

*An Abstract of a Letter from Liege concerning a
strange preservation of four Men in a Mine 24
days without any food, April 9. 84.*

Some *Colliers* working in a *Cole-Pit* at *Herftol* about half a League from *Lige* on our *Sbrove* *Munday* *Feb.* betwixt 7 and 8 in the morning, one of them peirced a *veine* of *water*, which gushing in violently drowned one, those that were near the mouth of the *Pit* were drawn out, but four of them being further within saved themselves upon a little ascent within the *Mine*, which has several *Lanes* or *Allies* in it, and were shut in by the *water* which stopt their passage out. 24 days were spent in drawing off the *water*, rather to render the *mine* useful again than out of any hopes of saving the men: at last on *Thursday* *March* the 9th. being the 25th of their confinement, men entred in, found these 4 alive, and drew them out and I my self among many others saw and examined them about these *articulars*: they had not a morsel of *Bread* with them, but lived on the *water* of a little *Fountain* which broke out by them: 2 *bottles* of which I caused to be *evaporated* to see if it were any thing extraordinary, and found nothing but a scarce perceptible *Calx* remaining.

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