

12000 men, does not think fit to make any great attempts, but spares his men, and by that means much time is spent; The place is now closed so on all sides, and the Line of Contravallation so strong, that it is impossible for any Succors to get into the Town, or the besieged to make any Salleys; that on both sides they make continual use of their Canon, and as we are informed that considerable damage has been already sustained in the Town, so likewise they have lost many men, by Great Shot in the Camp. On Tuesday last Sir *William Bellandine* and a Lieutenant were both killed by a Canon Bullet; The Rains of late have very much hindered the Besiegers.

Mons, Sept. 17. On Friday last the Prince of *Conde* began to decamp, the next day he passed the *Sambre* and marched towards *Quesnoy*, taking his way from thence towards the *Schelde*, which he intended to pass at some convenient place; We are told that the Prince before his decampment sent the Marquis *de Resnel* with 2000 Horse to goe and joyn Monsieur *de Turenne*. We receive just now advice, that the Prince of *Conde* is lodged at *Quevrain*, and that he was going to pass the *Haisne*.

Ghent, Septemb. 17. The Confederate Army hath now formally besieged *Oudenard*, on Friday last the Cavalry invested the place and the next day the Infantry arrived, and took their several Posts; We have advice that the Governor of the Town the *Sieur de Rolpaire* hath made a Salley with 400 Foot and 300 Horse, but that after a sharp dispute with a party of the Besiegers, they were forced to retreat into the Town again, Saturday in the evening they began to work on the Batteries, which will be finished this day, and on which, it is said, there will be planted 60 pieces of Canon. On Saturday last was sent from hence by Water, a great quantity of all sorts of Ammunition to the Camp. The Besiegers have possessed themselves of several Posts between *Lille*, *Courtray*, and *Tournay*, as *Comines*, *Warneton*, &c. It is reported here that the Garrison of *Oudenard* is composed of 1600 Foot and 400 Horse.

Bruges, Septemb. 19. The Prince of *Orange* and General *Souches* are now besieging *Oudenard*, the 17 instant the Trenches were to be opened, and the Batteries finished; the Spanish Troops under the Command of the Duke *de Villa Hermosa* are quartered at the Abbey of *Enam* on that side the Town which is towards *Ghent*, the Dutch toward *Courtray*, and the Germans along the River towards *Tournay*; We are told that it was resolved that so soon as this siege was formed, the Prince of *Orange* should at the same time goe and besiege *Courtray*, but the march of the Prince of *Conde* has altered this resolution, and makes the Confederates draw their Army closer together; The Prince of *Conde* passed the *Sambre* at *Mabeuge*, on Saturday last, and as our advices tell us, marched to *Quesnoy*, taking his way from thence betwixt *Bouchain* and *Valenciennes*, and intending as is supposed to pass there the River *Schelde*, and so advance towards *Doway*; We will not believe here the said Prince of *Conde* has with him above 25000 men, and say at the same time that the Confederates are 45000 effective, besides the Armed Bores, and some Regiments of Spanish Infantry who have been sent back to *Ipre*, *Ayre*, and *St. Omer* to reinforce those Garrisons. Yesterday in the evening we had News here from *Ghent*, that the Guns have been heard all that day without any intermission; That Yesterday morning they had news that the Besiegers had taken two redoubts, and that they doubted not but in 5 or 6 days they should be Masters of the place; That they had certain news that the Prince of *Conde* was marching towards them.

Brussels, Sept. 18. Our Letters from the Camp before *Oudenard*, tell us, that the batteries were finished Sunday last in the evening, and that that night and yesterday they fired with a great deal of fury into the Town; that the Besiegers had made a Salley, but were forced back with the loss of near Eighty men; the Besiegers have taken a Redoubt, and a certain Chappel in which the French had a Guard: They have now enclosed their Camp with any Line, hoping in few days to end this Siege. In the meantime we hear that the Prince of *Conde* has passed the *Haisne*, and that this night he intends to lodge at *Luse* which is 6 hours march from *Oudenard*. Our Letters from *Cologne* tell us, that the Elector of *Brandenburgh* marches towards *Frankfort*, though very slowly.

Tournay, Septemb. 18. *Oudenard* is at present besieged by the Confederates, and the Prince of *Conde* is on his march as is said to relieve it; we are assured that before his decamping from his Quarters on the other side of the *Sambre*, he Commanded out 4000 men from his Army, and that they having joyned with 6000 more drawn out of *Mastricht* and *Mafeyck* are marched with all speed to endeavor to raise the Siege of *Grav*, where they will doubtless come very unexpected. The Prince of *Conde* will arrive with his Army this day or tomorrow in the Neighbourhood of *Lille*, and we have advice, that the Marechal *d'Annoires* has got a Body of 8 or 9000 men together to joyn the said Prince there, who will then goe and succor *Oudenard*.

Whitehall, Septemb. 11. The Right Honorable the Earl of *St. Albans* having resign'd into his Majesty's Hands the Staff of Office of Lord Chamberlain of his Majesty's Household, his Majesty was pleased to give it to the Right Honourable the Earl of *Arbington*, in recompence of his long and faithful services, and particularly for his having performed to his Majesty's satisfaction for the space of 12 years the Office of Principal-Secretary of State, which his Majesty was pleased at the same time to conferre upon the Right Honorable Sir *Jos. ph Willmson* Knight, one of the Clerks of his Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, for his long and faithful service in the said Office, under Sir *Edward Nicholas*, and the said Earl of *Arbington*, and accordingly this morning in Council he had the Oaths of Principal-Secretary of State and Privy-Counsellor administered to him, and took his place at the Board.

Advertisements.

SIR *Samuel Morland's* New Pumps and Engines (for which his Majesty has granted him a Patent for 14 years) are to be seen in Grocers-Hall in London.

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