

to do them justice, and for that reason hath caused a strict Examination to be made, in order to the punishment of those that are found culpable. We hear no farther of the Plot for the delivering *St. Ghislain* to the *French*, save that nothing can be proved against those persons that were arrested, and sent to *Mons* upon that account. There has been a great discourse in Town this day, that several *French* Troops are marched towards *Ipres*, and that they have closely blockt it up.

*Ditto*, Decemb. 3. Yesterday arrived here an Express from *Mons*, who brought advice that the *French* had besieged *St. Ghislain* the day before; that they had laid two Bridges over the River, had posted themselves betwixt the Redoubt and the Town; that on Wednesday Night their Cannon, &c. arrived in the Camp, being brought by water from *Conde*; that they had planted six pieces of Cannon upon the Dyke, which goes from *St. Ghislain* to *Mons*; that they make no Lines about the place, reckoning to be Masters of it by Sunday next. At the same time we are told that the Count *de Montal* is drawing together the Troops between the *Sambre* and the *Muse*, and that the Troops of the Kings Household are on their march. We cannot yet tell whether our Governor will make any attempt to relieve *St. Ghislain*, but it is said, that it will be impossible for us to draw any considerable Body into the Field, except the same provision were made for their subsistence, as is for the *French*, by erecting Magazines in several places, from whence an Army might be supplied with Forage and other Provisions, which are not at this time of the year to be found in the Field. *Ipres* is in a manner blocked up, for the *French* have put strong Garrisons into *Furnes*, *Montassel*, and other places round it. The *Sieur Calvo*, Governor of *Maestricht*, has besieged the Castle of *Bremont* near *Liege*, which he did so unexpectedly, that he invested it, while the Governor of it was at *Liege*; the Garrison consists in two Companies of Major General *Spain's* Troops. From *Metz* they write, that the *French* make great preparations on that side, and that the *Imperialists* have quitted *Sarbruck* and the other Posts they had upon the *Saar*. The *Mareschal de Crequi* is going to put his Troops into Winter-quarters.

*Ditto*, Decemb. 7. His Excellency the Duke *de Villa Hermosa* returned hither on Saturday Night from *Ghaunt*, in his way consulted with Count *Waldeck* at *Malines*, about succouring of *St. Ghislain*; which being resolved upon, Orders were sent to Monsieur *Louvigny* to march with the *Osabrug* Troops, to be at the General Rendezvous appointed to morrow betwixt this place and *Hall*; Count *Waldeck* at the same time dispersed Orders to all his Highnesses the Prince of *Oranges* Army, to march towards the said Rendezvous, depending upon his Excellencies promise and care for all sorts of Provision for the Army. The Foot and Horse carry with them five dayes Bread, and the Horsemen Oats for their Horses for the same time, which hath been this day delivered out to them, and they will have five dayes more upon their march. The last account we had from *St. Ghislain*, was written from *Mons* yesterday morning, which said the Enemy began their Attacks the Evening before in three places; that they had taken one of the Redoubts upon the Dyke towards *Mons*, and that those within had abandoned another; that they played very furiously with their Cannon and Musquets all Night, and they have been heard all yester-night, and this Night past, but with what success we know not. This morning Count *Waldeck* and Monsieur *Louvigny* came hither, and their Troops have been marching this day through and on both sides this Town towards their Rendezvous. This day his Excellency called the Generals

to a Council of War, where they have concerted all things relating to their march; to morrow Night the Army will encamp on the other side of *Hall*, betwixt *Limbec* and *Tubise*, from whence they will direct their march, according to the Advices they shall receive of the Enemies motion. A Peasant is come this day from the Camp before *St. Ghislain*, which he left last night, and gives an account that the Enemy pursued the Siege with great vigor, that they had turned the course of the River betwixt *Mons* and *St. Ghislain*, had laid all under Water towards *Harchies*, cut down the Woods, made large Trenches cross the ways, and barricadoed all the passages, so that we fear it will be a hard matter to relieve the place. The Governor of it is counted a brave resolute man, who has been in several Sieges.

*Paris*, Decemb. 4. The 30 past the Kings Troops invested *St. Ghislain* near *Mons*, and the next day the *Mareschal d'Humieres*, who commands the Siege, arrived with the Count *de Nancro*, Governor of *Aeth*, in the Camp. The Letters we receive from *Alsace* are of the 28th past, they tell us, that the *Mareschal de Craqui* was going to put his Troops into their Winter quarters. From *Sicily* we have an account, that our Troops there were very much weakened with sickness.

*Ditto*, Decemb. 8. Our Letters from *Flanders* say, the Siege of *St. Ghislain* advances very successfully; that the Besiegers had taken a Redoubt, which lies at some distance from the Town, and is of great use to them.

Whitehall, Decemb. 1. Their Highnesses the Prince and Princess of *Orange*, after having been for several dayes detained on this side by the contrary Winds, safely arrived on Thursday last in *Holland*, as His Majesty is informed by Captain *Lovell*, Commander of the *Catherine Tacht*, one of those that attended their Highnesses, who came up this Evening.

These two Alterations have been made in the Sheriffs.

Stafford	<i>William Cotton Esq;</i>
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Went away *Novemb. 29.* from his Master *Will. Holley* a short man, aged about 21 or 22, his hair short and yellowish, an old dark-coloured serge Coat, a gray Doublet with pewter Buttons having on Boots, and Spurs inlaid with silver, and a Meal-sack, took away a gray Nag about 14 hands high, paces slow, thick headed, hard mouthed, and thin behind. Whoever gives notice either of the said Man or Horse to Mr. *Edward Gray* of *Windfor* in *Essex*, or to Mr. *Tanton* at the *Mermaid* in *Carter-lane*, *London*, shall have 20 s. Reward.

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