

60 Guns, which when it lifted, is to be Admiral.

*Paris, July 30.* The King and Queen having been magnificently received in *Douay*, his Majesty since went to *Orchies*, where his Army being drawn up, he took a review of it, and ordered them that day to march, with a design of undertaking some great Siege, though to what place intended is not yet known: The Army is since marched on the right hand of the river *L'Escaut*.

A Courier arrived from *Madrid* assures us, that the Court of *Spain* had dismissed the Archbishop *D'Ambrun*, our Ambassador, from that Court, forbidding his farther appearance there, declaring the acts of hostility done by his Majesty of *France* in the *Netherlands*, to be a rupture of the Treaty betwixt both Kingdoms, being above all very highly incensed for the attempts, or at least the intentions of them upon *Luxemburg* and *Fonsarby*.

The *Sieur de Pertuis*, Captain of the Guards to the *Marshall de Turenne*, is by his Majesty's Order made Governour of *Courtrick*. The Queen is at *Tournay*; the Chancellor and Council are to be called to *Compiègne*, where the Queen intends to reside for some time upon her return, the small Box being still at *S.Germans* and *Vincennes*.

*Paris, Aug. 3.* Two dates since arrived here a Courier from the Army, informing us, that part of it was before *Oudenard*, and that the Count *Marfia* with 5000 horse, and as many foot, lay between *Gheus* and *Brussels*, for the assistance of *Vendermond*. The Queen is now returned to *Arras*, having been much pleased with her reception at *Douay*.

For the supply of the Army who are somewhat less need by the Garrisons put into the several Towns and Forts lately taken from the Spaniards; the King has besides all private levies, demanded of *Bretagne* a speedy supply of 10000 men, and a like number out of *Normandy*, and has written to the principal Officers of this City to contribute what they are able for the supply of his Army, and to acquaint them with his pleasure, that every Coach-Gate in this City be charged with the furnishing out of one horseman for his service.

Six of the largest Guns in the Arsenal are lent to the Army, which gives us occasion to believe that some considerable design is now on foot.

On Saturday last arrived here the *Prince de Furstemberg*, who is to give an account to *Monsieur de Lionne* of what lately passed between the Princes and Estates of the *Rhine* in their Assembly at *Cologne*.

*Breda, Aug. 2.* On Sunday night, after 4 hours Conference in the Castle, the Plenipotentiaries about 9 in the Evening Signed the Articles of Peace; which done, *Monsieur Fleming*, the Swedish Mediator, in a short Harangue, congratulated the happy issue of so great a work; after which, the Plenipotentiaries saluting and complementing each other, the Conference ended; As they came out of the Castle, the Cannons were thrice discharged round the Town, the Musicians playing their Volleys from the Works, and the Horse drew a up upon the Plain blowing them with their Trumpets, the whole Town greeting their houses to express their joy to them as they pass by.

*Bruges, August 3.* The 30th past the *Marschal D'Amont* with 7000 Men came before *Oudenard*, and the next day (31st) by an Assault took it, though with much slaughter of his men, the sculdiers that were there in Garrison not exceeding 700 Men. The 31st the King of *France* with the Galls of his Army came to *Aeth*, sending a strong party of Horse before *Brussels*, which gave an Alarm to the City, obliging them to double their Guards, and took from their Gates a great number of Cannon. The same day the French took in *Aeth* a Town of great importance, within five leagues of *Brussels*. Yesterday, August 2. The Horse came within view of *Dermond*, which is believed they intend to besiege, and it is said they are also making a Bridge over the Scheld on *Brussels* Road, within two leagues distance of *Ghent*. The people in those parts are in an extraordinary fright and consternation, flying with their goods and Cattel to *Arwerp*, the whole River being covered with Boats laden with goods passing thither, desiring of their security, especially since the taking in of *Aeth*, and their advance towards *Dermond*, has for the present cut off all Communication be-

tween our Forces in *Flanders* and those in *Brabant*, *Haynault*, and *Naumurs*, and makes us extremely apprehend the late both of *Ghent* and this place, which cannot easily receive Succors but by the way of *Holland*.

