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Genova, Aug. 8.

THe Gallies that went hence with several Forces on board, to make a descent in the Duke of Savoy's Territory near *Oneglia*, arrived, as we are told, the 10 instant before the place, but having advice of two thousand Foot that had been put into the Town some days before, they thought not fit as yet to prosecute their designe of landing, but have ever since battered the Town with their great Guns. We have advice, that Count *Catalano*, General of the Forces of the Duke of Savoy, hath taken a small place amongst the Hills, belonging to this State called *Catarellio*; in the mean time, great endeavors are used by his Holiness to compose these differences, to which purpose he hath already sent two extraordinary Couriers with Letters as well to this Senate as the Duke of Savoy, to offer his Mediation in this matter, and is farther dispatching Signior *Spada*, in quality of his Nuncio to *Turin* to labor therein, having at the same time, by reason his Holiness hath at present no Minister here, recommended it to Cardinal *Raggi*, who is resident in these parts, to endeavor very effectually to make up this breach, which may otherwise be of so great a consequence to all the Princes of Italy.

Maestricht, Aug. 9. We are now more then ever blocked up by the French, who lye at a distance, quartered round about us, so that we cannot stir in or out of the place, but that we run great danger of falling into their hands, which puts us into as great disorder here, as if we were absolutely besieged. Yesterday in the afternoon a party of French Horse attacked our Watches in the Outworks, who being far too weak in number, were forced to retire nearer to the Town; and we daily see other considerable parties pass within sight, and often within Canon shot of this place. We are told of a French Marquis that was killed in a late Rencontre he had with a small party of ours.

Antwerp, Aug. 13. Our last Letters from *Liege* tell us, that 24000 French, as well Horse as Foot, lie in the Villages round about *Maestricht*, not permitting any Provisions or other necessaries to be carried into the Town, which by that means is at present in a manner as much straitened as if it were actually besieged. Concerning the march of the Imperial succors we can as yet hear nothing but very uncertain reports; for from *Holland* they write, that those Troops are already approached very near their Frontiers, when at the same time we receive Letters from *Vienna*, which assure us, that they do not yet begin to march, and that General *Montecuculi*, who it is said shall Command them, was the 16 instant at the Emperours Court. It was some days since very confidently reported, that the Bishop of *Munster* had quitted the Siege of *Groningen*, which it seems was occasioned by their having for a day or two, omitted shooting into the Town, though we since hear the contrary, and that the place is very much pressed by the Enemy; they

tell us of several Companies of Foot that have been sent thither from the Army, from *Amsterdam* and other parts, for the reinforcement of the place, and which they say, are safely arrived there, to the great encouragement of the people. From *Holland* they write, That the States have ordered several new Taxes to be raised upon a great many Commodities, which extremely dissatisfies the Commonalty, who think it impossible that those vast sums that have been already raised since this war, can be already spent, especially, seeing all the Soldiery and Seamen are in great arrears. The Prince of *Orange* hath sent 20 Companies of Foot to reinforce *Breda*, whither his Highness intends in a day or two to go himself with a Convoy of 2000 Horse, to see all things be in a good posture there.

Ditto August. 15. On Saturday last his Excellency the Count de *Montcrey* parted from *Brussels*, on his way to *Ghent*, *Bruges*, and *Ostend*, whither places his Excellency intends to visit, and to be back again at *Brussels* on Thursday next. From *Liege* they tell us, that *Maestricht* continues wholly blockt up by the French Forces, who lye in several Villages round about the Town, under the Command of the Marquis *Rocheport*, and the Marquis *Chamilly*; They farther tell us, that 8000 French Horse more were come to a small Village called *Choray*, about four Leagues from *Liege*, and that they were followed by 15000 Foot, and a very large Train of Artillery; and that the Viscount *Turenne* was likewise very suddenly expected in those parts.

Paris, Aug. 13. His Majesty continues still at St. *Germain*s. Here is lately arrived a Courier with the ratification of the Peace lately concluded by the *Sieur de Martel*, Commander of the French Squadron in the *Mediterranean*, with the people of *Tunis*; which Treaty is said to be very honorable and advantageous for us. The Count de *Molina*, Ambassador Extraordinary from the Crown of *Spain*, is preparing for his return home, in order to which he hath desired his last Audience of their Majesties, which is appointed him against Tuesday next. From *Genova* they write, that the Gallies of that State were parted thence, having several Forces on board, for *Oneglia*, in order to their making some descent on the Territories of the Duke of Savoy; That several persons of quality there have contributed very large sums of Money for the making of new Levies, and carrying on the war, which is now ready to break out, and that amongst others, the Dominican Friars there, have for their part given 200000 Florins to the State upon this account; We cannot yet hear that this Court hath declared it self, though his Majesty is very much pressed to it by Monsieur de *Sales*; Envoye from the Duke of Savoy; in the mean time his Holiness seems very much to endeavour to compose this matter.

Ostend, Aug. 14. Yesterday put to sea two Dutch Privateers that had been fitted here, the one carrying 76, and the other 45 Men, and this morning we hear they have taken a Merchant man laden with
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Oyis, which was at first reported to have been an English Ship, but since proves to be a Hamburger. His Excellency the Count de Monterey is suddenly expected here, the Governor of this place having received notice this day to that purpose.

