

Whitehall, May 31. 1697.

This Morning came in a Mail from Holland, and brought the following Advices.

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Venice, May 24. N.S.

THE Marquis de Leganez, Governor of Milan, arrived here the last week, and still continues in this City. The Senate have made choice of Signior Lorenzo Soranzo, one of their late Ambassadors in England, to go in the same Quality to the Court at Vienna. Letters from Napoli di Romania of the 20th of the last month say, the Captain-General would in few days go to Sea with the Venetian Fleet.

Vienna, May 25. The Forces of Croatia are on their march, in order to besiege the Fortrefs of Bihatz. At the same time the Troops, which are to compose the Emperor's main Army in Hungary, march to their Rendevous between Essecke and Baya, and the General Officers, who are still here, will set out in few days on their Journey thither. The last Advices from the Frontiers do not speak of any motion of the Turkish Forces, and say, The Sultan is not expected at Belgrade till towards the end of the next Month.

Frankfort, June 2. The Confederat Forces continue in their three Camps, at Sintzheim, Eppingen, and Dürmentz, making together about 50 Battalions, and 100 Squadrons; Besides these, there is another small Body posted at Singlingen; and the Brandenburgh and Palatine Troops, who are to serve on the Upper Rhine, are shortly expected in the first of these Camps. Prince Lewis of Baden is come to Sturgart, and intends to go thence in two or three days to the Army. The Marechal de Choiseul has taken a Review of the French Forces, which are as yet divided in several Bodies, between Neustat and Spire; They seem to have no other Design, than to be on the Defensive in these Parts.

Cologne, June 4. The Forces of Hanouer, Zell and Hesse, are arrived near the Rhine between this Place and Bonne, and to morrow they will begin to pass that River at several places; The Forces of Munster are likewise coming down from Coblentz, and a Regiment quartered in this City is ordered to join them. These Forces march all towards Flanders, and will make together above 20000 men. The Elector Palatine intends to take a General Review of his Forces on the 6th Instant, after which they will march to the Upper Rhine.

Hamburg, June 4. The King of Denmark continues in Holstein, and assembles

some Troops near Rendsburg, which gives a Jealousie to the Duke of Holstein Gottorp. In the mean time, the Ministers of the Emperor, and other Princes, endeavour to adjust the Differences between the King of Denmark and the said Duke; The latter is gone from Rhinebecq to Tonningen.

Paris, June 3. We do not hear by the last Letters from the Camp before Ath, that any great Advance was yet made in the Siege of that Place. The Marechals de Villeroy and Boufflers continued encamped with the Armies under their Command to cover it. The Letters from Catalonia say, That the French Forces were to assemble the 23d of the last Month at a place called Villobi, about two Leagues beyond Gironne; That the Duke de Vendosme was expected there the same day, and that so soon as he had taken a Review of the Troops, the Army, consisting of 42 Battalions and 55 Squadrons, would march towards Barcelona, which they talk of besieging. The Spanish Forces had posted themselves at Saloni on the River Tordera, between Ostalric and Barcelona; being about 33 Battalions and 4000 Horse, besides the Miquelets. One thousand Foot Soldiers are arrived at Barcelona from Genoa. Several English Men of War having appeared lately off Ushant, gave an Alarm to that Coast, upon which the Marechal d'Estree repaired to Brest to give the Necessary Orders. We have no News of Monsieur Nesmond since he failed.

Brussels, June 5. His Majesty continues encamped at Genap; and the Elector of Bavaria at Deynfe. The French Armies, commanded by Marechals Villeroy and Boufflers, remain in their Camps at Lessines and Silly, not far from Ath; The former has sent a Detachement towards Pont Esperies, and the latter another towards the Sambre, to secure the Convoys that go to the Armies. By a Person who got out of Ath, and is come hither, we have an account, That the French have taken a Half-Moon, after having been twice repulsed with the loss of many of their Men, and that their Bombs have at last ruined the Sluyce, which had much inconvenienced the Besieged, putting several Streets of the Town under Water, but at the same time it had occasioned the swelling of the River Dender, which broke their Bridges of Communication. The Forces from Germany continue their march with great diligence towards the Meuse.

From the King's Camp at Promelles, June 6. N.S. The Army continues still in the same Camp, and on Tuesday the Right Wing foraged in the Plains of Nivelles towards Senef, as the Left did yesterday on the other side of Genap, without any loss; the King was abroad with the Forage Guards both days.

His Majesty has been pleased to declare Monsieur D'Auverquerque, and the Earl of Portland, Generals of the Horse; His Lordship continues still indisposed at Brussels.

We heard this morning firing at Ath, where it is said, the Enemy have made themselves Masters of the Counterguard, and were going to drein the Ditch.

Hague, June 7. N.S. The Letters we had this morning from Flanders say, Ath holds out still; and Monsieur Catinat has been mistaken in his computation, who said, He would be Master of the Town by the 4th or 5th of this Month. There are now 18 Dutch Men of War cruising in these Seas. The English Yachts and Transport Ships failed down the Maese yesterday morning, in order to return to England.