*Whitehall, July 28.* On Thursday the 25 Instant, the Two Houses of Parliament in Obedience to His Majesty's Proclamation of the 20th of June past, Assembled at *Westminster*, and upon His Majesty's Desires made known to them by the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of *England*. Adjourned till Munday the 29th Instant.

On Friday the 26th Instant Arrived here from *Breda*, the Right Worshipful *Sir John Coventry*, bringing with him the Treaty of Peace, which was there Signed by the Plenipotentiaries on Sunday the 21 in the Evening.

Since the last account of the late action with the Dutch in the Hope of the 23 instant, (by some mistake said to be performed by *Sir Edward Spragg*, who though he had the Command of that Squadron, happened at that time to be absent) there past little action the next day, the Enemy keeping their distance, and avoiding any farther Engagement. The 24 instant, about 11 or 12 at night, the Dutch firing 12 Guns, weighed and went off, and at break of day were found to have got away as far as the Buoy of the *Nore*, which *Sir Edward Spragg* (who was now returned to his Command) perceiving, he immediately weighed, driving down with the Ebb, & about 5 came to an anchor a little below Lee; that day about 1 of the clock, being high water, the Dutch weighed again, and lay driving with their Topsails to the Mast, our Squadron at the same time plying after them with their Top, and Fore-sails, and in an hour's time our Fire-ships got within shot of their greatest Ships, who drove away before them: the most part of the Ebb the Dutch made all the force they could, but with little damage to *Sir Edward Spragg*, who kept still pursuing within shot till Sun-set, and then the Dutch came to an anchor a little below the Buoy in the *Nore*, and ours retying a little above it, the two Squadrons being at about a mile and half distance, ours having a little before received an addition of 3 or 4 Fire-ships, and 5 Hoys out of the *Medway*. In all this afternoons service, *Sir Edward* gave them scarcely one Gun in answer to the great firing they made, not being able to come up so near them as he desired, the Enemy having the Wind.

The 26th Instant about quarter ebb, the Dutch drove a mile or two farther down, about 10 of the Clock *Sir Joseph Jordan* from *Harwich* with upwards of 20 sail of small Frigates, Fire-ships and others, was discovered standing from the Eastwards right with the Dutch, when two of his Fire-ships sailing near them, but firing too soon burst down without effect, two or three more were also put by without that execution done upon them which was expected, the wind being too high for their purpose, only one Dutch ship, generally believed to be a Man of War, and supposed to have run a ground as she was standing over towards the Isle of *Shepy*, was seen on Fire, the men most of them saved in two Boats, and brought away by a small vessel that stood over to her for that purpose. *Sir Joseph Jordan* having thus passed by the Enemy, came about three in the Afternoon to an Anchor by *Sir Edward Spragg* a little above the Buoy in the *Nore*, when it being ebbing water, both parties kept their stations, the wind being too high for any further Engagement, till the 27th about four in the Afternoon, the Dutch weighed and made sail about the first quarter ebb, and were gone as far as they could be discerned from the shores, the weather being hazy; *Sir Edward Spragg* likewise weighing with his Squadron, plying to the Eastwards as far as could be gained by that Tyde of ebb, which was about four miles below the Buoy in the *Nore*.

*Gravesend, July 28.* At two Afternoon, by a vice from our Fleet under *Sir Edward Spragg*, we have account, that this morning at 7 of the Clock, they were got as far as *Black-Isle* without *Orange* in pursuit of the Dutch, who were as far advanced as the Middle Ground, and it is supposed they will be got clear off the Sands by the next Tyde of Ebb, they plying to Sea with all the speed they can possibly make, as fearing they may not have Water enough, the Neap Tydes coming on, and that the Wind turning Westerly, we might do execution upon them with our Fire-ships.