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Portsmouth, May 30.

Yesterday past by the *Ile of Wight* for the *Downes*, a great Fleet of English Merchant-men, from the *Streights*. There are now at *Spithead* the *Royal Charles*, the *Royal James*, the *Lyon*, the *Dover*, the *Woolwich*, with other of His Majesties Frigats.

Strasburgh, May 30. According to the Letters we receive from the Imperial Camp, dated yesterday, and the report of several Officers who came hither this day, the two Armies continued posted, as we told you in our last; the French Army near *Friburg*, and the Imperial at *Capel*, some considerable Rencontres having hapned between their Parties; and on Friday last was brought Prisoners into the Imperial Camp the *Sieur de la Cordonnierre* the younger, with 80 Troopers; and on Saturday, one Captain *Heisler*, who was abroad with a Party of Horse, fell upon 300 French Horse, 100 Dragoons, and 80 Musqueteers, commanded by the *Sieur de Sylvester*, Brigadier of Horse, while they were refreshing themselves, and charged them so on the sudden, that not giving them time to put themselves into any order, the Imperialists killed many of them, and dispersed and put to flight the rest, and so returned to their Head-quarter, with a Major, three Captains, one Cornet, a Quartermaster, and 10 Troopers, whom they took Prisoners, and with about 200 Horses, which they had likewise taken. It is said that the Imperialists lost not above four or five men in this action, and some few wounded, amongst which latter is the Count *Altieri*, who was abroad with the said Party. We are told here, that the *Sieur de Sylvester* is carried wounded to *Friburg*. Yesterday the Duke of *Lorrain* sent out 2000 Horse, who passed the River *Elz*, with Orders to approach the Enemy, and observe in what posture they are; and Orders were given for the whole Imperial Army to decamp as this day, and the Bridge of Boats to be removed up higher. We are impatient to know what the Duke of *Lorrain*'s design is.

Hague, June 7. On Friday last in the evening, as we told you in our last, arrived here the Heer *Van Beverning*, and went presently to the Assembly of the States of *Holland*, who were met, upon the notice they had received some hours before, that his Excellency would be here in the evening; they continued not long together at that time, but adjourned their meeting till next morning; and in the mean time his Excellency went to *Honflaerdike*, where the Prince of *Orange* was, to give his Highness an account of things. The next morning his Highness came hither, and was in the Assembly of the States of *Holland*, where the Heer *Van Beverning* made his report of all that passed at the French Court, having brought with him a Letter from the King to this State, being a Recredential to him their Ambassador, and a Memorial which had been put into his hands by Order of the King,

containing his Majesties Answer to the matters he the Ambassador had represented to him by Order of the States. The States of *Holland* continued assembled till about 12 a clock, and then broke up, when his Highness went directly to the Assembly of the States General, who were still sitting. At five in the afternoon, the States General met again, and presently after a Deputation was sent to the English Ambassador, to communicate to him what had passed, and about 6 a clock all the Ministers of the Allies met together, and in like manner received an account of things from the Deputies of the States. The States of *Holland* are in the mean time separated till the 14 instant; and the Heer *Van Beverning* is ordered to return forthwith to *Nimeguen*, to pursue the matter of the Peace, which is now believed, by all People to be very far advanced. Madam *Courrin*, Wife of one of the French Ambassadors at *Nimeguen*, is come hither, to see the Countrey.

The Most Christian Kings Answer to the Letter of the States General, presented to him by their Ambassador the Heer *Van Beverning*.

Most dear, great Friends, Allies, and Confederates, We have with much pleasure understood, as by the Letter you writ us, so by the Assurances which the Heer *Van Beverning*, your Extraordinary Ambassador, hath in your Name given us, the dispositions, in which you profess your selves to be, to a Peace. We cannot let you better know, how firm and sincere our intentions are, to procure so great and so general a good for Europe, than by the Writing, which we have commanded to be put into his hands. You will see the new Facilities we offer to put you in a state to bring your Allies to consent to the Conditions, which we cannot doubt but you judge equitable. And having nothing farther to add thereto, we onely assure you of the satisfaction we shall have, in giving you back with the Peace, our old and real friendship, and in entring with you into the strongest and most capable Engagements, for securing ever your Liberty; which we have more amply explained our selves upon to the Heer *Van Beverning*, whose Conduct and Person hath been very acceptable to us. There remains onely, That we pray God to have you, Most dear, great Friends, Allies, and Confederates, in his holy keeping. Given in our Camp at *Wetteren*, the first day of June, 1678.

Your good Friend, Ally, and Confederate,
LOUIS.

Underneath was Signed *Arnauld*.

Memorial delivered to the Heer *Van Beverning*, by Order of the Most Christian King.

THE King hath with pleasure seen, as by the Letter of the Heeren the States General, so by the Assurances which they have given him by the Heer *Van Bever-*