Ditto, Aug. 15. By some Passengers arrived here from *Middleburgh*, we have advice, that several Prizes are brought up there, as well English as French, though most small Vessels, and not very considerable; That the *Middleburgh* is fitting out there, and is to carry 36 Guns, though she had formerly 46, being, as is said, designed to go and cruise in the *Streights*; That at *Flushing* there likewise lay two Capers ready to sail, the one being a Frigate of ten Guns, and the other a Snauw of four Guns; That on Friday last at night there was a great allarme again amongst the *Boxes*, who as their fears made them apprehend, thought they saw a great many small Boats at sea; making towards the shore, the news whereof they in much disorder carried by break of day to *Flushing*, occasioning thereby the greatest confusion possible amongst the Inhabitants; whereupon the Gates of the Town were shut, and continued so all that day, the people in the mean time according to their custom, gathering together in Multitudes, and crying, They were all Betrayed and Ruined, by several Traytors that still continued in the Government, and therefore they would have them secured at that very time, and to that end were marching to the Burgermasters *Engels* House, and the *Balliam Gauw*, whom it seems they chiefly suspected, to have pulled them out by the ears, but that they to prevent this, had already sheltered themselves in the Stadthoufe, where they received a Summons from the Burgers, who were drawn up in Armes on the Market place, in all 12 Companies, to come down to them, which they accordingly did, demanding very civilly of the Burgers, with their hats in their hands, what their desires were; who having replied, that they would have the Traytors secured, to the end they might be the better able to defend themselves against the Enemy, who might have any design upon them, the Lords assured them, that they were ready with them to spend their Lives and Fortunes for the defence of their Countrey; and after several other fair words, and large promises, they so far prevailed upon the Burghers, that they all quietly parted to their respective homes.

Amsterdam, Aug. 15. The 12 instant his Highness the Prince of *Orange* arrived here, having been received amidst the Throngs and Acclamations of the people, and conducted by the Magistrates with much Ceremony to the Town House, from whence his Highness went immediately to view the Walls, and the several Posts of the Town, giving every where all necessary orders for the best defence and security of the place; The next day his Highness after having been Treated by the Magistrates, went for *Muyen*, where part of our Army lies encamped, under the Command of Prince *Maurits*, and last night returned hither again; This Morning his Highness after having had several Consultations with our Magistrates parted for *Haerlem*, being attended by a great Body of Cavalry, intending to pass thence to the Army at *Bodegrave*. We have advice that the Successors that were sent hence, are well arrived at *Groningen*, and that the people are in good heart, and defend themselves very well, so that we would fain believe here, that the Enemy may be at length forced to quit that Siege; After all that hath been said of the marching of the Imperialists, by which it might be thought, they were by this time at our

dores, it is written from *Vienna*, that those Troops were first to march the 10 instant, in order to their rendezvousing the 25 at *Egra* in *Bohemia*. It is said our Fleet hath been lately seen off of the *Texel*.

Hague, August 15. The States of *Holland* were yesterday Assembled from nine a clock in the morning till almost three in the afternoon, where they debated several matters of great importance to the present conjuncture; we are told that a Letter was then read of the Elector of *Brandenburgs* to this State, written on occasion of their having made his Highness the Prince of *Orange* Stadtholder; his Electoral Highness expressing himself in it very particularly satisfied with their proceeding therein. We hear of several Officers that have been condemned by the Counsel of war to die for cowardise, and for having betrayed their trusts, some of which have already suffered, and the others will receive the same punishment in a day or two. The Heer de *Grout*, hath since his retirement from hence, written a Letter to the States to this effect; That he had hoped to have lived quietly at home where he was born, the rest of his days, after he having faithfully discharged two burdensome Ambassies in *Sweden* and in *France*; that he could not but very much lament, that notwithstanding his Innocency and Fidelity, He, his Wife, Children, and Servants had been affronted and reviled as Traytors of their Countrey, and therefore observing that the intention of some persons was to sacrifice him to the fury of the People, he thought himself obliged to provide for his own safety, and to withdraw himself to some place, where with more security he may be able to vindicate his Honour and Innocency, protesting that he will always remain unmoved in his Duty and Fidelity to the State and always endeavour to promote the right Interest of the Regency thereof. We expect here to hear very suddenly of the Election of a new Pensionary of *Holland* in the room of the Heer *Johan van Witt*, who hath quitted that employment; in the mean time his Brother the *Kuwaert van Putten*, continues still close prisoner, who it is said, is at present somewhat indisposed. His Highness the Prince of *Orange* is going to make a great reformation in the Militia, which gives great satisfaction to the people, who hope by the great care and prudence of his Highness, to see as well the Army as the Civil Government cleared of those persons they cannot but suspect to have hitherto ruined the State. From *Amsterdam* they tell us, that a party of 600 Horse, and 200 Foot, having been sent the 10 instant out of the Army at *Bodegrave*, to discover the Enemy, came that morning so near the Town of *Utrecht*, that they killed several of the Sentinels and went into the enemies Trenches where they killed many of them, and that they were afterwards forced to retreat again with the loss only of two Men. We hear that the Successors were sent from *Amsterdam* under the Command of the Sieur *Forman* to *Groningen*, being safely got into the Town had so encouraged the people, that they seem resolved to defend the place to the last; it was reported here that Colonel *Nagell* and the Count of *Benthem* were killed before the place, and that the enemy had quitted the west side of the Town, but this not being since confirmed, we cannot give any great credit to it. We are told that the Elector of *Brandenburgs* Forces are now ready to march, and that they only expect the arrival of the Imperialists, who, they tell us from *Vienna*, were still in the parts thereabouts, and did not yet begin to march to their Rendezvous at *Egra*.