

whether they should continue them to the Counter-
scarp, that so they might gain it with less loss of Men,
or endeavor to take it by Assault; that amongst others,
Don *Francisco d'Agurto*, who Commanded all the
Spanish Auxiliary Troops, advised the latter, which was
accordingly resolved, that no time might be lost, nor
opportunity given to the Duke of *Luxemburg* to relieve
the place, who had already 13000 Men together; the
11 instant about midnight the Attack was made upon
the Counter-*scarp* by the Marquis de *Wagnies* with
his Regiment of Spaniards, and by Colonel *Palme* and
his Regiment; the French made indeed a very brave
resistance, and did all that could be expected from Men
of the greatest courage and resolution; but at last,
after a great slaughter of men on both sides were forced
from the Counter-*scarp*, and our Troops possessed them-
selves of it; this prevented the Enemy from making
the Sally, we since hear they intended the next morn-
ing with 500 Horse, in which it is probable they might
have done us very considerable damage; the 12 in the
morning the French demanded liberty to fetch off and
bury their dead, but that was refused them, and in the
mean time his Highness the Prince of *Orange* gave
Orders to prepare for a general Assault, which the
Enemy having notice of, and finding themselves no
longer able to maintain the place, about noon desired
a parley, Hostages being thereupon delivered on both
sides; the Articles of surrender were concluded, and
Signed towards evening, whereupon the Marquis de
Wagnies went immediately and took possession of the
place with his Regiment; and the *Rhyngrave* of one of
the Bastions. The 13 instant about noon the French
Garrison drew out, being about 2400 Horse and Foot,
and marched towards *Aernhem*, with Drums beating,
Colours Flying, &c. and at the same time two of our
Regiments entered the place, to continue in Garrison
there; In this Siege we say here we have not lost above
200 Men; of persons of note Don *Bernardo Sermienso*
Colonel of a Spanish Regiment; Monsieur de *Salins*,
Lieutenant Colonel to the Prince de *Vaudemonts* Re-
giment, and Colonel *Palme* are dangerously wounded.

Amsterdam, Sept. 16. We appear here as much over-
joyed at the taking of *Naerden*, as if it had been a busi-
ness of greater moment, but every little thing serves to
puff us up beyond all degrees of reason. We have for
these few days past, had extraordinary ill weather at Sea,
which makes us in great pain for our Fleet. Our Mer-
chant men, to the number of near 200 Sayl, are all ar-
rived from the *Sound* in the *Hly* and *Texel*, which is
very good news to the Merchants here; In the mean
time what extremely troubles us, is, to hear of the little
advance that is made towards the Peace at *Cologne*,
though in truth, we must lay the blame of it at our own
doors. The Imperial Army we are told, is on its march
towards *Franconia*, to Fight the French, who give out,
they have the like intentions, and if both Parties are thus
agreed, we must certainly ere long hear of a Battle; The
Imperial Army consists in about 30 thousand Men, and
Monsieur de *Turenne* has very near the like Force.

Antwerp, Sept. 16. Our Letters from *Amsterdam*
of the 14 instant tell us, that the Dutch Fleet lay still
at an Ankor near the *Texel*, but that it is said, they
would come in about 8 or 10 days hence; and that in
the mean time the Ships called the *Golden Lyon* and
the *Province of Utrecht* were come over the *Pampus*,
to be laid up; That *Naerden* had surrendered the 12 in-
stant to the Prince of *Orange*, who was reinforcing his
Army with several thousands of Bore and Burgers
who were to be drawn out of the several Cities and
Countries, according to proportion. From *Middle-*
burgh and *Ullising* they write, that they begin to be
very busy there again, for the fitting out of Privateers,
of which they intend to have a great number at Sea all
this winter,

Disso, Sept. 19. The Prince of *Orange* according to
our last advices from *Holland*, since the surrender of
Naerden, lies still encamped before that place, and
that it was thought his Highness would within few days
attempt some other considerable Post: It is reported
here, that our Governor the Count de *Monterey* has
recalled the Auxiliary Troops that are at present with
the Prince of *Orange*, and that because the Prince of
Conde is Assembling a Body of Men in the French Con-
quests near *Aeth*; In the mean time we discourse here
much of a rupture between the two Crowns, though
most people look upon it onely as discourse. From
Zealand they write, that Vice-Admiral *Bankert* was
come with the *Zealand* Squadron before *Schonevelt*, ha-
ving been separated from the rest of the Fleet in bad
weather, which they had to that degree, that it is feared
they have sustained considerable damage. The *Zeal-*
landers are very busy about fitting out their Privateers
to Sea. Our last Letters from *Germany* tell us that
the Imperial Army was decamped from *Nurembergh*,
and marched towards *Witzenburgh* on the *Main*; that
a considerable party of Cavalry were advanced as far as
that place, under the Command of Count *Harrant*, and
that several French Troops were likewise come within
two miles of that place, from Monsieur de *Turenne's*
Army.

Brussels, Sept. 20. On Saturday last was published
here by Order of his Excellency, an Ordinance; in
which his Excellency declares, that observing the small
effect his Ordinances of the 20 of *June*, the 20 and
30 of *October* last past have had, being made to prevent
the disorders which happened on occasion of the War
between his most Christian Majesty and the States Ge-
neral of the *United Provinces*, by the soldiers of both
parties, to the great prejudice of the faithful Subjects
of his Catholick Majesty, his Excellency hath thought
fit again, to give Orders to the several Officers in the
Countreys, to take all possible care for the securing the
Peace of his Majesties Subjects, and that in case any
disorder be committed by force of Arms, that they
make use of the like to repel the same. From the French
Conquests in *Flanders* we have advice, that the Prince
of *Conde* is bringing a great Body of Men together
near *Aeth*, though with what designe we cannot yet
learn; Our last Letters from *Cologne* tell us, that all
the endeavors which the Mediators have hitherto used,
to encline the Dutch to make some progress on their part
towards the conclusion of the Treaty, have not as yet had
any effect; the Dutch Ambassadors continuing accord-
ing to the Orders they have from the States their Mas-
ters, to lay hold of all occasions to delay their giving in
a final answer to the Propositions of the two Kings, they
being willing to know first what success the Imperial Army
may have; but in the mean time we hear that the
Ambassadors of the two Crowns, to come to a certainty
in the business, have fixed the 10 of the next month,
for the Dutch to give in a Categorical Answer. People
seem to be here in much incertainty concerning the
intentions of the Prince of *Orange*, since the surren-
der of *Naerden*, some reporting with much confidence,
though on what ground we know not, that he intends
to march with his whole Army towards *Friesland* or
Overysse, where they suppose the Enemy will be less
provided to make a resistance; whilst others say, that
his Highness has his Eye upon *Utrecht*, and onely
expects a reinforcement, in order to the Attacking that
place.

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