

ter'd Troops of the Allies were order'd to assemble, as fast as possible, and as well as they could: And every other Measure was taken, which could help to expose that Weakness, which we had pre-determin'd not to remedy.

As in a Play, when every Scene and every Incident serves to unravel the Plot, and hasten the Catastrophe, so every Event now serv'd to unfold and accomplish the great Purpose of ruining the War.

The *Austrians*, tho' not only unrecruited, but still *unsupply'd* with the Money necessary for the raising them, tho' quarter'd as far up the Country as *Cologne* and the Dutchy of *Luxemburgh*, and Part of them in a Manner cut off from the Place of Rendezvous, by the Interposition of the Enemy, nevertheless, were the first that took the Field in any considerable Body; which was owing to the indefatigable Endeavours of *Bathiani*: And if *Chanclos*, contrary to the Treaty subsisting with his Mistress the Empress-Queen, and without waiting farther Orders, had not gallantly risqu'd her Favour, and perhaps his Head, by throwing Twelve Battallions into *Maestricht*, that Town, so long threaten'd, so well known not only to be the first Place destin'd to be attack'd, but to be attack'd as early as it was, would have been surprized without a Garrison, and must have surrender'd as soon as the Enemy appear'd before the Gates.

I should have specified, that the Body of *Austrians*, brought into the Field by *Bathiani*, consisted of 31 Battallions and 60 Squadrons: And, notwithstanding all that was given out here at Home concerning the *Dutch*; and all the Variety of Discouragements which the P—— of O—— then labour'd under, his H——s assembled a Body of 20000 Men under the Cannon of *Breda*.

But as far us, (who, Year after Year, had abus'd
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