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Vienna, May 1.

Yesterday arrived here a Courier from the Rhine, who gives an account, that the march of the Army had been deferred for some days through want of Forage; but about the middle of this month the Army would be in the Field. An Express is likewise arrived from Hungary, who says, that the Rebels increase daily in strength, and that they can at present make a Body of 17000 men, with which they pretend very suddenly to take the Field. By other Letters we have an account of a Rencontre lately happened between the said Rebels and General Smit, in which the Imperialists had at first the disadvantage, and lost about 250 men; but that Major-General Wurmb, coming to the assistance of the Imperialists with some fresh Troops, the Rebels were worsted, and lost about 2000 men. Some persons come from Turkey, speak as if there were an appearance of a War breaking out between the Turks and the Persians.

Copenhagen, April 30. We have had several reports here of attempts made by the Swedes upon Christianstadt, which have still proved to be without any ground. The King of Denmark having appointed some light Frigates to lie before Malmoë, the Swedes attempted the other night to set fire to them, as they lay at Anchor; but it succeeded not; and, it is said, the Swedes were repulsed with loss. On Sunday last the King, accompanied with his Brother Prince George, passed over to Landskroon, and returned again yesterday.

Ditto, May 7. A great number of small Vessels have been prepared, who are to fetch the Troops which the Sieur Guldenlieu brings from Normay. The 5th instant, about 30 Vessels sailed from Estenore, to transport the Troops they had on board to Marstrand; to-morrow the Kings Regiment of Guards will pass over to Schonev, and all the rest of our Troops will be on that side by the 12 or 13 of this month. The Men of War having now pretty well made up their complements of Seamen, have orders to sail. The Forces that come over from Schonev, report again that the Swedes have made an unsuccessful attack upon Christianstadt; that they had made themselves Masters of a Keyelin, but were afterwards beaten out of it again with considerable loss; but we have been so often deceived with reports of this kind; that we must expect an account from better hands before we give credit to it. We are just now told, that our Fleet is under sail, and that it takes its course Northwards.

Hamburg, May 10. In Rameven the parties are at present quiet, the Brandenburg Troops are in their quarters, and the Swedes on the Isle of Rugen; it is said that the Danes will again attack it; and that the Elector of Brandenburg only stays till the Danish Fleet is at Sea, and that then he will take the Field and attack Smallsund, while the Danes make a descent on the side of the Sea.

Strasburg, May 2. We can tell you nothing

from these parts, but that preparations are making on all sides for the opening the Campaign. There are those that say, that the Imperialists will not stay to lose time in the besieging of *Friburg*, but that the Duke of Lorraine will pass the Rhine with the whole Army.

Ditto, May 6. The last night the Duke of Lorraine lodged at Nopernam, and will be this day at *Offenburg*, near which place several Regiments and other detached Troops are drawing together. It is not yet certain whether *Friburg* will be besieged or not. The Marshal de Crequi is expected in few days at *Sabststadt*, towards which place 20000 French are on their march from the *Frankbe Comte* and other places.

Francfort, May 8. The *Munster* Troops have at last quitted their quarters in this Neighborhood, to the great satisfaction of the poor Country people, who have been quite wearied with them. The Imperial Army has not been able to hold its general Rendezvous so early as was intended, through the want of Forage, and it's probable it will be the latter end of this Month before it can begin to act. The Duke of Lorraine is at present at *Offenburg*, whither he has caused several pieces of Cannon to be brought; by which it should seem he still continues in the design of besieging *Friburg*. The French give out on their side that they will have a very great Army in *Alsace* this Campaign. The Marshal de Crequi is expected every day at *Sabststadt*.

Cologne, May 10. The *Munster* Troops being on their march this way from the Neighborhood of *Francfort*, where they have had their quarters; our Elector has sent an Officer to meet them, and conduct them through his Country. We have nothing of moment from above. The Duke of Lorraine was come to *Offenburg*, and the Imperial Troops were marching that way.

Amsterdam, May 10. His Highness the Prince of Orange is at present at the Hague, to assist in the Assembly of the States, who have at present matters of very great importance before them. Here we discourse of nothing but Peace, and, it's said, the Deputies of this City in the Assembly of the States of Holland, have orders to do their utmost to promote it; and the Advices we receive from the Hague, say, that several steps have been made towards it. The Prince of Orange had it seems employed to endeavor the retaking of *Levenne* in *Brabant*, and in order therunto had already ordered several Troops to march that way; but his Highness was forced to give over that design, for that the *Lunenburg* Troops, who were to assist him in it, absolutely refused to march, till they had first received the Monies due to them. The Letters from *Flanders* say, that the Most Christian King will be 15 of this Month at *Cherbourg*; that a great number of Privateers had been summoned thither; that a very great Train of Artillery had been provided, with all other things necessary for a Siege. From *Germany* they write, that the Imperial Army was not come together

geth^r at the time at first intended, through the want they find of Forage; that in the meantime the Bridge was laying over the Rhine below Strasburg, and that the Duke of Lorraine having been to take leave of his Queen at Kempen in Suabia, was come back to Offenburg.

Hague, May 13. Yesterday in the afternoon, the Prince of Orange returned hither from Breda. The Princesses will be here likewise this evening, or to-morrow. The States have set very close these days past, and, it's said, the appearances of Peace increase daily; and people talk here of a Cessation of Arms for some months. The French King will be the 15 instant at Ghent; so that we may now expect to hear very suddenly something of importance from those parts.

