

the executing the said design. In the mean time *Gripwaldt* continues blocked up, two or three dayes since part of the Garrison made a Sally, and were so successful in it, as that they cut down and carried back with them all the Corn and Eorage that was in that Neighborhood. Our Letters from *Denmark* give us an Account, That *Christiansstadt* was surrendered to the *Suedes* the 15 instant.

Strasbourg, Aug. 19. The *French* Army has quitted our Neighborhood, and has for several dayes been encamped on the *Sorre*, the Head-quarter being at *Brumpt*, in order, as we have reason to believe, to hinder the *Imperialists* from passing the *Rhine*. The *Marschal de Crequi*, before he decamped, writ another Letter to our Magistrat. s, wherein he demands of them a Categorical Answer, as to the Neutrality he had proposed, upon which an Assembly was appointed of the chief Burgers, who met about 300 in number, and there, in the presence of the Magistrates, it was resolved to break all measures with the *French*, and to apply themselves wholly, with the assistance of the *Imperialists*, to the defence of the City. The *French* have quitted the *Ruprechtshaw* and *Schiltkenheim*, having burnt the Houses that were there: We have at present 5000 *Imperialists* in this City, as well Horse as Foot, and expect 2000 more, which will be a sufficient Garrison for it.

Antwerp, Aug. 17. All on the sudden, and that when we least expected it, we hear of a Cessation of all Hostilities, by which *Mons* is quite freed of the Blokade which had so long freighted it, and People here hope that this will be followed by a Peace, though it seems there still remains difficulties in the way. It appears more and more that the slaughter of Men was very great on both sides in the Action on the 14th instant, and though the *French* do not own it, we are informed from very good hands, that their loss is very considerable. The Prince of *Orange* is returned to the *Hague*, and so soon as the great Convoy which is now preparing at *Brussels*, is put into *Mons*, it is believed the Duke de *Villa Hermosa* will return to *Brussels*. The Letters from *Germany* say, that the *French* continue greatly to alarm the City of *Strasbourg*.

Brussels, Aug. 26. The Confedrate Army, now commanded by the Duke de *Villa Hermosa*, marched this day towards *Antwerp*, his Excellencies Head-quarters being at *Ardenne*, where they will continue as long as their Forage lasts. The Duke of *Luxemburg*, we hear, has sent a considerable detachment of Horse and Foot towards *Alface*. Yesterday parted hence his Grace the Duke of *Monsieur*, on his return for *England*.

Amsterdam, Aug. 23. We were expecting every minute to have heard from *Flanders* of a second Engagement between the two Armies in the Neighborhood of *Mons*, when the News came, that a Cessation of Hostilities, till such time as the Peace be ratified, is concluded; with which we are the more pleased, because it has the same effect that we had wished from a Battel, and that without the effusion of blood, viz. the relief of *Mons*. It seems after the Articles of Cessation were agreed on, there was an interview between his Highness, the Duke of *Luxemburg*, and the other Generals.

Dino, Aug. 26. A great many Passes for Ships have been exchanged at *Nimeguen* between the *French* Ambassadors, and those of this State; and two dayes since it was published here by Order of our Magistrates, that such Ships as lie now ready to sail in the *Tyckel*, might have Passes immediately, upon the Masters applying themselves to the Secretary

of this City. From the *Hague* we understand, That the obstacles which hinder the conclusion of the Treaty of Peace between *France* and *Spain* still continue, and that the Most Christian Kings Ratification of the late Treaty between him and this State, is already arrived at *Nimeguen*, but that that of this State is not yet in that forwardness.

Hague, Aug. 26. The 23d instant his Highness came by her privately about 10 in the morning from *Honfleur* (where he arrived the night before from the Army) having before sent to the Magistrates of this place, (who had ordered the Burgers to be in Arms to receive his Highness) to give them thanks for that intended respect, and to desire it might be omitted, and that he might come to Town without any Ceremony. About 11 his Highness went into the Assembly of the States General, where, after the Compliments of welcoming him home, and congratulating upon the late Action near *Mons*, his Highness gave them an account of what had passed, as well with relation to that, as the Cessation of Arms that was made upon it; which done, the President, in the name of the States, gave his Highness their thanks in expressions full of respect, as well as of the great satisfaction they have in what he had done; having left the States General, his Highness went to the States of *Holland*, where he was received with like Honor and Respect, and having made his Report, received likewise the thanks of the States. After which, his Highness returned to *Honfleur*, and came back hither this morning, and was Complimented by the Colleges of the Finances and of Justice. On Wednesday our Lord Ambassador *Huyde* arrived here from *England*, and yesterday had a Conference with the Deputies of the States. In our last we gave you an Account, that the Peer *Bevering* had made his Report to the States, we understand that to morrow his Excellency returns for *Nimeguen* from whence they tell us, That Proposals have been made for a general Cessation of Arms between all the Parties; but that the differences between *France* and *Spain* still continued, the former demanding *Cherbourg*, *Beaumont*, *Breves*, &c. which were not contained in the Propositions made by them in April last.

Paris, Aug. 24. The last week the *Marquis d'Estades* arrived from *Nimeguen*, and brought the King the Treaty of Peace and Commerce that was signed the 10th instant by the *French* and *Dutch* Ambassadors, which will be forthwith sent back ratified; and in the mean time great number of Passports have been sent to *Nimeguen*, to be exchanged with such as the *Dutch* Ambassadors will have received from their Masters, by virtue of which the Merchant Ships may immediately go to Sea, and enjoy the liberty of their Trade and Navigation, in the same manner as if the Peace was already ratified. From *Flamers* we have an Account, that a Cessation of Arms hath been agreed between the Duke of *Luxemburg*, the Prince of *Orange*, and the Duke de *Villa Hermosa*, which was to take place the 20th instant, and to continue till such time as the Ratifications of the Peace be exchanged; and accordingly the two Armies, as well as those Troops, which under the command of the *Sieur de Mons* had blocked up *Mons*, are drawn off, and have left that City, wholly free, and at liberty to receive what Goods and Provisions they please. We are assured that a great many Officers were killed and wounded in the Fight near *Mons* on the 14th instant, but we have not yet seen any List of them. All the Account we have from *Alface* is, That the *Marschal de Crequi* continued encamped near *Strasbourg*, but was resolved to remove lower towards the *Sorre*, to hinder the Duke of *Lorraine* from passing the *Rhine*.

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