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Whitehall, August 10.

HIS Majesty has been pleased to cause His Royal Proclamation to be issued, Declaring the Parliament shall be Prorogued until the First day of October next.

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WHEREAS this present Parliament was Prorogued from the First day of this instant August, unto the Nine and twentieth day of the same month; And whereas His Majesty did Issue His Proclamation of the Second day of this month, Signifying His Royal Pleasure, That both Houses should not onely meet upon the said Nine and twentieth day of August, but should continue then to Sit, for the Dispatch of divers weighty Affairs which should then be Proposed and Debated; His Majesty doth hereby Publish and Declare His Royal Pleasure, That the State of Affairs abroad is much changed since that His Proclamation, That therefore thought fit (with the Advice of His Privy Council) to Publish and Declare, And His Majesty doth hereby Publish and Declare His Royal Pleasure, That the Two Houses of Parliament shall upon the said Nine and twentieth of August be further Prorogued to the First day of October next, And that they shall then continue to Sit for the Dispatch of divers weighty Matters which shall be then Proposed and Debated.

And His Majesty being desirous, in respect of the Importance of those Affairs, to have on the said First of October, a full Assembly of the Members of both Houses of Parliament, Doth hereby Require and Command all and every the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of this Realm, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeses of the House of Commons, to give their Attendance at Westminster on the said First day of October next; letting them know, that He will not at the said Nine and twentieth day of August instant, expect the Attendance of any, but only such as being in or about the Cities of London or Westminster, may Attend the making of the said Prorogation: And His Majesty doth expect a ready Conformity to this His Royal Will and Pleasure.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall, the Eighth day of August 1678. And in the Thirtieth year of Our Reign.

Hamburg, Aug. 10. We have had news here, that the Fortrels of Babus was surrendered to the Sieur Guldenlieu the 27 past, and that the King of Denmark had relieved Christianstadt; neither of which is confirmed by the Letters we receive this day from Denmark: They tell us on the contrary, that Babus held out still, and that the Swedes were so advantageously posted at Christianstadt, that there was not any likelihood of the King of Denmarks relieving the place, unless he could oblige them to quit their station, by cutting off their Provisions, which his Majesty, it seems, was resolved to attempt. In Pomeran the Brandenburg Troops block up Gripwaldt; and it is not doubted but we shall very shortly hear that they

have besieged Straessond. Count Coningsmark continues with what Swedish Troops he has in the Isle of Rugen, which he will endeavor to secure against all the attempts of the Enemy.

Strasburgh, Aug. 8. The 6th instant, the French, after having demolished the Fort of Kiet, taken away the Cannon, &c. that was there; set fire to the Houses, and to the Bridge, and so retired. To morrow the Marechal de Crequi will pass the Rhine at Altenheim, his Cannon is already on this side. The Sieur de Monlar is posted at Ruprechtschaw; he seems to have a design to attack the two Forts which guard our Bridge on this side, but hitherto he has not made any attempt upon them.

Brussels, Aug. 12. Yesterday the Prince of Orange decamped from Enghien, intending to march directly towards the Enemy, as had been resolved at a Council of War. His Highness being in the head of his Army, which had the Vanguard, notice was given him, that the Enemy was also decamped, and marched towards Cambren; whereupon the Prince made a halt, resolving to change his march to the right, and in the interim sent out Parties to learn the Enemies motions, who returned, and assured his Highness, that the Enemy were returned to their Camp at Soignies; whereupon his Highness resolved to encamp at Steenkerke, about a League and half from the Enemies Camp. This day his Highness resolved to advance nearer to the Enemy, and to succor Mons at any rate.

Ditto, Aug. 16. There has been a most sharp Engagement between the two Armies near Mons, which began on Sunday at three in the afternoon, (the Prince of Orange attacking the Enemy in their Camp) and lasted till night, with a great slaughter on both sides. We have not as yet all the particulars, only in general, That we have beaten the Enemy from their Post at St. Dennis, and that our Army is now encamped where the French (who are retired nearer to Mons) were before the Fight. The Prince of Orange, and the Duke of Monmouth, (which latter arrived in the Army some hours before) were for several hours engaged in the hottest of the Action, but, God be thanked, came off without any harm. The Count Horne, General of the Artillery to the Prince of Orange, is come hither, to send Ammunition and other Necessaries to the Army.

Bille, Aug. 17. The Letters we have from our Army give us an Account of a very sharp Action which passed between them and the Enemy the 14 instant. All the particulars we have are, That that day about noon, the Prince of Orange advanced towards our Army to attack it, which was posted so very advantageously, as to be even surprized at the boldness of the design; but that the Duke of Luxemburg immediately gave the necessary Orders, and using great diligence, took such Posts as were most advantageous: The two Armies were soon very near each other, began to make use of their Cannon, and presently after fell into Action; the Fight lasted from three in the

the afternoon till ten at night, between Bodies, for the whole Armies did not engage. The Dragoons of *Fimanco* bore the first shock on our side, and are most cut off, as likewise the Dragoons of *Tilladet*; and four Battalions. Monsieur de *Fimanco* is mortally wounded, his Lieutenant Colonel, and most all the Officers of that Regiment are either killed or wounded. Monsieur de *Neyoe*, Captain of Dragoons of *Tilhader*, was cut in two by a Cannon-shot. We have certainly lost a great many Officers, and we reckon that on our side there were 3 or 4000 killed and wounded, and of the Enemies 5 or 6000. We have taken some Prisoners, and three small Field-pieces. The Garrison of *Mons*, during this Action, made several very vigorous Sallies, but were still repulsed. When these Letters came away, the Armies continued very near each other, and, it's believed, would renew the Fight the next day.

