

series near *Graben*. Two days since the said Marquis had a Conference with the Elector Palatine at *Manheim*, concerning as is believed, the actual forming of the Siege of *Philipsburgh*.

*Frankfort, May 27.* Yesterday the Duke of *Newburgh* passed by this place with a small attendance. We are assured from several hands, that the Siege of *Philipsburgh* will now be taken in hand in good earnest, and in order to it, the Marquis of *Balen Dourlach*, General of the Forces of the Empire, hath written very pressing to the Circles, whose Troops are yet wanting to hasten them, that no farther time may be lost. The Imperial Army marched the 23 instant, and is at present near *Weissenburg* on this side *Haguenaw*; it was reported that their design was to besiege *Haguenaw*, but now there is no more talk of it: and on the other hand its said, that the Duke of *Lorrain* is resolved not to spend time in the Siege of any place, but to march directly towards the Enemy, and fight them before they have got all their strength together.

*Cologne, May 29.* We have Letters from *Lorrain*, which say, That the Detachment sent by the Most Christian King from his Army in *Flanders*, to reinforce that in *Alsaria*, arrived the 21 instant in the Neighborhood of *Sedan*. From *Maastricht* we learn, That the Marechal d'*Estrades* is preparing for his journey to *Nimwegen*, being appointed by the King his Master Head of the Embassy he sends thither in the room of the Duke of *Vitry*, who, by reason of his indisposition, cannot undertake that employment. The *Brandenburghs* have quitted *Dorsten*, after having pulled down the Gates, and demolished the Fortifications. It is confidently said, That the Troops of the Bishop of *Osnabrugh* will in few days arrive in this Neighborhood.

*Hamburg, May 29.* We have had this afternoon two different reports; the one, that the Confederates had taken the Fort of *Stade* on the *Swinge*; the other contradicting it, and assuring that the Fort was in the hands of the *Snedes* at three this afternoon, so that we must remain in an uncertainty till our next. Two days since arrived here an Envoy from the Czar of *Moskovy*, and this afternoon he parted hence on his way to *Holland*. Monsieur *Trelon* is arrived here from *Denmark*, where he was Ambassador on the part of the Most Christian King.

*Brussels, June 2.* On Saturday last, being the 30 past, our Army decamped, and marched nearer to *Alost*, to prevent the design the Enemy may have upon that place; the Prince of *Orange* took his quarters at *Weiss*, about half a League from *Alost* towards *Dendermond*, and the Duke de *Villa Hermosa* his at *Stampon*, about a Musket shot on this side that Town, our Camp reaching from the Suburbs of *Alost* to those of *Dendermond*. The Spaniards, who have the Right Wing and are nearest the Enemy, have fortified their Camp. The French Army, continuing on the other side of the *Dendre*, in the same quarters we told you in our last, the King being himself lodged not far from *Ninoven*. Several Bridges have been laid by the French over the River, and their Parties pass it frequently, some of them have been so bold as to appear near this City. For yesterday six Squadrons of the Enemies Horse were at *Dielegem Abby*, and as many at *D. lebroche*. On Sunday last, the French Intendant sent strict orders to all the Bourgs and Villages hereabout, ordering them to send to the French Camp at *Ninoven*, several Head of Cattle, according as they are Taxed, which should be abated them out of their Contributions. *Hall* is Taxed at 150 Cows, and 200 Sheep. We are assured that on Sunday in the evening the Marechal de *Crequi* marched from the Army with a Detachment towards *Lorrain*. A considerable Body of the *Gallians* of *Cambray* and *Valencienmes*, hath made an incursion into *Picardy*, having been as far as *Roye* and *Nesle*, and burnt several Villages, and returning with a very rich Booty, and a great many Hostages, for the payment of their Contributions. From *Venlo* they write, of the 31 past, that their Governor the Prince of *Iffengheim* was gone from *Venlo*, to take a view of the *Dutch*

and *Newburgh* Troops that were drawn together there, which with some *Brandenburghs* that are to join them, will make a Body of 7 or 8000 Men. Their business will be to secure those Parts against the excursions of the French of *Maastricht*.

