

which, it's not doubted, but will have a very good effect.

*Strasburg, April 29.* The Campaign is going to begin in these quarters. Colonel *Halmil* is come hither; he is to command a flying Camp about a League from *Offenburg*. The 27 arrived in this neighborhood 24 Standards of Horse, drawn out of the Regiments of the Electoral Prince of *Saxony*, of *Capraza*, *Galtz*, and *Chavaignas*, with 22 pieces of Cannon; and to-morrow they will advance towards *Wilsstet* and *Offenburg*, and are to be followed by four Regiments of the Circle of *Franconia*, who have had their quarters for some days in the Bishoprick of *Spire*. These four Regiments bring with them the heavy Artillery, which have been drawn out of the Arsenal at *Philipsburg*. All the Imperial Troops which have had their Winter-quarters in *Suabia* and *Franconia*, are on their march. Prince *Herman* of *Baden* is at present at *Offenburg*. The boats intended for the making a bridge over the *Rhine* for the passage of the Imperial Army, are provided.

*Mechelen, May 5.* On Monday last, the second instant, the Governour of *Maastricht*, sent out the *Standa Mellac*, with 400 Horse, and 500 Foot, with orders to disperse them into several Parties, which should take different ways, and that they should all join together on Tuesday at midnight, between *St. Trapp* and *Lizewer*. On Monday the Governour of *Leeuwe* had notice from the Bores, that the French parties were abroad, and though he could not apprehend any danger as to the place, yet he was so cautious as to double the Guards at night, and himself went the round twice that night, to see that all things were well, because it had been a day of great mirth and jollity among the Soldiers. The next night the Governour, according to his usual custom, went the round again, and finding all quiet, and no sign of alarm, went to his repose; but on Wednesday, between two and three in the morning, Monsieur *Mellac*, with his party, was gotten and discovered near the Cittadel behind the great Ballion towards *St. Irenes Gate*. Their Conduccion was an Alliance of *Marquis Darnes* Regiment, who had served in the Cittadel, and deserted some time before, and knew the defects of the Cittadel, and where to lay most open. Their design succeeded so well, that with the help of small Boats they had brought with them, they passed the first and largest Ditch, killed the Centinel, and surprized a small Guard. By this time the Alarm was given, the Garrison takes Arms, and makes resistance; but the Enemy encouraged with their first success, threw themselves into the second Ditch, which they passed, and forced the Bastions, which was defended by some few Soldiers, of which 12 or 18, with a Captain that commanded them, were killed. The Enemy being thus become Masters of the Cittadel, they immediately let down the Draw-bridge, entered the Town, and sound the *St. Irenes Gate* to let in their Cavalry. The Garrison seeing the Enemy within the Town, shot down their Arms, and had quartered most of the Townsmen fled to the Church which was plural and a party of Horse from *Maastricht* are at it.

*Hague, May 6.* The States General having appointed the Heer *Vann Loewen*, Burgher-Master of *Frederick*, to go in quality of their Envoy Extraordinary to His Majesty of Great Britain, he sailed from *the Hague* on Friday last. They are likewise sending

the Heer *Boreel* to the Duke de *Villa Hermosa*. His Highness the Prince of Orange is gone back to *Breda*, though it is believed he will return hither before he goes to the Army.

*Amstels, May 6.* We are much concerned here at the news we receive of the French having surprized *Leeuwe*, being, as it were, the Key of *Brabant*, and situate in the midst of a Country very rich in Corn; by the loss of this place, the greatest part of *Brabant* will be laid open to the Enemy, and even the City of *Louvain* will be forced to pay Contributions to the Enemy. This morning the Count de *Rasch*, our Maistré de Camp General, is gone to *Maastricht*, to consult with Count *Waldock*, and yesterday morning the Sieur *Pickfeldt*, went to *Breda*, to give the Prince of Orange an account of what had happened. This morning *Don Pedro Romquillo* arrived here from *Antwerp*. The French Letters say, that their King will have four Armies in the Field this Campaign, besides that in *Catalonia*; one on the *Rhine*, commanded by the Marechal de *Crequi*; the second between the *Meuse* and the *Moselle*, a third in the Province of *Flanders*, commanded by the Marechal de *Humieres*, and the fourth in *Hainault*, commanded by the King in person, and four Marshals under him, viz. *Luxemburg*, *Vuonne*, *le-Feyllade*, and *de Lorge*. The Letters from *Strasburg*, give us an account, that the Duke of *Lorraine* was going to meet his Queen at *Kempen* in *Suabia*; that having taken his leave of her, he would go to *Offenburg* towards which places all the Imperial Troops are marching, in order to the holding their general Rendezvous there. It is said that if the Imperialists besiege *Kriburg*, which is at present very well fortified, and provided with a very good Garrison, the French at the same time will besiege *Luxemburg*.

*Paris, May 7.* All we have at present to write you from hence, is, that all things are preparing for the Kings journey, who will certainly part from *St. Germain* the 12 instant. From *Flanders* we have an account, that some Troops sent out from *Maastricht*, had surprized *Leeuwe* in a small Place, but of great importance, and which may be made very strong.

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