

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 suddainly 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 *Ballium 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 Stadthouse, 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 *Gröot*, 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 burdesome 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 endeavours to promote the right Interest of the Regency thereof. We expect here to hear very suddainly 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 that were sent from *Amsterdam* under the Command of the Sieur *Forman* of *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*.