

hath endeavor to get into the Town, but he is returned, and gives an account, that the Army of the Besiegers consists in 35000 Foot, and 20000 Horse; that their main Force lies on this side of Ghent, with 10000 Horse in the Front of them; That Monsieur Cordonnier has a strong Horse-quarter at *Mulstein*, that from thence the Marquis de *Chamilly*, Governor of *Audenarde*, commands, till he joins the Marechal d'*Humieres* quarter, who commands all along by the Castle to the *Brussels Gate*; That Baron de *Quincy*, with a great Body of Horse and Dragoons, commands all the Out-quarters towards *Dendermond* and *Lokeren*; hath laid two Bridges over the *Schelde*, and hath a strong advanced Horse-guard as far as the Bridge at *Lokeren*. Count de *Nancré*, Governor of *Aeth*, commands the quarters towards *Audenard*; and at *Drongben* and *Marykirk*, are two quarters more, but we know not who commands them. Upon the Canal of *Bruges* they have raised several Forts, and their advanced Guards stand half way to *Bruges*. On Tuesday last the French King arrived at *Valkenciennes*, having made that day a journey of 16 Leagues. On Wednesday he came to *Tournay*, where Monsieur de *Louvois* met his Majesty. Yesterday he came to *Audenard*, and is expected as this day in the Camp, and to-morrow they will begin their Attacks. We cannot expect the place will hold out, unless the Burghers take upon them the defence of it. In the Citadel are not above 300 men, and in the Town are six Regiments of Horse, and one of Dragoons, but those very weak. Wednesday last at night the Prince of *Orange* arrived at *Lumen* on the other side of *Diest*, where he joined his Army, and immediately ordered a great detachment to march towards *Namur*, upon the appearance there then was, that that City would be besieged; but since, without all doubt, they have been countermanded. His Excellency, so soon as he understood his Highness's arrival, sent to inform him of the motions of the Enemy, and at the same time Monsieur *Dickfield*, the Dutch Minister, went hence to attend his Highness. We are told that the Duke of *Newburg* is apprehensive the French will make an incursion into his Countrey, while the Armies are on this side. The French, we hear, have taken by Assault a Work which covers *St. Peters Gate* at *Ghent*.

Ditto, March 8. On Sunday the Duke de *Villa Hermosa* went to *Malines*, where the Prince of *Orange* was, to concert with his Highness the measures that are to be taken for the Relief of *Ghent*, or at least for the securing such other places as lay most exposed. It is said his Highness intended to march as this day, and that in the mean time he had sent another Regiment to the *Sas van Ghent*, and some Troops to *Hulst*, and had given Orders for the opening the Sluyces, and overflowing the Countrey about those places, his Excellency having caused the like to be done about the Head of *Flanders*. Yesterday morning early Lieutenant General *Almay* marched from hence with two Regiments, to join the Prince of *Oranges* Army. As to *Ghent*, all the account we have, is, That on Saturday night the Trenches were opened, that on Sunday morning they began to play with their Cannon upon the Town, that they have two Attacks, one against the Castle, and the other against *St. Peters Gate*; That *Don Antonio Mandrano*, Governor of *Newport*, who for having fought in a Duel was a Prisoner there, hath, by the consent of the Burghers, taken upon him the command of the Town; that he

hath modelled the Burghers into several Regiments, being resolved to merit his Pardon by his behaviour on this occasion. Baron de *Roche*, who was sent by his Excellency to *Namur*, is returned, and hath acquainted his Excellency that there are not at present any of the Enemies Troops in that Neighborhood.

Newport, March 10. The Burghers of *Ghent*, having our Governor, who was a Prisoner there, at the Head of them, make a brisk defence. The Passengers that are come hither from *Bruges*, say, they heard great shooting all day yesterday. The Burghers have planted their great Banner upon the walls, as a mark of their Resolution to defend the place to the utmost; so that we are in hopes the Enemy will not find the work there too easy, as perhaps they imagined.

Paris, March 5. From *Flanders* we have an account, that the Marechal d'*Humieres* having drawn all the Kings Troops together in those Parts, had with them besieged *Ghent*; that the King was expected in the Camp as yesterday; that the Trenches were to be opened as this day; and that it was not doubted but the place would be taken by the middle of the next week. From *Italy* we have an account of the arrival there of the Marechal de *la Feuillade*.

Ditto, March 9. The Letters we receive from the Camp before *Ghent*, are of the 6th instant; they tell us, that the Trenches were opened the night before, with the loss only of one man killed, though the B. sieged fired very briskly. The Kings quarter is between the two Rivers, the *Schelde* and the *Lys*. There are two Attacks. The Lines and Bridges of Communication are all finished. The 5th, his Majesty summoned the place, but the Besieged answered, That though they had but a small Garrison, yet they would endeavor to defend themselves. The *Spiffe Cannons* have finally obtained the Emperors leave to put Garisons into the four Forts places. From *Provence* we have advice of the arrival of the Duke de *Provence* from *Messina*, and that before he came thence, the Marechal de *la Feuillade*, his Successor, was marched out upon some great design.

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Whereas in the Gazette of the 6th and 10th of December last, Notice was given to all Persons in Arrear to His Majesty for the Duty on Proceedings at Law, from the 21 of October, 1675. to the 23 of October, 1676. to pay in the said Arrears to Edward Seymour and Samuel Maxwell Esquires, His Majesties then Receivers of the Law Duty, and to no other Person whatsoever: Now these are to give Notice, That the said Arrears are by Order and Agreement to be paid in to His Majesties present Receivers General and Farmers, at their General Office in the Inner Temple, London, (who are impowred to Receive and give sufficient Discharges for the same) and to no other Person whatsoever.

These are to give Notice, That there will be two great Matches of Cocking fought in His Majesties Cock-Pit at *Newmarket*; the one in Easter week next; and the other in the next week following. And all Gentlemen concerned therein, are desired to send in their Cocks accordingly. The grand Match will be in the week after *Easter*.

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