

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 *Anderlack*, not half a League from hence, and their Parties come almost to our Gates every day. *Marschal 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 Bark House*, or to *Mr. William Cb. fens* shall be well rewarded. This Dog was lost the 18th of May last.

LOst the 23 of May last, between *Hodfson* 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.

SOtolen or Strayed from *Brainsford 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.