

King had his quarters at a place called *Famur*, upon an Eminence towards *Gambray*; that his Majesty was attended by the Marshals of *Luxemburg*, *Humieres*, *Schomberg*, *la Feuillade*, and *de Lorge*, and the Duke d'*Engbien*, as great Master of the Household; that 5000 men were daily employed to make Fagots in the neighbouring Woods, that they were much incommoded by the overflowing of the Waters, which had made it altogether impossible to lay a Bridge of Communication over the River on the lower side of the Town, which will so far advantage the Besieged, as that that part will be free from being attacked. As to the Besieged, we promise our selves they will make a stout resistance, for the Burghers seem resolute and full of courage, they have removed all their Goods and Merchandizes into their Cellars, to be less subject to Fire and to encourage them the more, we are told that a Fond of 300000 Florins has been provided, out of which immediate reparation is to be made to such Burghers whose houses shall be burnt or spoiled. His Excellency has sent to pray the Prince of *Orange* to hasten his march, and at the same time is himself preparing to take the Field.

Ditto, March 12. By the way of *Mons* we have advice, that on Tuesday night last the Enemy opened their Trenches before *Valenciennes*, and that the same day the Cannon arrived in the Camp, having been brought by Water to *St. Amand*. That the King had changed his quarters from *Famur* to *Fontinelle*, and that they had three Attacks, the one on the side of *Mount Aigne*, the second at *Famur*, and the third at *Fontinelle*, one of which is supposed to be a false one. That on Wednesday and yesterday the Besieged made two brisk Sallies, in which they did considerable execution upon the Enemy; that the Count *de Solre* was got safely into the place, after having lay'n hid three dayes and nights in the Woods of *St. Amand*, and escaped very narrowly being drowned in passing the River, he will be able to do good service, and to assist the Governor, having a great interest among the Burghers. The Courier who came in this morning from *Mons*, reports, that he heard very much shooting all last night, and this morning, so we believe the Besiegers have begun to make use of their Batteries. To morrow morning the Duke de *Montalto* goes hence, to draw the Spanish Troops together, and a considerable part of the Dutch Infantry is marched towards *Flanders*, so that it's believed something will be attempted, so soon as the Prince of *Orange* comes up with his Army, which will be now very suddenly, for his Highness has left the *Hague*, and most of his Troops are at their Rendezvous. Count *Waldeck* will be to night or to morrow at *Aniwerp*, and Count *de Rasch* our Maître de Camp General is gone thither to meet him. From *Germany* they write, that the Emperor hath commanded *Trotman*dorffs Regiment of Dragoons, a Regiment of Croats, and 15 Companies of the Marquis de *Grana's* Regiment to march forthwith towards these parts, and that they are already come near the *Rhine*.

Bruges, March 10. Yesterday we received Letters which informed us, that a very considerable Body of French Troops was drawn together about *St. Omer*, and that the Marechal d'*Humieres* was marched that way with 12000 men from the Camp before *Valenciennes*. That on the 3d instant, the French Forces being drawn up in Battalia, advanced very near to *St. Omer*, and attacked a small Fort in which were 50 men, who quitted the same, and retired into the Town, where the Officer that commanded them, was hanged for his Cowardice. That on the 4th instant, in the evening, the Enemy advanced with Horse and Foot, and attacked the

advanced Guard of the Town, and in the Skirmish a Spanish Lieutenant Colonel was killed. The same day 2000 Foot, and 600 Horse, who came from the *Boultonois*, joined the Forces before *St. Omer*. But this day we have fresh Letters, which say, that the French Troops are wholly drawn off again, and that the Marechal d'*Humieres* is countermanded, and is on his march back towards *Valenciennes*, which Siege the Enemy seems resolved to push on with vigor, and not to begin that of *St. Omer*, till the other is ended, or at least till the weather be more favourable.

From the Camp before *Valenciennes*, March 10. The 4th instant the King arrived in the Camp, notwithstanding all the difficulty of the way, and having visited the several Posts, appointed the place where the Trenches should be opened; the Garrison in the place, as we are advised, consists in 2200 Spanish and *Wallone* Foot, besides 2000 more of the Inhabitants, who are formed in two Regiments, and 1000 Horse and Dragoons. Two dayes since the Count *de Solre*, and another Colonel, whose Regiments are in *Valenciennes*, got into the place. The continual Rains we have had, was the cause that our Cannon arrived not till the 7th instant at *St. Amand*, from whence they were brought with great difficulty into the Camp. The 9th instant at night the Trenches were opened by six Battalions of Foot, and 3000 Pioneers, guarded by six Squadrons of Horse, under the command of the Marechal *de Schomberg*, and that night they wrought above 1600 paces, with the loss only of 8 or 9 Soldiers, and 3 or 4 Officers. The Trenches streache into three Branches, to take in all the space which is between the River and the drowned Land, and we intend the Attack upon a great Hornwork. Our Batteries will be finished the 12 instant. We expect here the Duke of *Orleans* from *Paris*. We have possessed our selves of several Out-posts which the Besieged quitted.

Paris, March 10. The Siege of *Valenciennes* does not advance so quick as we had promised our selves, for the Artillery, which consists in 50 pieces of Cannon, and 33 Mortar-pieces, arrived not at *St. Amand*, which is about a League and half from *Valenciennes*, till the 7th instant, and the Trenches were not to be opened till last night. We are told that the Governor of *Amb* was lately out upon a design to have seized the Sluices between *Brussels* and *Vilvorde*, but that it did not succeed, and we lost about 400 men in the action. The Troops that blocked up *St. Omer*, are withdrawn, having very much suffered by the bad weather. From *Spain* they write, that the Count d'*Aranda*, and some other of the *Grandeers*, had declared for the Queen, and was raising men, which had obliged *Don Juan* to recall the Troops that were marching towards *Catalonia*.

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Tolen or Strayed since, from Sir John Morton of *St. Andrews* Milborne in the County of *Dorset*, A Setting-dog of the French kind, of a deep liver colour and white, having large spots, and a long tail. Whoever gives notice of him to the said Sir John Morton at his House at *St. Andrews* Milborne, or at his Lodgings in the Palace-yard, Westminster, shall be well rewarded, besides their charges born, for conveying him to either of the places abovementioned.

Tolen or Strayed out of Mr. William Irons Grounds near Gosford Bridge in the County of *Oxon*, the 28 of February last, A gray Gelding about 14 hands and an half, hath all his paces very well, about 8 years old, and swell'd in his two hind-legs. Whoever gives notice of the said Gelding to Mr. Irons aforesaid, or Mr. Nich. Knowles at the Blew Balcony over against Little Turnstile in *Holborn*, or to Mr. Thomas Brinckley at the Crown Inn in *Oxford*, shall be well rewarded.