*Agou, June 2.* The States having received a Letter from the King of *Denmark*, to acquaint them with the success of his arms in the taking of *Gottaw*, an Island in the *Baltick*, with little or no loss on his part, they have resolved to return their Complement of Congratulation thereupon. All the news here in Town is, That the Confederates have taken the Fort of *Stade* on the *Swinge*, which comes from *Hamburg* by Letters of the 29 past, yet so as to leave room to doubt the truth of it. The Trumpet which was sent to *Maastricht* with the Passports for the French Ambassadors, is returned. According to our last Advices from *Flaners*, as well ours, as the French Army, lay in the Country of *Alost* near the Town of that name, only separated by the *Dendre*.

*Paris, June 3.* On Saturday last we received advice, That the Spaniards of *Cambray* and *Valencienmes* making together near 4000 Men, had fallen into *Picardy*, advancing as far as *Noyon*, *Roye*, and *Mondivier*, and making everywhere great ravage, besides the monies they obliged the Inhabitants to give them at the present, and other considerable Booty, they have carried away with them many Prisoners, and Hostages, from several places, for the security of the payment of the Contributions they have imposed upon them. The command of Captain of the Guard is given to the Marechal de *Lorge*, he paying 500000 Livres to Madam de *Rocheport*, in recompence of the Services of the late Marechal her husband. The Marechal de *Crequi* is made Governor of *Lorrain*, whither he will part accordingly very suddenly. The Marshals de la *Fen Hades*, and de *Schomberg*, will remain with the King in *Flanders*, from whence we hear, That his Majesty continues with his Army in the Country of *Alost*. We are told, that our Fleet finding that the Enemies would need some considerable time to repair their Fleet, since the late Fight on the 22 past, is on its way to *Tenouen*, in order to the taking in several Supplies for *Messina*, whither it will return again in few days. From *Alface* we have Letters of the 15 past, which say, that the Imperial Army was come within two hours march of *Haguenaw*, but that it was not believed they had any design upon that place, having no great Cannon with them, and besides the Duke of *Luxemburg* being on his march from *Sclafands* towards them. The *Lorrain* Troops are lodged at *Wistler*, they have desired leave to pass the Bridge of *Strasbourg*, to join their Duke, which those Magistrates are said to refuse, resolving to maintain their Neutrality inviolable.

*London, May 27.* Yesterday about Four in the morning, broke out a most lamentable Fire in the Burrough of *Southwark*, and continued with much violence all that day, and part of the night following, notwithstanding all the care and endeavors that were used by his Grace the Duke of *Monmouth*, the Earl of *Craven*, and the Lord Mayor, to quench the same, as well by blowing up of Houses, as other ways. His Majesty, accompanied with his Royal Highness, in a tender Sense of this sad Calamity, being pleased to go Himself down to the Bridge Foot in His Barge, to give such orders His Majesty found fit for the putting a stop to it; which through the Mercy of God was finally effected, after that about 600 Houses had been burnt, and Blown up.

#### Advertisements.

A small Picture of a Lady, of the bigness of half a Crown, drawn by Mr *Cooper*, dropt out of the Case between *Kings street*, *W. Minster*, and the Stones end of *Southwark*, or between that and *Croyden*. Whoever gives notice of it to Mr *Crofts* a Jeweller in *Fisher-lane*, *London*, shall have 20 s. Reward.

Stolen out of a Close in *St Albans*, in the County of *Hertsford*, on Monday night May 22, a large brown bay Coach Gelding, fifteen hands and a half high, with a made Star in the forehead, saddle-spotted, and stringhalt on the near leg behind, sometimes used to carry a Sumpter. Whosoever shall give notice of him to Mr *Garrards* at the *P. lican* in *Fryday-street*, or to Mr. *Seloke* at the *Lyon* at *St Albans*, shall be well rewarded.

Stolen or strayed upon the 20th instant, out of the Pasture grounds near *Namwicb*, a black Nag between 13 and 14 hands high, hath all his paces, marked upon the near shoulder with a large M, and a Coronet over it. Whoever can discover the said Nag, is desired to give notice to the next Officer for the Excise, who is also hereby desired very well to reward the Discoverer, and he shall be thankfully repaid by *John Mayne*, or *Nathaniel Wood*, at the Excise Office in *Broad-street*, *London*.