

of the apprehension it was in that the Campaign would have begun on this side; the Imperial Troops who had orders to march, continue still in their quarters.

Cologne, March 12. The French at *Maastricht* do threaten the neighbouring Countreys, now the the Armies are engaged in *Flanders*. The Duke of *Newburg*, as we are informed, has written to the Prince of *Orange* on this subject, and a Camp will be formed near *Ruremand*, for covering the said Countreys, as well as the last year under the command of Major-General *Spaen*. Though the Burghers of this City have consented to the Sum of 40000 Crowns demanded by the Emperor, yet they have not been able to agree concerning the raising of it; which is in the mean time very much pressed by the Duke of *Newburg*.

Amsterdam, March 15. The Forces in *Germany* do not yet stir, and we must expect it will be the latter end of the next Month, if not the beginning of *May*, before the Germans come into the Field; it is not yet known in what part the Imperial Army will act this Campaign, though some say it will come down into *Lorraine* again. It is certain that that Duke will be back at *Wormes* before the end of this month, to hasten all he can into the Field.

Hague, March 15. We are here very barren of News, save what we receive from abroad, which will doubtless reach you before you can have it from hence. The Deputies of the Admiralties have frequent meetings with those of the States, to consult, as is said, concerning the Equipping the Men of War that are designed to Sea this Summer. It is said the States will lend a Squadron to act in the *Baltique* in conjunction with the Danish Fleet, which the Minister of that Crown is not wanting very much to press.

Cambray, March 15. Some days since the Queen arrived here; the twelfth her Majesty by an Express received an account of the surrender of the City and Cittadel of *Ghent*, and that the King was going to undertake the siege of *Ipres*. Yesterday her Majesty and the whole Court parted from hence to *Lille*.

Newport, March 18. The French having by the several marches of their Troops, alarmed one while *Bruges*, then *Dixmuyde*, and again *Ipres*, they have at length set down before *Ipres*. The Marschal de *Lorge* invested it the 11 or 12 instant; the 15 the King came before the place with his whole Army that attacked *Ghent*, and the 16 at night the Trenches were opened; what they have done since we hear no certain account of, but we all believe the place will be lost in few days; for, it's said, there is not a Garrison in it capable to defend it. It was reported that *Dixmuyde* was besieged at the same time, but that proves a mistake, though it is not doubted but the Enemy will attack it after they are Masters of *Ipres*. The Letters from *Brussels* and those parts come now very regularly; by them we understand, that the Prince of *Orange* was encamped near *Marilynes*, not having with him above 16 or 18000 men, the rest of his Troops being dispersed in the Spanish places. There is at present a good Garrison of Dutch Troops in *Bruges*, besides the English which were expected there from *Ostend*.

Paris, March 15. A particular Relation is coming out of the taking of *Ghent*, of which the substance is short; that the fourth instant the King arrived before *Ghent*; that the fifth, at night, the Trenches

were opened; that the night following the Besiegers took a Redoubt, which covered one of the Gates, with very little or no loss; that the eighth, several other Outworks were taken; that the ninth, the Besieged Capitulated; that the twelfth, at noon, the Trenches were opened against the Cittadel, which was surrendered the twelfth, the Garrison being conducted to *Antwerp*. The same night the Marschal de *Schomberg* marched with some Troops to attack a certain Post, called the *Red Fort*, about two Leagues from *Ghent*, which was presently taken; the thirteenth the King, after having given his Orders to the marschal d'*Humieres* with relation to the City of *Ghent*, decamped, and marched towards *Ipres*, which the Marschal de *Lorge*, and the Marquis de la *Trousse* Lieutenant-General, invested the eleventh, with 36 Squadrons of Horse, and two Regiments of Dragoons; the fourteenth, the King encamped at *Wevelghem*, and the fifteenth arrived before *Ipres*, and immediately gave orders for the beginning the Lines, and making other preparations for the Siege.

Ditto, March 19. The King is at present before *Ipres*, and the Queen with the Ladies, is at *Lille*; the last Letters we had from the Camp are of the 16 instant, they tell us, that the Trenches were to be opened that night, and that they proposed to be Masters of the place in 5 or 6 days; the Garrison consisted not in above 2500 men, the Governor some days before the place was invested, having sent 200 Horse, and 1000 Foot, to *Bruges*, upon the alarm he had that the French were going to attack that place. The Duke of *Orleans* is gone from *Lille* to the Camp before *Ipres*. The Marschal d'*Humieres* remains at *Ghent* with 12000 men. We do not hear that any Capitulation was made for the City, the Burghers, as is said, having opened their Gates, while their Bishop was in the French Camp to Treat about it; however the King hath confirmed to them their Priviledges. It is reported as if the King intended to build a Cittadel in the middle of the City. We are in expectation to hear the success of the Marschal de la *Feinillade's* Enterprize in *Sicily*. His design is to take *Augusta*, a place of great importance.

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