

I wish what has been said about the Navy was alone the Subject Matter of Complaint, or that our military Proceedings, in general, were not so properly conducted as to bring all our Affairs together to one unhappy Period. And as a violent Presumption of this being but too true, I shall only beg the Reader's sober Attention to the following Facts. In the Beginning of the last Spring it was observed that the *French* meditated some important Enterprize; Marshal *Saxe* ordered the several Bodies cantoned about *Brussels*, *Antwerp*, *Mechlin*, *Louvain*, &c. to assemble at a Time, and by a Rout appointed. At the same Time other Bodies, cantoned on the Side of *Alsace*, *Givet*, &c. were directed to assemble under Count *Lowendahl* in the Neighbourhood of *Namure*. A great Part of the Allied Army were then in Quarters about *Liege*, *Maastricht*, and so on to *Ruremonde*. All the Enemy's Motions sufficiently evinced their Design was upon *Maastricht*; though, upon Marshal *Saxe* drawing his Troops together, he marched a large Detachment quite off another Way, which appeared afterwards was purely to guard their Convoys to *Bergen-op-Zoom*; however, the main Army took a different Rout; and, as vast Quantities of warlike Stores were amassing about *Namure*, and in other of the Enemy's Posts on the *Maeſe*; and the respective Corps under the two Marshals plainly pursuing one and the same Direction by two different Routs, it was sufficiently evident that the Design was not against *Breda*. Marshal *Saxe*'s Corps of about thirty five thousand