

LONDON, October 9. 1703.

A New Express from

HOLLAND,

*Giving a Particular Account of the Contents of the
two Holland Mails Arrived this Morning.*

Hague, October the 15th.

OUR Letters from Rome say, the Venetian Ambassador had on the 21st past, a long Conference with the Pope's Secretary of State, as 'tis said, about a Cessation of Arms in Italy.

They had advice at Venice, that the Duke de Vendosme was gone from the French Army to Mantua; that the French Troops were marching out of the Land of Trent, towards Dezenzaan; that Gen. Vaubonne was past thro' the Veroneze, with 1200 Horse; that Gen. Solari was arrived at Parona, within 3 Miles of Verona, with 3500 Foot, and 200 Horse, on his way to Ostiglia; that Gen. Heister was marched with 3000 Horse and Foot from Roveredo towards Inspruck; that the Imperialists grow daily stronger and stronger upon the Secchia.

They Write from Augsburg, that 400 French being Plundering two neighbouring Villages, Lieut. Petrack, with a Party of Germans, fell upon them, and cut them all off but 4, that were made Prisoners; and that Gen. Mercy marching towards Landsperg, with some Troops, hid them in a Wood, and ordered some Hussars to show themselves to a Body of French, who soon attackt his Hussars, upon which he sallied out of the Wood, with the rest of his Men, Killed 60 French, and took as many Prisoners, 18 of whom were Wounded.

The Prussians continue to Bombard Gelder with good Success; above half the Town being reduced to a heap of Rubbish, and abundance of the Inhabitants and Soldiers in Garrison killed.

They tell us from Dantzick, that the Swedes had Storm'd the Beckerberg of Thoon, but were repulsed with loss of 500 Men; and that the K. of Sweden seeing the Obstinacy of the Governour, designed to turn the Siege into a Blocade, and to throw 100 Bombs into the place every Week.

They tell us from Nismes that, the Camisars, to the number of 700 Foot, and 150 Horse, advanced on the 21st past in the Night, before a walled Town called Aiguevives, and demanded Provisions, which being denyed them, they set Fire to the Gate, and afterwards marched into the City, and refreshed themselves without doing the least Hurt to any of the Inhabitants. Another Troop of Camisars came into the Neighbourhood of Castres, burnt some Villages, and thought to have surprized, and carryed off the Bishop of Castres, but missed their aim.

They tell us from Liege, That the Confederate Army, under the Duke of Marlborough is broke up from St. Trayen, and lies Incamped at Birsen, the Head Quarters being at Tongeren. 'Tis thought they'll stay in that Camp till next Month, and then separate and go into Winter Quarters. The French Army is also Marched higher up within their Lines.

We hear that the French Army, under Villars, is Decamp'd from Genheffen, having first Burnt their Camp, and Marched part towards Bavaria, and part towards Donawert: And they had Advice at Frankfurt, That Count Tallard had separated his Army, and part of them was Marched towards the Mosell.

The Duke of Marlborough is gone from the Camp to Aix la Chapelle, and designs to go thence to Dusseldorp by that time the King of Spain Arrives there.

A Ship Arrived at Leghorn in six Days from Toulon, reports, That the English and Dutch Fleet had been at the Islands Fourmontiers to take in fresh Water, and Wood for Firings, and they had Advice at Venice, That the said Fleet was seen near the Island Yvica.

The King of Spain was expected Yesterday, or this Day at Dusseldorp, where he'll stay but five or six Days.

The City of Thoon defends it self Mansfully, and some Letters say The Swedes have suffered much by a Salley.

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