

tant, to oblige them to pay the arrears of their Contributions, which the poor people are hardly able to do, this Diocess having suffered its part in the present War. According to our last advices from *Ham*, which is about 10 or 12 Leagues from *Wesel*; the Elector of *Brandenburg* was still there, being advised by his Physicians not to remove from thence till his Gout had perfectly left him, with which his Electoral Highness has of late been very much incommoded, which will it's believed hinder the meeting that was intended at *Wesel* between several Princes. Signior *Bevilacqua*, the Popes Nuncio designed to *Nimeguen*, is passed by *Francfort*, and is expected here in a day or two at farthest; and from *Vienne* they write, that the Bishop of *Gurcke*, the Emperors first Ambassador, and the Marquis *de Balbaces*, the Spanish Ambassador, intended to part from thence the beginning of this month, likewise on their way to *Nimeguen*.

Hague, March 19. The Heer Admiral *Tromp* is arrived here from *Copenhagen*, but has not yet had Audience of the States, to whom he has brought with him Letters from the King of *Denmark*. The Squadron of Men of War designed for the *Baltick* is sitting out at *Amsterdam* and *Rotterdam*, of which three are mounted with 70 Guns, and the other between 60 and 40. But as to the demand which the Danish Minister here made, of liberty to raise Seamen in these Countreys, for the service of the King his Master, we cannot yet hear that he has obtained any satisfactory answer. The Troops which are to compose the Prince of *Orange's* Army are now in *Brabant*, and it's believed they will immediately march towards *Brussels*, and in that neighborhood expect the arrival of his Highness, who will use all diligence to repair thither. From *Cleves* they write, that the Inhabitants of that Countrey are in great fear of the Garison of *Masstricht*, and to secure themselves, have fled with their Families and Goods into places of strength. By the way of *France* we have advice, that the Count *d'Estrees* has retaken from us *Cayana* in the *West India*, and that he intended to make some attempt upon our Men of War who are in those parts, under the command of the Sieur *Binche*, and are much inferior to the French in strength, but will however we doubt not give a good account of themselves.

Ditto, March 23. The Prince of *Orange* having in his journey to *Wesel* understood that the Elector of *Brandenburg* was still detained by his indisposition at *Ham*, and at the same time having received an account of the taking of *Valenciennes* on the 17th instant (at which his Highness as well as every body else, was not a little surpris'd) returned to this place, on Friday night, and the next morning early parted again from hence to his Army. The States of *Holland*, who had on Saturday last adjourned themselves for a week, are summoned to meet here to morrow, and the Deputies of the respective Admiralties are likewise commanded to repair forthwith hither, to give their opinions for the setting out certain Men of War, for the security of our Coasts, against the French Privateers. We are told that the States General have resolv'd to send Deputies into *Oost-Friesland*, to endeavor to compose the differences depending between the *Princes* Regent and the States of that Province. Here is arriv'd the Sieur *Termuelen* in quality of Envoy Extraordinary from the Bishop of *Munster*. Don *Emanuel de Lyra*, the Spanish Envoy, has put into the hands of the Prince of *Orange* Bills of Exchange for 50000 Crowns, to be received at *Amsterdam*, and has agreed with his Highness about the payment of what remains due to him from the Crown of *Spain*.

Brussels, March 23. As yet we know not who in particular to lay the fault of the dishonourable loss of *Valenciennes* upon, but in general have reason to blame all to whom the place was intrusted, for not having performed their parts; the Governor it seems was detained in his Bed, by a wound he had received two days before, and in his absence that care that was necessary was not taken for the defence and security of the place, the Outworks being left unprovided, except the Crowned Work, which the Enemy having once made themselves Masters of, they likewise gained all the other Outworks, which were all of them very strong, without any difficulty or resistance, and entered the Town at a Sally-port, which was left open; the Enemy advanced as far as the Market-place, killing all they met with in the way, where a Body of Cavalry was drawn up, who charged the French, and at first forced them to give ground, but were at length repuls'd by reason of the Musquetees and others that arriv'd to the Enemies assistance; when the Duke of *Luxemburg* and the Marquis *de Louvois* coming in, they commanded their Troops to retreat, and having posted them upon the Ramparts, summoned the Garison and Burghers to surrender upon discretion, which they did. Of the Garison 5 or 600 were killed, and among them five or six Italian Captains; and Monsieur *Berne*, Colonel of Horse, who behaved himself with great gallantry in the defence of the point of a Hornwork, he and his men having quitted their Horses, and fighting on Foot; the Governor the Marquis *de Richebourg* is not dead, as was said, but is carried prisoner to *Amiens*, the Sieur *Ognati* Intendant to *Soissons*, the Marquis *de Ledaco Arras*, and the Count *de Tassis*, and the Count *de Solre* to *Tournay*. The King we hear has given the Government of *Valenciennes* to the Sieur *Magalotti*. We have Letters from *Douay* of the 20 instant, which say, that for three days before a great many French Troops had marched towards *St Omer*, in order to the Siege of it; and that on the 19 instant 6000 Horse, and 3000 Foot had invested *Gambray*. In the mean time our hopes are, that the Duke of *Lorraine* will give the French a diversion, for we have an account, that some Imperial Troops have already pass'd the *Rhine*. The Prince of *Orange* is come to *Breda*, and this day we have advice, that all the Dutch Infantry is arriv'd by water, under the command of Count *Waldecke*, at *Bruges*, the Cavalry marching by land, in which the Prince has an eye to the relief of *St Omer* if besieged.

Paris, March 24. In our last we gave you an account of the taking of *Valenciennes*, on the 17 instant, since we have had the particulars of so extraordinary an action, which being in substance the same we have already told you, we will not repeat them here, but tell you, that all the news in Town at present is, that *Cambray* and *St Omer* are both besieged, the King commanding at the first in person, and the Duke of *Orleans* at the others. The King has given the Regiment of the Marquis *de Genlis*, who was killed before *St Omer*, in an attack he made upon a certain Redoubt, to his Brother the Chevalier *de Genlis*. Here is published a Relation of an attempt made upon *Piombino*, by the Sieur *de Quisne*, with the Men of War under his command, and of his having burnt several Vessels there.

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