Beverning, their Extraordinary Ambassador, that their Intentions to a General Peace, correspond with the desire his Majesty hath always had to procure the same, and that they are ready to accept the Conditions which his Majesty hath offered them by his Ambassadors and Plenipotentiaries at Nimeguen. But at the same time that the Heer Van Beverning hath thus made known to him the Sentiments of the said States General, he hath in their Name prayed his Majesty would grant a Cessation of Arms for six Weeks, and hath represented to him, that they had need of that time, to communicate with their Allies, and to obtain their consent for the concluding of so great a work. The condition in which his Majesties Arms are at present, and the favourable opportunity that would be lost in deferring their acting, would not permit him to consent to this Proposal, if the desire to give Peace to Europe, did not much more prevail in him, than that of enlarging his Frontiers by new Conquests. It is, in this consideration to contribute to the Publick Repose, that he will agree, at the desire of the said States General, to a Cessation of Arms for six weeks, to begin the first day of the next month, such as one was stipulated between France and Spain in the year 1668. But forasmuch as it would not be just, if the Enemies of his Majesty should let that time pass fruitlessly, and that instead of its serving to advance the Peace, they should make advantage thereof, to avoid the effect of his Majesties Arms, that he should have lost the advantageous conjuncture which is at present in his hand; His Majesty desires of the said States General, that they do promise him, that in case during the time of the said Cessation of Arms, they cannot bring their Allies to accept the Conditions which he hath offered, they will not assist them directly or indirectly against him, or against his Allies, during the whole course of the War. In exchange his Majesty will, in such case renew to them the same Engagements, which he hath taken with them by his Letter of the 18 of the last month, as well for what concerns the same Conditions, which he will be always ready to agree to Spain as for the security of the places in the Netherlands. His Majesty hath thought fit to make known to the said States General, by this Memorial, which he hath appointed to be delivered to the Heer Van Beverning, the sincerity of his Intentions for a Peace. And to give them a yet far greater testimony thereof, he doth command the Duke of Luxemburg, General of his Army, to go and expect their Answer, during this month, in the Neighborhood of Brussels, with Orders not to attack any place during that time. Given in the Camp at Wetteren, the first day of June, 1678.

Signed L O U I S,

And underneath

Arnauld.

Brussels, June 7 The French Army, under the command of the Duke of Luxemburg, is encamped at *Leuwe St. Pierre*, a League from this City, in the way to *Nostre Dame de Hall*, their advanced Guards are at *Anderlach*, not half a League from hence, and their Parties come almost to our Gates every day. *Mareschal d'Humieres* has put most of his Troops into quarters of refreshment; and *Monsieur Montal* having drawn out the greatest part of the Garisons between the *Sambre* and the *Meuse*, has posted himself with a considerable Body on this side *Mons*, hath fortified all the Passes, and so closely shut up the place on all sides, that no body can go in or out. In the mean time the Spanish Troops are encamped upon the Canal, between this place and *Vivord*, and we are told that the Dutch Troops will advance this way

very suddenly. The Letters we receive from *Liege*, give us an account, that a Party of the Garison of *Maestricht*, made the last week an incursion into the Dutchy of *Fuliers*, and burnt above 30 Villages, and six Castles, belonging to Gentlemen. The French have sent a Detachment towards Germany.

Antwerp, June 7. Monsieur Beverning, who was sent by the States General to the Most Christian King, returned four dayes since on his way to the Hague, having obtained a Cessation of Arms, which we here look upon as a great step towards the Peace. The French Army is now encamped in the Neighborhood of *Brussels*, and the Generals have Orders not to attack any place, but to continue to raise Contributions as formerly, and to provide subsistence for the Army at the cost of these Countries. *Mons* is now closely blocked up than ever, by the *Sieur de Montal*.

Paris, June 8. Since the Kings return to *St. Germain*, the whole discourse at Court has been of Peace. His Majesty has left his Army in *Flanders* under the Command of the Duke of *Luxemburg*, who, according to our last Advice, was encamped between *Alost* and *Ninove*. The *Marquis d'Albret* is gone with four Battalions of Foot and ten Squadrons of Horse, to join the *Marschal de Schomberg*, who is at present about *Aix la Chapelle*, his design, it's thought, is to fall into the Dutchy of *Fuliers*. From *Alface* we have Letters of the 4th instant, which say, that the *Marschal de Crequi* is encamped at *Alayen* near *Friburg* and that the Imperial Army is removed to *Herking* and *Knitzick*; that the Duke of *Lorraine* had given Orders for the finishing with all the speed possible the Bridge over the *Rhine* at *Rheinaw*. The 3d instant, a Party of Imperialists came to near the *Marschal de Crequi's* Army, as to fall upon the Guards, and to beat them to a certain Church, where a Body of Foot was posted, they took four Troopers and a Quartermaster Prisoners. The Letters we receive from *Rome* say, the Turks had taken *Agusa*; which, if it be true, will give a great Alarm to the *Venetians*, &c.

Advertisements.

LOst out of *St. James's Park*, a black and white Spaniel Dog, belonging to His Majesty, his legs and nose mutilated. Whoever gives notice at the *Kings Bath*, or to *Mr. William Collins* shall be well rewarded. This Dog was lost the 18th of May last.

LOst the 23 of May last, between *Hoddeston* and *London*, a Sink skin Purse, with Silver and Gold in it, to the value of 7 l. 4 s. (one piece being of five Guineys.) If the Finder bring it to His Majesties Printing-House in *Black Fryers*, he shall be rewarded to his own content.

LOst in *St. Martins-lane*, or thereabouts, the 27th of May last, one Pendant Drop, set with seven small Table Diamonds about, and one bigger Table Diamond in the middle, about four or five Grains. If any one hath taken it up, or can tell where the same is to be had, let them give speedy notice to *Sir Charles Cotterel* in *St. Martins-lane*, or to *Mr. Ciggs* Goldsmith near *St. Clements Church* in the Strand, they shall be well rewarded.

SOlten or Strayed from *Brainford Ferry* in the County of *Middlesex*, the 7th of May last, A broad squat white beagle Bitch with broad black spots on the side and ears, cut tail, the sight of one eye gone, scutcher-headed, and brown eye brows. Whoever will bring her, or give notice of her to the *Kenel* at the *Red-Deer Park* at *Amptwell* in *Bucks*, or to *Mr. Nevills* at the *St. Johns Head* in *St. John Street*, *London*, shall be very well rewarded.

A Little Spaniel Bitch shaved, tawny colour all over lost on the 29th of May last in the *Pall mall*. Whoever brings her again to *Mr. Curar* in the *Pall mall*, over against the *Dukes-head* by *St. James's*, shall have a Guiney Reward.