Lille, May 11. Yesterday arrived here 60 Troops of Horse, and 8 Battalions of Foot, the Regiment of Guards being comprehended therein. We are told, that three Armies are going to be formed, one at Deynse, which will be commanded by the King in person, and is to consist of 100 Squadrons of Horse, and 40 Battalions of Foot; the second will be encamped near Gande, commanded by the Marechal d'Amieres, consisting in 35 Squadrons, and 18 Battalions; and the third will be under the command of the Marechal de Scombberg, between the Sambre and the Meuse, composed of 25 Squadrons, and 12 Battalions. The King will be here on Saturday next, and will make no stay, but continue his journey to Ghent. We cannot yet learn what his Majesty's designs are, but it's most certain we shall in few days hear of some great action.

Brussels, May 13. The French are encamped with a considerable Body of an Army at Deynse, which the King will command in person, who is expected to-morrow at Lille, and on Sunday at Ghent, the design is, that those Troops will march towards Bruges, and that their general Rendezvous is to be at Harlebecque near Courtray the beginning of the next week. But at the same time we are here full of apprehension that the King will come this way. The Intendants of the several French Garrisons, have summoned in 4000 Cows and Oxen; of which 1000 is charged upon Cambray, Cambresis, Valenciennes, and Bouchain, 1000 upon Tournay, &c. 1000 upon Ghent, 500 upon Courtray, and the like upon Aude-narde. From Tirllemont We have an account, that on Wednesday last the Sieur Calva, Governor of Maestricht, sent thither a Body of 14 Squadrons of Horse, where they brought up all the Provisions they could get, and carried them to Leeuwe; and they write from Liege of the 13 instant, that the French have laid a Bridge over the Durie at Cheuay, about a League from that City, for the passing the Troops they expect from France; that three Regiments have passed over that Bridge, who are sent from Maestricht to Leeuwe, which hath now a sufficient Garrison of Horse and Foot. The Letters we receive from Strasburg of the 6th instant tell us, that the Sieur Monschal is encamped with a Body of an Army below Schiestadt upon the River Ill, and that Marechal Crequi is daily expected there from Lorraine; that the Duke of Lorraine is come to Offenburg, and had sent a Body of Horse towards Friburg.

Ostend, May 15. The 3 instant arriv'd here the Monmouth Yacht with Soldiers, who were immediately sent to Bruges; and this day arrives two Yachts more with men, who will be likewise sent to Bruges, which place it's apprehended the French will besiege;

for we are assured, that great preparations are made at Ghent in order to some action of what kind.

Paris, May 14. The 12 instant the King, accompanied with the Duke of Orleans, parted from St. Germain for Flanders. On Saturday his Majesty purposes to be at Lille, and on Sunday at Ghent, where is at present a Train of Artillery of near one hundred pieces of Cannon, with Ammunition, and other things thereto belonging. From Lorraine we have an account, that the 9th instant the Marechal de Crequi parted from Nancy, on his way to Schiestadt, near which place the Army he is to command is drawing together. The Sieur Gabaret, who sailed about the beginning of March with nine great Men of War from Thoulon, for Messina, to act there according to the orders he should receive from the Duke de la Feuillade, was, it seems, so long detained by contrary winds in that Voyage, that before he arriv'd on the Coast of Sicily, the Duke de la Feuillade had quite quitted Messina, of which the Sieur Gabaret receiving advice, as he was entering the Fare, he changed his course, stood for Augusta, came to an anchor off that place, which the Magistrates understanding, they sent him several refreshments, and some of the Jurats came on board him, where, among other entertainment, they drank the Health of the two Kings, and told the Sieur Gabaret, that a general Pardon had been published at Messina, the Family of Saffaro excepted.

Dusseldorf, To-morrow the King will be at Ghent, where great preparations have been made for some great Enterprize; some say the King will attack Brussels, but nothing yet is certainly known. From Nimeguen they write, that the Dutch Ambassadors have had several Conferences there with those of our King; and that several advances were made towards a Peace. We have nothing new from the side of Germany; it is still said the Imperialists will in the first place attack Friburg, in which is at present a Garrison of 7000 men. If they do, our Troops will at the same time fall upon Luxemburg, which place they think they shall not find so well provided with all things necessary for its defence as Friburg is.

Whitehall, May 8. Monsieur Spanheim, Envoy Extraordinary, from his Electoral Highness Palatine, hath had his Audience of their Majesties, and of their Royal Highnesses, being conducted by Sir Charles Carteret, Master of the Ceremonies.

Advertisement.
Lost the 4th of this instant May, between London and Wapping, a Round Gold Watch, the wing the day of the month, in a Gold Pin Case, the Dial plate freeze'd with a little knot in the middle. The hand that points to the day of the month on a Steel Circle, and the name of Jeremy Gregory, at the Royal Exchange; tied to it a Steel turning Seal, with a Name and a Cherubins head over it; the other side with the Coat, Mantle and Crest, being a Cheverton and a Leopards-head, with a broken Sword in the Mouth. Who ever gives notice to Jeremy Gregory, Clockmaker at the Royal Exchange, shall have a 100
John Todd, was Robbed by three Highway-men, betwixt Kinsford and Newmarket in the County of Cambridge, on the 33d day of April last, of a black pacing Gelding, sadd of his hind feet with interlocking shoes. The one a 14 y pretty man, with a coloured cater hat, mounted on a bay Gelding about 14 hands, his hinder-feet white. The second a lusty young man, apparelled in black, with a light-coloured riding Coat, a brown Petticow, mounted upon a brown silver-haired Gelding, a white star on his forehead. The third a low, thick man with a new gray cloth Coat, his hair brown, mounted on a black Gelding, with some silver hairs on his forehead. Whoever can discover the aforesaid persons; or give intelligence of the Gelding taken away, let them repair to Mr. John Todd Haberdasher of Hats in St. Edmundsbury, or to Mr. Gerwase Locks Haberdasher of Hats upon London-bridge, shall be well rewarded.