

will be completed in three weeks time, to 36000 effective, that his Highness hath sent away all his worst Troops, and hath drawn out others from the Garisons in their places. The Most Christian King is at Conde, and his Army will be drawn together the 17 instant, at two several Rendezvous, the one at *Keurain*, the other at *Eram* near *Oudenard*. Our Italian Letters tell us that the French Convoy from *Messina* passed by *Genova*, consisting of 50 Sail, of which, ten Men of War, and that they carried with them a very considerable supply both of Provisions and Troops; that ten Gallies are still behind at *Thoulon*, who are to follow very suddenly. They write also that some French Gallies from *Messina* had the good fortune to meet with six Spanish Gallies in their way from *Naples* to *Sicily*, with whom they fought, and took three of the Spanish Gallies; the other saved themselves upon the Coast of *Italy*, being much shattered. Letters from *Sicily* say, that the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo* was ready to take the Field with an Army of 3000 Horse, and 5000 Foot, and that the French were already in the Field, and had taken two Castles towards *Citania*, which they have razed. We hear that the Prince of *Orange's* Army marches this day from *Eckelo* to *Lucrum*, a great Village in the County of *Dendermonde*, at his Excellencies desire, all the Country about their former quarters being eaten up.

*Hague, May 14.* The 12 instant, in the evening, his Highness the Prince of *Orange* arrived very unexpectedly at *Honfleur*, where he was met by the Pensionary *Engel*; the last night his Highness lodged at *Sorgholier*, and, as we understand, is this day returned to the Army, which is going to change quarters, the better to observe the Baemies motions. From *Nimeguen* they tell us, that the Baggage, with several Servants of the Marquis *de Balbases*, the chief of the Ambassadors of *Spain* was arrived there, and that his Excellency was himself expected there in few days. It is said that the Most Christian King has proposed a Truce for a certain number of years, but that the Confederates do not like it. We have here this following List of the Emperors Forces.

*A List of the Imperial Troops which are now marching, and will be employed in this Campaign.*

HORSE.		CROATS.	
Regiment of		Count Biff	800
Count <i>M. Meucueli</i>	800	Count <i>Lairon</i>	800
Duke of <i>Lorraine</i>	800	Count <i>Collatlo</i>	800
Duke of <i>Saxen-Lawembourg</i>	800	40 Independent Troops	1800
Markgrave of <i>Bavaria</i>	800		
Count <i>Ciparra</i>	800	Croats	4200
Baron <i>de Hyster</i>	800		
Count <i>Duvenold</i>	800		
Duke of <i>Holstein</i>	800		
Count <i>Rubisa</i>	800		
Baron <i>Smis</i>	800		
Baron of <i>Harand</i>	800		
Count <i>Gallas</i>	800		
Count <i>Gindela</i>	800		
Count of <i>Oettingen</i>	800		
Baron of <i>Metterniche</i>	800		
Horse	12000		
CUIRASSIERS.		CROATS.	
Count of <i>Crossa</i>	800		
Count <i>L. Wittz</i>	800		
Laron <i>B. Ygr</i>	500		
40 Independent Troops	3000		
Cuirassiers	5100		
DRAGOONS.		CROATS.	
Baron of <i>Chavagnac</i>	1000		
Baron <i>Schwarz</i>	1000		
Count <i>Trausmanndorf</i>	1000		
Baron <i>de Wayring</i>	1000		
Dragoons	4000		

*Paris, May 15.* On Monday night last the Kings Lieutenant at *Tionville*, and the Major at *Verdun*, after having been several days in Arrest, were sent prisoners to the *Bastille*, being suspected, as is said, to have held intelligence with the Enemy. The 18 or 19 instant the King will hold a general Rendezvous of his Forces in *Flanders*, which we are told he will afterward divide into three Bodies, and that the *Marschal de Schomberg* shall command one between the *Sambre* and the *Meuse*. The news at Court at present is, that his Majesty will be suddenly here, but the precise time is not said. All the Officers that were here are gone to the Army, and as we are informed the *Marschal de Loge* has received orders to be at *Conde* before the end of this month. Our Letters from *Luxembourg* and those parts tell us, that the Duke of *Lorraine* was with the Troops under his command not far from *Stren*, and that he did amass great quantities of Provisions. Yesterday we received advice of the action that had happened on the 3d of *March* between the Kings Ships, under the command of the Count *d'Estrees*, and the Dutch, commanded by the *Sieur Binches* at *Tobago* in the *West Indies* the latter had posted themselves in the Road with all advantage, and had planted 30 pieces of Cannon on the shore, being in all 14 Men of War great and small. Our ships were ten in number, and the Count *d'Estrees* having held a Council of War, it was resolved at the same time to attack the ships in the Road, and the Fort on the shore; which was accordingly executed, the Forces necessary having to that purpose been landed; all matters having been concerted, our ships entered the Road, where the Dutch lay at Anchor, and about seven in the morning the Fight began, which continued till five in the evening, with great oblinacy, when there remained no more of the Enemies ships, 11 of them having been burnt and sunk, and three forced ashore. On our side four ships were likewise lost, two accidentally burnt, and two sunk, and of the former was the Count *d'Estrees* own ship, called the *Glorieux*, of which most of the men were lost, the Count saving himself with three or four Officers more in a small Boat. The attempt which was made at the same time upon the Fort did not succeed. By our next we may be able to tell you the farther particulars. The *Sieur Courtin*, his Majesties Ambassador in *England*, having desired the Kings leave to return home, his Majesty has granted it, and has appointed the *Sieur Barillon* to succeed him in that employment.

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