portsmouth*, and to continue there some time with the Squadron under his command, is now come into *Goree*.

*Brussels*, Jan. 29. Since our last the French have drawn on all sides nearer to us: 4000 Horse, with several Battalions of Foot, under the command of the Count de *Nancré*, are at present at *Hall*, within two Leagues of this City. The *Mareschal d'Humieres* is at *Enghien*, with another considerable Body of Horse and Foot; and the *Sieur de Montal* is with a third at *Nivelle*, making in all about 16000 men; in these places the French have found a great quantity of Corn and Forage; for they having hitherto enjoyed a Neutrality, the Country people had brought what they had thither, as to places of security. We hear that the French are at work to undermine the Walls of *Hall* and *Enghien*, with intention to blow them up; and some Country people come this afternoon from *Hall* tell us, that the Gates of that Town were already down. In the mean time the price of all Provisions is extremely heightened here, by reason of the French Troops filling all our Neighborhood, and hindring the Country people from coming to Market. His Excellency has called from *Malines* the Dutch Marine Regiment of Count de *Horne*, of which two Companies are put into the Fort *St Margret*, which lies upon the *Schelde* towards *Dendermond*; three Companies are sent to *Vilvorde*, and the other ten are to come hither. The sudden and unexpected advance of the Enemy is the occasion of his Excellencies sending the Marquis de *Conflans* in great haste to the *Hague*, to give those States and the Prince of *Orange* an account of the state of things here, and to pray them to cause their Troops to march to our assistance; and his Excellency will likewise draw what Spanish Troops he can into the Field, to form a Body of an Army, to make head against the Enemy. An Express hath been also sent to Monsieur *Louvoigny*, to pray him to draw this way with the *Osna-brug* Troops that are at present quartered in the Diocess of *Cologne*, and Count *Nassau* who commands the Dutch Troops at *Hasselt*, is likewise prayed to be in readiness, to assist us as there may be occasion. The Archbishop of *Cambray* is still here, not being permitted by the French to return as yet to his Bishoprick. Last night the Viador General returned hither from *Amwerp*, having so well negotiated matters there, as to raise 500000 Crowns for his Excellency. It is the general discourse here, that the French intend to besiege *Mons*.

*Ditto*, Febr. 2 On Sunday arrived the Spanish Ordinary, by which we have advice, that *Don Juan* was not yet arrived at *Madrid*, that he made his journey very slowly, and was attended with a guard of 5000 armed men; so that after all we apprehend things will not pass so quietly as we wish. The French continue still at *Nivelle* and *Enghien*, but have left *Hall*, after having blown up the Walls and Gates thereof, and carried away all the Corn and Forage they found there. We expect an assistance of 12 Regiments from the States General, and we are making here what preparation we can to have an Army very early in the Field.

*Amwerp*, Jan. 30. We are told that the Bankers here have at length agreed to raise 500000 Crowns upon the Bills of Exchange that was last remitted from *Spain*. Our Letters from *Brussels* and *Gaunt* give us an account, that the French were come in great Bodies to *Hall*, *Enghien* and *Nivelle*, where as well as in the Neighbouring Villages they have found great quantities of Corn, which they send away to their nearest Garisons. We must expect to hear now very suddenly that some one of our chief places is attacked by them, which some say will be *Cambray* or *Valenciennes*; but according to the advices we receive from *France*, and the motion of the Enemies Troops, we have ground to believe that they intend to besiege *Mons*.

*Paris*, Febr. 3. We are in expectation of hearing some considerable News from *Flanders*, where our Forces are already assembled in great Bodies; and not only the Troops of the Army, commanded the last Summer by *Mareschal Soubise*, are now in the Spanish Provinces, but several Battalions of Foot are said to be come from *Germany*, where they served the last year, to be employed in *Flanders*. We are told that great supplies of money will be sent from hence for *Sweden*, to enable that King to recover not only what he hath lost in *Schonen*, but likewise in *Germany*. We have not of late had any thing new from *Sicily*, the Duke de *Vivonne* contenting himself with the progress he has made, till such time as the new Successor he expects from hence arrive, when he will be in a posture to make some great attempt upon the Enemy. We have Letters from *Spain*, which say, that the Queen had indeed declared that she was resolved to retire into a Monastery, but that she would take her own time, and would not be compelled to it: In the mean time that *Don Juan* was on his way to *Madrid*: accompanied with many of the Nobility, and attended with a strong Guard, it is still said that the King will part from hence to the Army about the latter end of this month.

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