

that they have fixed a very strong quarter at *Vifett*, at *Greenfield* and at *Peterfon*, and have now quite furrounded *Maestricht*, at a less diftance then half a League, which is thought may be in order for a formal Siege. By Letters from *Hildesheim* in Germany of the 22nd instant, we are told, That the Imperial Forces were certainly to Rendezvous the 25 at *Egra*; that General *Montecuculi* was appointed by the Emperor to Command them in chief; Prince *Charles of Lorraine*, to be General of the Cavalry, and the Count of *Keyserberg* General of the Infantry. That a French Envoy had lately passed through *Bruxelles* on his way to *Berlin*, whither he was likewise an Envoy from the Crown of Spain. Our Letters yesterday arrived from *Cologne*, tell us, that *Gronningen* continues still, besieged, and that the place is very much destroyed by fire, occasioned by the many Fireballs, of 300 weight apiece, that have been shot into the Town; so, the number of above 3000, which have done great execution; Thus the Bishop has possessed himself of a small place called *Dam*, between *Delfzyle* and *Gronningen*, to prevent any succours from coming that way to the besieged. His Excellency is expected here this night or to morrow morning from *Wanderlo*.

Brussels Aug. 23. His Excellency is returned hither, bringing much pleased with the considerable progress they have made in the great work near *Ostend*, which is said to be almost finished; *Maestricht* continues still very closely blocked up; the French lying quite round it within cannon shot, and yet it cannot be said, that it is actually besieged. The French have upon some suspicion disarmed all the Inhabitants at *Wesel*, and put a very strong Garrison into the place. It is said, that his Excellency is about giving out Commissions for the raising of more Forces. We hear that the Heer de *Groen* and the Sieur *Mabhanke* still at *Cologne*.

Dittow Aug. 26. From *Maestricht* they write, that the French have drawn a line of circumvallation, between one *Raven's house* and a small Village called *Schuren*, to defend themselves against the Sallies of that Garrison; That the French have had a supply of 12000 *Muskets* come to them from *Lorraine*; and that *Monsieur Turanne* was daily expected there, upon whose arrival it was thought they would begin a formal Siege. *Gronningen* holds out still. It is said that *Monsieur Turanne* hath sent 11000 Men to reinforce the Bishop of *Munster's* Army before *Gronningen*.

Paris Aug. 21. The Prince of *Conde* is we hear arrived at *Chantilly*, where it is said he will continue till he be perfectly well, and in a condition to come to Court; in the mean time the King and Queen have sent to inquire, by one of the Gentlemen of their Chamber, of his Health, and wish him a speedy recovery. The *Marquis de Feuquieres* is lately returned out of *Germany*, whither he was sent in quality of Envoy Extraordinary, to several of the Princes of the Empire.

Hague Aug. 26. Since the arrival of his Highness the Prince of *Orange*; we have been here very quiet, without the least farther noise or disturbance. The States of *Holland*, having finally by plurality of Voices, Elected the Heer *Fagel* to be their Pensionary, he hath accordingly taken possession of that employment. The 25 instant, the whole *Ridderfchap* were assembled together with the States of *Holland*, in order to their conferring on his Highness the Prince of *Orange* the place of first Noble of this Province; *Gronningen* holds out still, though the Enemy continues to press them very hard. From *Maestricht* they tell us, of a

Sally they had lately made upon the Enemy out of that place, and that they had done great execution upon them, having, as they say, killed three or four hundred of the French.

Midalburgh, August 26. The Prince of *Orange* is expected here. The People of this Province have brought in all their Plate to be melted down for the use of the publick; the people are still here very disorderly and ready to tumult upon the least occasion.

Amstwy, Aug. 26. From *Maestricht* they write, that the place is not as yet Besieged, but that the French are preparing two Batteries on the side of *Tongres* and *Wyche*; That they are making two Bridges over the *Maer*; one at *Vifet*, and the other somewhat lower, and that they have lately received a supply of 16000 Men.

Amsterdam Aug. 25. The people begin to be very much dissatisfied again, and will needs imitacion of *Rotterdam* and *Delf*, have a reformation in the Magistracy. Our Fleet is failed to their old station off *Zealand*. This day the following Articles were put up on the Exchange.

1. That the Colonets, Captains, and other Officers of the Burgers, being either Counsellors, *Schepens*, or *Wraoberschapen*, shall be immediately suffered, and that those Commanded shall be conferred on so many persons to be elected out of the Burgers.

2. That for the future none of the Burge-masters may be Governors of the East India Company, whose that are present to be cashiered.

3. The Burgers to have an account of Moneys, what hath been received and how laid out.

4. The Burgers desire all their former priviledges concerning Fishing in the several waters about the Town, &c.

5. They that refuse to consent hereunto, to be Treated like the de *Witts* were at the Hague.

6. He that dares take this paper down from the place where it is affixed, to be punished with present death.

The return of this East India Fleet shall be employed for publick Service, the several parties enjoying Interest for the same, in the same manner as if they had lent so much Money to the State.

Advertisements.

These are to give Notice, That His Majesties Farthings lately made Current by Proclamation, will hereafter for some time, be daily uttered at an Office appointed for that purpose in *Fanchurch street* near *Mincing Lane*, from nine of the Clock in the Forenoon until twelve, and from two in the Afternoon until five; And all people are likewise to take notice, That His Majesty hath given strict Orders, to the Officers that deliver out the said Farthings, not to receive any Clipt or Counterfeit Moneys in exchange for them, but to return the Clipt Moneys, and to cause all Counterfeits to be struck through, or cut in pieces in the presence of the Parties that shall bring and offer the same.

We are Commanded to give Notice to all Persons concerned in the business of the Navy, or any other relating to the Command of his Highness Prince *Rupert*, That it is his Highness Pleasur; That in respect, by the absence sometimes of his Officers, Secretary or the like, his Letters concerning His Majesties Service having been addressed to them, have not come so opportunely to his Highness hands, as the Kings Service might possibly require; That hereafter all Letters relating to his Highness, in regard of his several employments under His Majesty, be always addressed to himself and no other.

We are further Commanded to give notice, That His Majesty has been Graciously pleased for the greater encouragement of the Commanders and Seamen of His own Ships of war in a speedy and effectual suppressing the insolencies of the Dutch Privateers, to declare, That all such of His Majesties Ships of war, or other Ships in His Majesties Pay, as shall happen to take any Privateer of the Enemies, shall have such Privateer, Ship, Tackle, Guns, Furniture, and what other is on board taken, as a reward of their service, and a mark of His Majesties Gracious Favour, freely to be divided among the Officers and Seamen of the Ships that shall so take her.