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Marfeilles, May 12.

THE French Fleet, consisting of 20 Men of War, as many Gallies, 20 Double Shalops, and ten Calloots, besides Victuallers, and other Tenders, sailed from *Thoulon* on Saturday last, under the Command of Monsieur du *Quesne*, and took their course to the Eastward. We have an account that the French have made a Peace with the Algerines, who it's said are to restore all the Slaves of this Nation. The Tripolins have lately taken a Bark of this place laden with Corn. The *Tyger* Frigate is gone over for *Tripoly*; and the *Mary Rose*, and another English Man of War are sailed for *Argiers*.

Vienna, May 7. Our Letters from *Newsfol* tell us, that the Turks assemble their Troops near *Buda*, and that they work with great diligence on the Fortifications of that place; and from *Leopoldstadt* they write, that a Body of Turks, commanded by several Bassa's, was come to *Agria*, having orders to attempt the relief of *Newbeusel*; and that upon this advice the Count de *Caprara* had given out Orders for the march of the Imperial Troops to oppose them. We have advice from *Turkey*, that the Grand Signior had ordered the Bassa of *Silesria* to march with 20000 men towards *Babylon* to reduce several Bassa's on that side, that have, it's said, revolted, and have offered to join with the Persians. We have an account by our last Letters from *Cracow*, that a Truce is concluded between the Poles and the *Molcovites* for nine years.

From the Camp before Luxemburg, May 14. 1684.

THE 27th of the last month the City of *Luxemburg* was invested, and the next day the *Mareschal de Crequi* came before it with the whole Army under his command; some days were spent in taking their Quarters round the Place, and in making the necessary Preparations for the Siege; The Head Quarter reaches from the Hill of *Bambuche* to the Village of *Mesles*, where are posted ten Battalions, eight Squadrons, and four Companies of Gunners. The Count du *Plessis* Lieutenant General is quartered with eleven Battalions and 7 Squadrons between *Linsing* and the Hill of the *Abby of Bonnevoye*. The *Marquis de Genlis* Lieutenant General has his Quarter with five Battalions from the said Hill near to the Village of *Hans*. The Quarter of the *Sieur de Foyeuse* with six Battalions and eight Squadrons is between the River of *Alficte* and the Village of *Homeldange*; and two Battalions of Fusiliers, the Company of Miners and Bombardiers, and two Squadrons of Dragoons of the Baron of *Hasfeldt's* Regiment are posted in the low grounds of *Homeldange*. The lines of Circumvallation and Contravallation being finished, the *Mareschal de Crequi* gave orders for the opening of the Trenches, which was accordingly done the eighth Instant, by two Battalions of *Champagne*, one of *Enguien* and one of *la Ferte* commanded by the Count de *Plessis*, the Count de *Broglio* *Mareschal de Camp*, and the Duke de *la Ferte* Brigadier of Foot. They broke ground about nine a Clock at night, within half Musket shot of the Counterscarp, the Battalions of *Champagne* carrying their attack from the right to the left, and those of *la Ferte* and *Enguien* from the

left to the right. The same night the *Sieur de Vauban* marked out the Ground for two Batteries on a Hill pretty near the Chapel of *Nostre Dame de Consolation*, with lines of Communication with the Trenches. The Enemy did not discover our Workmen till towards eleven a Clock, and then fired very thick upon us; The Lieutenant Colonel of *Champagne*, and four or five Workmen were only wounded, the Works having been carried on with so great diligence, that our men were already covered when the Enemy began to fire. About four a Clock the next Morning a Party of Horse sallied out of the place to disturb our Workmen, but they found them so well supported by several Detachements, that they presently retired again. The same night the *Marquis de Ranti* and the *Marquis de Crenan* made a false attack, the first on the side of the Lower Town, with the Battalion of *Conde*; and the other near the *Abby of Bonnevoye* with a Detachment of 500 men; and at the same time the Ground was marked out for another Battery on the Hill of *Passendall*; At break of day the Enemies Cannon began to play upon us, and so continued without Intermission, but did us not much harm. The ninth the Works were continued by two Battalions of *Navarre*, and those of *Vaubecourt* and *Conti*, commanded by the *Marquis de Genlis*, with the loss only of six or seven men. And two Batteries of seven Pieces of Cannon each, and one of nine Mortar Pieces, began to fire with good Success, and disordered a Battery of the Enemies of four Pieces of Cannon which they had made upon a Cavalier, and from whence they fired without intermission upon us. The same day we raised a Battery of two Pieces of Cannon upon the Hill of *Gromp*, and one of fifteen on the Hill of *Passendall*, which we began to make use of the next day. The ninth in the Evening the besieged quietted part of the Suburb of *Passendall*, which is on this side the River, after having set fire to the Houses there; and they likewise abandoned a Mill, about fifty paces from thence, under which they had prepared a Mine, believing our men would not fail to lodge themselves there; but they did not, and the Mine sprang without doing us any harm; The 10th the Enemy burnt the rest of *Passendall*: And that Evening the *Sieur de Foyeuse* Lieutenant General, the *Marquis de Ranti* and the *Sieur de Fosseaux* Brigadier of Foot, mounted the Trenches with two Battalions of *Piemon*; and the first Battalion of *Auvergne*, and the second of the Regiment Royal. The Enemy made a continual Fire upon us, but we had but seven or eight men killed, and eleven of twelve wounded. This day our Cannon and Bombes quire ruined the Cavalier, and the defences of the Bastion on the right of it. The 10th, the 11th, and 12th the Works were carried on with little loss, and it was computed, that since the opening of the Trenches, we had not had 100 men killed and wounded. The 12th a shot from the Town falling among some Bombes, set fire to them, and to 2000 weight of Powder, by which accident four Bombardiers were killed and six dangerously wounded. The same day several new Batteries were finished, and we now fired upon the Town with 38 Pieces of Cannon, and fifteen Mortar Pieces; and the *Sieur de la Caille* second