

Liege, June 1. The Most Christian King moves still this way, and it was thought his Majesty would have marched directly towards *Limburg*, but it seems his Majesty makes a halt till *Huy* be taken, being at present quartered at the Abby of *Vau Noire Dame* near *Huy*, which place the *French* will formally begin to attack to-morrow. Several preparations seem to be making here for the reception of his Majesty, though without any certainty that he will come hither. The *Mareschal de Crequise* since the reduction of *Dinant*, has taken the Castle of *Thierry* between *Dinant* and *Charlemont*, and it is said, that he is now on his march with the Troops, under his Command, towards *Alsaix*, to reinforce *Montieur de Turenne*, others report, that only 6000 Horse are sent that way, certain it is, that a good reinforcement is gone to join *Montieur de Turenne*, who at present seems not to be in a posture to make head against the Imperialists. The *French* are making their Interest here to have the Cardinal of *Bouillon* chosen Coadjutor of *Liege*. Some report as if his Most Christian Majesty would suddenly return for *Paris*.

Malines, June 4. The Prince of *Orange* is still at *Duffel*, his Army lying very much at large, so that it takes up about 10 Miles in compass, to the great charge of the Country people, though his High, promises to ease them in a day or two at farthest, and to march with his Army so soon as some Regiments he yet expects from *Holland* are arrived. It is said, That his Highness's Army is already stronger than that of the Most Christian Kings, and that however the *Spaniards* are to join with it about 10 Regiments of Foot, and 6 or 7000 Horse. This day the Duke of *Villa Hermosa* visited his Highness at *Duffel*, whom we are told, his Excellency much pressed to march, to prevent any designs the *French* may have. They at present besiege *Huy*, which place we hope will make a good defence. We hear that the *Mareschal de Crequi*, is gone with a good Body of Men towards *Alsaix*, to reinforce *Montieur de Turenne*, who it is said, cannot at present make above 10 or 20000 Men; and that the Confederates are 40000.

Brussels, June 4. The Prince of *Orange* continues still his quarters at *Duffel*, his Army lying at large in the Country, till the rest of the Infantry come up; five Regiments being on their way by Water, and two Regiments of Horse by Land, which will be with the Army this night. The whole number of their marching Body, besides what they leave in Garisons here, will be about 25000 Foot, and near 10000 Horse and Dragoons. This Morning very early his Excellency is gone to visit his Highness, accompanied with the Count de *Rasch*, and Commander *Villeneuve*. On Saturday the Most Christian King removed his Camp to *Vau Noire Dame*, nearer *Huy*, and on Sunday morning they began their Batteries. Before *Huy* was invested, several Officers and Granadeers arrived there, sent from *Namur*, which makes us hope that place will hold out longer than *Dinant* did, and yet some talk here as if it were already surrendered, but without ground. The King has caused two Bridges to be thrown over the *Meuse*, one at *St. Lambert*, betwixt *Liege* and *Huy*, and another at *St. Leonard*, betwixt *Liege* and *Veser*. On Saturday came a great Convoy from *Maestricht* to *Liege*, with 5000 Men of that Garison: And great quantities of Meal already delivered out to bake Bread for the Army. It is thought that after the reducing of *Huy*, the *French* will march directly towards *Limbourg*. From *Cambray* of the second instant, we are told, a party from that Garison has made an Incurfion on the other side of *Reuonne*, where they have plundered and burnt a Castle,

and returned with a considerable booty of Horses and Cartel. That another party from thence brought in 300 *Swissers*, with two Captains; and that a party of the Garison of *Bouchain* having taken 20 *French* Prisoners, and being nearer *Mons* than their own Garison, they sent them thither with 10 Men for their Guard; but the Governor of *Mons* refusing to receive them, they conducted them towards *Bouchain*: but by the way the Prisoners taking their advantage, fell upon their Guard, released themselves, and carried four or five of their Guard Prisoners to *Quesnoy*, the rest making a hard shift to escape. Our last Letters from *Germany*, tell us, That all things are disposing for the Siege of *Philipsburg*; that *Montecuculi* has thrown a Bridge over the *Rhine*, betwixt *Spire* and *Philipsburg*; that the Elector Palatine is come to *Spire* to be near the Siege; that all the other Princes concerned are thereabouts with their Forces; that they are turning the small River that runs by *Philipsburg* into the *Rhine*; and that though *Philipsburg* stands upon a Marsh, which would have rendered their approaches very difficult, yet by the turning of the River, and by the drifness of the Season, the Marsh is hard enough to bear Cannon, which may much quicken the reduction of that place; they write also that *Montecuculi* will have an Army sufficient to fight *Montieur de Turenne* (if he shall adventure to attack him) and to continue the Siege also; and that he is intrenching his Camp in the most convenient place to hinder relief, and fight upon occasion.

Hague, June 4. Our last Letters from the Prince of *Oranges* Army were dated the 31 past at *Duffel*, which give an account of his Highness having had a Conference with the Duke of *Villa Hermosa*, Governor of the *Spanish Netherlands*, at *Vilvord*, and that the Army would march in a day or two at farthest. The King of *Denmark* hath approved of the late Agreement that was made here between his Ministers, and those of the other Allies, for the carrying on the War, so that it is now every day expected that his Majesty will publickly declare. According to our advices from *Strasbourg*, the Imperialists certainly design to besiege *Philipsburg*, in order to which Prince *Pio* had already passed the *Rhine* with 4 or 5000 Men; and General *Montecuculi* having joined the Imperial Army that came from *Hailbron*, was likewise on his march towards *Philipsburg*; and the Elector Palatine had put a Garison into *Spire*, which hitherto hath enjoyed a Neutrality, because of the Imperial Chamber being held there. The four Men of War fitted out at *Amsterdam*, part of the nine which are to be equipped in these Provinces to join with the Fleet of the King of *Denmark* are ready; two of them have already passed the *Pampus*, and are sailed to the *Texel*, and the other two will likewise pass the *Pampus* in two or three days. From *Hamburg* they write, That the 31 past, the Duke of *Hanovers* Forces begun to march, and that at the same time the *Suedes* take their way towards the *Elbe*, in order as is imagined to join them. And on the other side, that the Forces of the Elector of *Brandenburgh* are coming down to oppose them.

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