

land Men took the direct Road by *Louvain*, and Marshal *Lowendahl's* from *Namure*, through the Country of *Limburg*, by the Margin of the *Maese*, with about forty thousand Men, fifteen thousand whereof he posted on the Banks of the River, to protect the Vessels coming from *Namure* with Battering Cannon, Stores, and Provisions to the Army. During these various Motions of the Enemy, the Allied Troops drew gradually off towards *Ruremonde*, and to occupy the Country between that Town, *Venlo* and *Breda*; and great Pains was taken to disperse a Notion, that the Enemy's Design was really against *Breda*, whatever Appearances might seem to intimate to the contrary. But there was a Reason then given in Opposition, which set all this Matter right; an Officer of great Note remarking, that he was persuaded the Enemy had no Design on *Breda*, and that the Allied Generals knew as much, by their drawing their Forces together on that Side. This Thought had too much Truth in it at this Juncture, as it will evidently appear by what follows, that the adverse Armies never intended to face each other again in Anger. It was about the 15th of *April*, N. S. when the two Marshals, on different Sides of the River, invested *Maeſtricht*, which being known to the Allies they could not be longer in any Concern about *Breda*, nor consequently needed the Main of the Army on that Side. There was now a Kind of Necessity of looking again upon *Maeſtricht*, to shew, at least, that something was consulting for its Relief, if not really intended. Accordingly the Allied