

that way to join with the Prince of *Orange*; so that the scene of action will be again in those parts. The French in the mean time keep *Mons* very closely shut up, and will not now permit the Post to go in or out, which they before permitted; and some say that they will very suddenly turn the Blockade into a Siege.

Nimeguen, July 31. The French Ambassadors having the 29 instant given (as you have been already told) a second Memorial to those of the States General of the United Provinces, in which they declare, that the King their Master would come in person to *St. Quintin*, or would send some fit person to *Ghent* to treat with the Deputies the States should think fit to send thither, about removing the difficulties which hinder the conclusion of the Peace; of which the Dutch Ambassadors have by an Express given communication to their Masters, and are expecting their orders upon it. The other night happened here some bustle between the servants of the French and Spanish Ambassadors, but we cannot tell who were the Aggressors.

Antwerp, August 3. According to the advice we have from *Brussels*, the Prince of *Orange* is marched, in order to the relief of *Mons*, but that place, as we are now told, not being in that necessity of Provisions as was said, it is thought his Highness will first expect the arrival of the *Lunenbourg* and *Brandenburg* Forces, which are coming from the *Meuse* to join him, before he enters upon any action. His Highness will have an Army of about 40000 men; and it's believed that commanded by the Duke of *Luxemburg* is about that number. From *Lille* and other places of the French Conquests they write, that though they were making there preparations for the continuing the War, yet notwithstanding they had much talk among them of Peace; a few days may make a more certain discovery of the one or the other.

Brussels, Aug. 4. We begin now to be in some impatience as well as concern to see the success of the design in hand for the succouring of *Mons*. We are told that the Army consists at present of above 20000 Foot, and 17 or 18000 Horse, reckoning those of *Brandenburg* and *Lunenbourg*, who have already joined it, as the *Osnabrug* and *Spanish* Troops will do to-morrow. Yesterday happened a rencounter between a Dutch and a French party not far from our Camp, in which the latter was worsted, several killed and taken prisoners, and two Colors were likewise taken; the French it's said were about 300 strong. The Prince of *Orange* is removed from *Grimberg* nearer to *Mons*, which the Enemy keeps close shut up on all sides. From *Ostend* and *Newport* we have an account of the arrival there of more Forces from *England*.

Hague, Aug. 5. In our last we told you of the Memorial given in the 29 past by the French Ambassadors to those of this State at *Nimeguen*, in which they propose that the States would send Deputies to *St. Quintin* or *Ghent*; we can at present add, that we are told the States have resolved not to send any Deputies either to *St. Quintin* or *Ghent*, but have ordered their Ambassadors at *Nimeguen* to give an Answer to the said Memorial, from whence we may now expect in few days to know what *France* will finally do in this great point depending. From *Flanders* they write, that the *Brandenburg* and *Lunenbourg* Troops had joined the Army of the Prince of *Orange*, and that the *Spanish* and *Osnabrug* Troops were to do the like as this day; that his Highness was removed

from *Grimberg* nearer to the Enemy, who had posted themselves with so much advantage, and so well secured all the Passages, that the relieving of *Mons* would prove in all likelihood a work of very great difficulty; however that his Highness was resolved to attempt it so soon as all the Troops he expected had joined him. Letters from *Strasburg* of the 29 past, give us an account, that the *Mareschal de Crequi* was with his whole Army in their Neighborhood, and the Imperial Army was at *Offenburgh*, the French having quitted the design they had upon that place, which, it seems they had not formally besieged.

Lime, July 27. The 25 instant arrived here the *Concord* of this place, in six Weeks from the *Barbadoes*, from whence she came in company of 12 Sail more, most of them bound for *London*, the Master says, that they have had there a very good Crop of Sugar this year, and that the Island is in a very good condition. The same day arrived here also the *Francis* of this Port from *Guernsey*, which came from thence the day before.

Plimouth, July 28. Yesterday morning arrived here a small Vessel from *Morlaix*, the Master reports for certain that the *Coune d'Estree* was arrived at *Brest*, with some few ships of the Squadron he had in the *West Indies*, of which 7 or 8 Men of War, the least mounted with 52 Guns, 5 small Frigats, and some Tenders were lost there on a Sand, and most of the men drowned.

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These are to give Notice, That a Stage is set up for carrying of Letters from *London* to *Bedsford*, by the way of *Bickel* and *Amptbil*, three times every week, and back again from *Bedsford* to *London* by the same way; the Post house at *Bedsford* is kept at the *Swan Inn*, and the Letters to *Amptbil* and Places adjacent, will be left at the *White Hart* in *Amptbil*, and the postmaster will call in his return to *London* at the same place; for all Letters that shall be directed for *London*, or any other Post upon that Road.

There is three Plates of the value of 30 l. to be Run for upon *Eaching-bill*, near *Rugely* in *Staffr shire*, a three Mile Course, by Footmen, upon the 20th day of *August* next. Each man to enter his name with *Mr. John Pollat* at his house in *Rugely* in the County of *Stafford*, two days before the said 20th of *August*, or else not to Run. Whoever comes first in wins a Plate of 20 l. value; the second a Plate of 6 l. value; and the third a Plate of 4 l. value. Whoever Runs ventures nothing but his labor.

The 27th of the last month, one *Mary*, a *Lecestershire* Woman, about 20 years of age, tall of stature, light brown hair, large hazle eyes, short nose, complexion somewhat asulc, and full faced, Run away from *George Janik* Gent. one of His Majesties Life guard, living in *Bell-yard*, *Westminster*, with two *Holland* shifts, a laced *Apron*, a laced *Head-dressing*, three silk *Petticoats*, three *holland* *Aprons*, a child's *Coral* whistle set in *silver*, a *silver* *Bodkin*, an amber *Necklace*, two *Scarfs*, a *Hand*, two pair of *Gloves*, a laced child's *Cap*, a white little *Petticoat*, a *stiffen* *Waistcoat*, one dozen and half of *Napkins*, a *brass* *Bucket*, holding four *Gallons*; marked *G. I. D.* and *A.* a *gray* *cloth* *serge* *Waistcoat* and *Breeches*, and the *Key* of his *House*. Whoever can discover the said Party, or the Goods, to the place aforesaid, shall be well rewarded.

Strayed or stolen from *Wincless* on the 22d past, a bay *Mare*, near 14 hands, a little saddle back, with a star in the forehead, a short tail, a very strong *Mare*, trots hard. Whoever gives notice of the said *Mare* to *Mr. Dewal Hough* son at the *Three Bells* in *Leashbury*, or to *Mr. John Hayley* in *Wincless*, shall have 20 s. Reward.