

come master of the place; as it seems he is not without hopes he shall. It was very much discoursed here two days since, that the Bishop of Münster was mortally wounded, which we hoped would have occasioned the breaking up of the Siege; the contrary of which we soon after understood by some persons who assure us they saw this Prince since that time in perfect health. We are in great expectation of the coming down of the German succors, who it is hoped will at last relieve us.

Hague August 17. It having been yesterday morning reported here, that the *Ruwaert van Putten* was escaped out of Prison, the Commonalty in much confusion presently flocked to the Port, where he is Prisoner, to know the certainty of it, and to examine the Keeper concerning it, who notwithstanding all his Protestations, that he was safe in his custody, could hardly secure himself from the fury of the people, till he obliged the said *Ruwaert* to shew himself through a Window, which he had no sooner done, but the people seemed quieted, and returned very well satisfied to their several homes; in the mean time the *Ruwaert* hath been frequently examined by the Deputies of the Court of Justice, and it is reported, that he will be put to the Torture to confess his accomplices. The 15 instant arrived here the Baron *d'Issola* from *Brussels*. From the Army they tell us, that several principal Officers have been lately calbered, and others condemned to dye, of whose execution we may hear in a day or two. From *Utrecht* they write, that the Duke of *Luxemburgh*, his most Christian Majesties Governor there, having demanded 3250 Guilders *per diem*, that the Magistrates of the place had had thereupon several debates concerning the matter and have after all, desired some farther time of the said Duke, and likewise, that they may have leave to depute some of their Body to his most Christian Majesty, to pray an abatement herein.

Ditto, Aug. 19. Yesterday Don *Emanuel de Lyra*, the Spanish Minister, had Audience of his Highness the Prince of *Orange*. We are told of an Express that hath been sent hence to the Court at *Vincennes*, to pray the hastning the march of the Imperial Troops. The Court of Justice is at present about framing 2 Proccels against the *Ruwaert van Putten*, so that we may now very suddenly expect to see a conclusion of that affair. The Heer *Johan de Wit*, having resigned his place of Pensionary of *Holland*, the States have nominated the Heer *Faegel*, the Heer *van Buning*, and the Heer *van Beverning*, either of which the Prince of *Orange* is to make choice of for that employment. Since the report we had here of the escape of the *Ruwaert van Putten*, the Watches have been every where doubled to prevent the same. Several Passengers arrived from *Essen* tell us, that they had seen there 180 Cornets of the *Brandenburgh* Troops, who were then ready to march, and onely expected the arrival of the Imperial Troops, who are to joyn with them; It is reported here, that the said Troops are to march from *Egra*, the 22 instant. Our Letters from all parts tell us, that the French begin to draw towards the *Rhyn*, and that they intend, leaving sufficient Garrisons in all their Conquests, to form an Army near *Wesel*.

Sentence of the Court of Holland and West Friesland, against Mr. Cornelis de Wit, ancient Burgermaster of the Town of Dort, pronounced the 20 August, 1672.

THE Court of *Holland* having seen and examined the several Points and Articles given in by the Procurator general of the said Court against

Mr. Cornelis de Wit, ancient Burgermaster of the Town of *Dort*, and *Ruward* of the Lands of *Putten*, at present Prisoner in the *Voortpoort*, together with his Examination and Confession, and the Allegations of the several Witnesses, declare the said Prisoner to have forfeited all his Dignities and Employments which he now possesles, and banish him out of the Provinces of *Holland* and *West-Friesland*, never to return into the same, on pain of Death, and that he accordingly quit the said Countries with the first, and farther condemn him in the charges of his Trial. *Actum* by the Heeren *Adriaen Pauw*, *Aelbrecht Nierop*, *Willem Gols*, *Frederick van Lier*, *Cornelis Baen*, and *Mathews Gool*, Councillors of *Holland & West Friesland*, the 20 Aug. 1672. A true Relation of what happened at the Hague on Saturday the 20 August, 1672. as it was written in a Letter from thence, and printed in *Holland*,

I Tremble when I take my Pen into my hand, to acquaint you with the sad spectacle we have seen here in the Hague on Saturday the 20 instant, in the persons of the Prisoner *van Putten*, and the late Pensionary *de Wit*, the former having that morning received his Sentence, by which he was declared incapable of holding any employments in the State, and banished for ever; at thereupon followed, That the Barber who had accused him being set at liberty, every where as he passed the streets, told the people that the said *Putten* was guilty and deserved a severer sentence than that which was given against him; and it happening that the said Pensionary *de Wit*, going in his Coach to the Port, where the said *Ruwaert* was prisoner, to fetch away his Brother, they were both as they were coming away, stopped by the watch who would have discharged their Muskets upon them, had they not presently retired into the Port again; in the mean time the people being very much dissatisfied with the aforesaid sentence, and it being reported, that the Bares were coming with no good intention to the *Hague*, the Drums were beat for the bringing the Burgers in Arms, which was presently done, the being in all six companies, Posted them selves on the *Willems Buitin Hof*, and before the last Port, where they continued till almost five in the afternoon, about which time they broke open the Prison Doors, notwithstanding a ling three Troops of Horse were drawn out to prevent any order, when the Burgers bent off with their Pikes, and after a while returned to retire, and fetched down the said *Ruwaert* and his Brother the late Pensionary, the former being in his Nightgown, having been pulled out of Bed, and the other in a black Velvet Coat, who were both thrown under foot by the people, after having received several Wounds, as well by Musket-Shots as other wise, at this not sufficing, the dead Bodies were trampled upon and dragged up and down the Streets till their two bodies, which they had held up at the Swearing to the Perpetrator, were cut off, and then their Ears, which were taken up by some Boys, and presented as a great Present to the best Quality they met, after which they hung the dead Bodies by the Heads on Gallows, their Cloths being torn all off, and the Flesh mangled in a most miserable manner, every one striving to get a piece, which they afterwards sold up and down the Town, one joyn of a Finger for 12 Stivers, a whole one for 15 Stivers, a piece of an Ear for 25 Stivers, and a Toe for 10 Stivers, and so proportionalle; in this manner the Bodies remained hanging on the Gallows, now made naked, and in this manner mangled and exposed to the scorn and mockery of the people, till about Midnight, when several persons in disguise, came and privately removed the same; so that certainly a sadder Spectacle hath hardly been ever seen. It is said a certain Woman coming from *Seerling*, being informed of what had passed, fell upon her knees, and heartily thanked God for it; so strangely were the people enraged against these two Brothers, who thus miserably ended their Lives.

Hague, Aug. 21. This morning his Highness the Prince of *Orange*, upon advice of what had happened here yesterday, came to Town for the putting things in order again. It is said that the Heer *Faegel* is made Pensionary of *Holland*. At *Bornerdam* the Burgers have made a great reformation in the Magistracie, having of 24 of their former Magistrates, turned out 24, and left only 10 standing.

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ON Thursday night last was stolen & straved away from *Grass* at *Wesel*, one of His Majesties Sumpters, a brown & black horse, the height of the hind quarters 15 furlongs; with a white Star in his forehead, and a black spot on his Shoulder, about 8 years old, through-piced, and one fist of his far Foot behind; If any can bring tidings of him to Mr. *Towney*'s house in His Majesties *Meuse*, *London*, shall be well paid for their pains.