

Brussels, April 13. By an Express sent hither by the Governor of *Ipres*, the Duke of *Villa Hermosa*, has, as we are informed, received this following Account; That on Saturday last his Highness the Prince of *Orange* decamped from *Poperingue*, about four Leagues beyond *Ipres*, being resolved to advance with all possible diligence towards *St Omer*, to engage the French before they were reinforced with the detachments that was marching from *Cambray*, under the command of the Duke of *Luxemburg*; That passing by *Cassel*, and advancing to the small River *Peene*, the Prince perceived some of the Enemies Troops had taken post on the other side of it; whereupon about three in the afternoon, his Highness commanded two Regiments of Foot to attack them; which was accordingly done, and after two hours dispute, the Dutch gained the Pass, and forced the Enemy to retire; then his Highness caused immediately several Pontons to be thrown over the River between *Bavinhove* and *Penez*, and his Army to pass over them; that night his Highness advanced and passed a narrow passage that was between him and the Enemy; the next day the Duke of *Orleans* drawing off his Troops from the Siege, except those which were necessary to guard the Works there, and being reinforced that morning with the detachment brought by the Duke of *Luxemburg* from *Cambray*, advanced likewise to meet his Highness; and about nine on Sunday morning the two Armies engaged; the Fight continued very obstinate all day, but the French being reinforced with fresh Troops, who came in during the Fight, and the Prince wanting Horse, the Dutch were at length forced to retreat in some disorder towards *Ipres*, without being able to succor *St Omer*; and the ways being very bad, and in many places very narrow, their Cannon, which consisted in ten small pieces, together with the Baggage, fell into the Enemies hands. We expect every minute to receive the farther particulars of what loss hath been sustained on either side, of which we have not as yet any account. The Citadel of *Cambray* makes a good defence, and we are told that the Governor and the other Officers as well as Soldiers are resolved to hold it out to the last.

Bruges, April 14. In our former we gave you an account of the march of the Prince of *Orange* to attempt the relief of *St Omer*, and that his Highness was encamped at *Poperingue*, on the other side of *Ipres*. On Saturday last he marched from thence towards the Enemy, with a design to attack them if possible before the Succors, which were on their march from *Cambray*, had joined them; Saturday in the afternoon the Dutch passed the small River *Peene*, and advanced towards the French, who drew off from the Siege to meet them, being opportunely reinforced by the detachment commanded by the Duke of *Luxemburg*. On Sunday morning the two Armies engaged, the greatest part of the Princes Cavalry under the command of Count *Nassau*, being not yet come up, and fought with great obstinacy till evening: At the beginning the French left Wing was worsted, but being strengthened with fresh Supplies, renewed the Combat, which determined to the advantage of the French, the Prince of *Orange* being forced to quit the Field, and to make his retreat in the best order he could to *Ipres*, near which place he encamped on Monday morning, having lost his Cannon and Baggage; which fell in the Enemies hands in their retreat. We know not as yet the particulars of the loss sustained on either side, but in the mean time it is said here, that the Dutch may have lost between 3 and 4000 men, and that the loss on the Enemies side is not much less. By our next we may be able to tell you

more, Thirty Billanders have been sent from hence to *Ipres*, to fetch from thence the wounded men, and three Regiments of the Princes Army are arrived this morning in our Neighborhood, to conduct the Baggage; the Prince left here to the Camp. The Citadel of *Cambray* makes a good defence, but the French press it so close, and do so greatly annoy the Besieged with their Bombes, that we fear they cannot hold out many days.

Paris, April 14. On Monday about ten at night arrived here a Gentleman, sent by the Duke of *Orleans*, to give the Queen and Madam an account of the Battle that was fought between him and the Prince of *Orange* on Sunday last, and of the Victory he had obtained. The Fight began about ten in the morning, and continued till five or six in the evening; our left Wing was so hard pressed upon by the Enemy, that it gave way twice; but the Duke of *Orleans* presence gave them new courage, and at length the Dutch not being longer able to make head against our Troops, were forced to quit the place of Battle, of which we remained Masters, as also of eight pieces of Cannon, and the Enemy's Baggage, between 4 and 5000 of the Enemy are taken, and on both sides many prisoners; and when the General was taken was on Sunday night, the Duke of *Luxemburg* was one of those that fled. The farther particulars we say of the Enemies loss, as of ours. It is said that the Musketeers and the Gendarmes have suffered very much. The Duke of *Orleans* had at first sent six Troops from the Siege of *St Omer*, leaving only a Troop in the Fort *des Vaches*, and in another Fort took the Town shut up; and we are told that during the Fight the Besieged made a Sally, filled up the Trenches, and attacked the said Forts, but were repulsed. From *Cambray* we have Letters of the 11th, which say, that the 9th, at night, the Besiegers began to throw their Bombes into the Citadel, which had done great execution, having burnt the Chapelle, and two Magazines, one of Beer, and the other of Wood; That the Marquis de *Resnel* Lieutenant-General, had been killed with a Cannon shot, and that the 11th instant at night the Besiegers were to attack the Counterescarp, and that they doubted not but to be Masters of the Citadel before Easter.

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One *Giles* a Frenchman, who speaks a little English, of a middle stature, fair lank hair, in a yellow Coat, with Brass Buttons, went from his Master Captain *Charles Manwaring*, and took with him to the value of 1000 l. of several Coins. Whosoever gives notice of him to Mr *Hicks*, a Tailor over against the Fleet Tavern in Covent Garden, shall have Five pounds.