Antwerp, Aug. 17. The Prince of *Orange*, after a dispute which lasted on Sunday last from three in the afternoon till ten at night, with considerable loss of men on both sides, hath forced the Duke of *Luxemburg* to quit his Camp at *St. Denis*, where his Highness was encamped when our Letters came from the Army. We are expecting a particular Relation of this Action, which was extreme obstinate on both sides.

From the Prince of Oranges Camp at St. Denis, Aug. 15. Yesterday, about noon, the Duke of *Monmouth* joined the Prince of *Oranges* Army, which was then marching, in order to attack the Enemy in their Camp. The *French* Army was encamped between two Woods, with such advantage of situation, that it was extremely difficult to come to them; notwithstanding which, the Prince of *Orange* caused his Foot and Dragoons to make two Attacks, one on the right, and the other on the left, they both succeeded so well, that though after a very obstinate dispute, in which a great many Men were killed, they made themselves Masters of the Villages of *St. Denis*, and of *Castebau*. The Earl of *Osford*, with the Regiments of the King of *Englands* Subjects under his command, was engaged in the Attack on the side of *Castebau*, in which, as well the Officers, as common Soldiers, in imitation of his Lordships example, (who always Charged with them) behaved themselves with that Courage and Bravery, which is so natural to them, and consequently suffered very much. The whole Action lasted from three in the afternoon, till the night put an end to it, the Prince of *Orange* and the Duke of *Monmouth* being still present, where the Action was hottest, as well to encourage the Soldiers, as to give the necessary Orders; in the night the Duke of *Luxemburg* quitted his Camp, (where we are now posted) and retired nearer to *Mons*. We cannot as yet certainly tell you the number of the killed on either side, but it must needs be great. We have the Honour of having forced the Enemy to quit their ground, which is so much the greater, considering with what difficulty and disadvantage we made our Attacks, in which we were so successful, as that we continued Masters of *St. Denis*, though we were forced in the evening to quit the Post we had taken at *Castebau*. We know not of any Person of Quality that we have lost, only Lt. Colonel *Douglas* is a Prisoner. This morning we have News in the Camp, that the Peace is signed at *Nimeguen* between *France* and *Holland*.

At Hague, Aug. 16. This evening, by an Express arrived from the Prince of *Oranges* Army, we have an

Account, that on Sunday last his Highness attacked the *French* in their Camp at *St. Denis*, and after a very sharp Fight forced them to quit it with the loss of a great many men. This we are only told in general, the particulars we must expect hereafter.

Paris, Aug. 17; Yesterday arrived here two several Couriers, who brought an account of an Engagement between the two Armies in *Flanders* on Sunday the 14 instant. It seems the Prince of *Orange* being resolved to relieve *Mons*, advanced, in order to it, towards our Army, which was encamped at the Abby of *St. Denis*, and at *Castebau*, and about 2 or 3 in the afternoon began to attack us; the Duke of *Luxemburg*, who could hardly have believed that the Enemy would have made so bold an Attempt, was not wanting to give the necessary Orders, and to post his Troops with the most advantage; the Fight lasted till the night put an end to it; which however, it's believed, was renewed yesterday, or the day following. The loss of Men and Officers hath been great on both sides, and almost equal. It is said we took three small Field-pieces, and some Prisoners, but we must expect a more particular Account.

The Letters from *Alsace* of the 9th say, That the *Marschal de Crequi* was going to repass the *Rhine* at *Altenheim*, having first demolished the Fort of *Karl*, and burnt great part of the Bridge of *Strasbourg*; and that he had sent to the Magistrates of that City; to have their final Answer upon the Proposals he had made to them of a Neutrality, which if it were not such as the *Marschal* expected, he was resolved to attack immediately the Forts that guard their Bridge on the side of the City.

Advertisements.

These are to give Notice to those that have already Proposed for Farming or Managing the Hearth-money, and are willing to Amend their Proposals, and to all others that desire to make new Proposals for the same, That Saturday next, being the 17th instant, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, is the Time appointed for their bringing in of the said Amended or New Proposals, to the Treasury Chambers in Whitehall, where His Majesty, attended with the Lord Treasurer, &c. will be then ready to receive the same.

The Project of Peace, or Unity of Faith and Government, the only Expedient to procure Peace, both Foreign and Domestique: and to preserve these Nations from the Danger of Popery, and Arbitrary Tyranny. By the Author of the Countermeine. Sold by *J. Edwin*, at the three Roses in *Ludgate-street*.

A New Edition of the Famous English Poet Mr. *Edmund Spenser's* Works being now in the Press, all ingenious Gentlemen, who have any of his Poems, or any thing relating to an account of his Life, not yet Printed, in their hands, are hereby humbly desired to oblige Posterity, by communicating Copies of them to *Jonathan Edwin* Bookseller at the Three Roses in *Ludgate-street*, *London*. Who will thankfully acknowledge their Civility. The Book will be published in *Michaelsmas* Term next.

This is to give Notice to whom it may concern, That his Excellency *Don Francisco de Melo*, Ambassador of *Portugal*, being lately deceased, his Sister, the Lady Countess of *Penalva*, and the other Executors of his Will, are ready to pay any of the said Ambassadors Debts due to any Person in *England*, upon just Proof thereof, within 20 dayes time, according to the said Ambassadors Orders in his last Will and Testament.

Lost or stolen the 10th instant, a large light brindled gelt Mastiff Dog, white down the face, round the neck, white belly and legs, long ears, cut tail'd. Whoever gives notice of the said Dog to Mr. *Paulers* at the *Black Posts* in the *Hay-market*, shall have Two Guineys Reward.