

Naples, April 19. The two Gallies intended for *Spain* with Soldiers, &c. are not yet parted from hence having been detained by contrary winds; the Duke de *Medina Sidonia*, and the President *Don Gio. Salamanca* being likewise embarked with them.

Gio. Michael Cicala, formerly a *Balla* amongst the *Turks*, but now turned Christian, intends suddenly to go into the Emperors service, who, (it is said) is pleased to bestow some considerable command upon him: He lately made his visit to the Vice-Roy, attended by a great number of private Coaches, by whom he was received with all the civility that could be expected.

Rome, April 23. The Popes condition still continues desperate, notwithstanding some intervals from his pains, and sometimes a little refreshment by sleep. Prayers are daily made in all the Churches for him, and the Sacrament exposed according to custom on such occasions.

His Holiness has made a distribution of several sums of moneys to his Servants, proportionably according to their Qualities, and diligence in their attendance on him, especially during the time of his Sickness.

On Thursday last arrived here incognito from *Legorn*, the Marquis de *St. Romens Velaz*, Ambassadour from the Catholic Court, having been met some miles from the Town, by the Cardinal *Raggi*, and the Landgrave, with a great number of Prelates, and other friends and well-wishers to the Crown of *Spain*; since his arrival he has been complemented (at the Palace of *Don Mario Chigi*, where he is entertained) in the name of the Cardinals, Ambassadors, and the Princes of the Court.

Paris, May 11. He is within these two days arrived at this Court, an Extraordinary Courtier from *Spain*, sent by the Archbishop of *Ambrun*, but his business not known. It is confidently said, that his Majesty has lately concluded and signed a Treaty of Alliance between himself, and the Bishop of *Munster*.

The Count *Guillame de Firtemberg* is arrived here, being deputed to this Court by the Princes of the *Rhine*.

His Majesty has ordered the raising of a new Regiment for the *Dauphin*, which is to be called by the name of the *Dauphins Regiment*, the companies are to be distributed amongst the Gentlemen that are younger Brothers, and attend him in his Companies of Guards, who are to receive their Commissions from the *Dauphin*.

On Monday His Majesty goes to lie at the President de *Champlatreux* House, in his way towards the Frontiers.

Upon the earnest solicitation of Monsieur *Talon* in the behalf of Monsieur *Mirza*, and de *la Grange*, his Majesty is pleased to remit somewhat of the rigor of his Sentence; and is contented that they confine themselves to their own estates, whither they are to retire with all speed.

Monsieur de *Pelletier*, a Counsellor in Parliament, has received his Majesties Commands to go for *Breda*, to assist at the Treaty in quality of Envoye from *France*.

The Marquis de *Nereflan* and de *Chamilly*, are named for *Ayder de Camp*.

The Inhabitants of the *Franche Comte* being terrified with the French preparations, and fearing a party might be sent amongst them; have sent a Deputy to the Archbishop of *Lyon*, desiring him to inform his Majesty, that they are willing to make him an annual payment of a hundred thousand Crowns; as formerly they did in the last Wars: The Archbishop upon conference with Monsieur *Colbert* returned them in answer, That he could say little to the offer of the hundred thousand Crowns; but on condition they would live quietly and peaceably, they might assure themselves they should not be molested.

No Army is yet designed for *Italy*. The French Army is divided into three parties, the greatest and most considerable Body to be commanded by the Marschal de *Turenne*, as Lieutenant-General, consisting of 45000 Men, and Monsieur de *Prince* made President of the Council of War: The other two, one is to march into *Asia*, consisting of 5000 Men, commanded by the Prince de *Vaudemont*; and the

third into *Catalonia*, which way the forces in *Normandy* and about *Rochele*, are ordered to march.

Hague, May 9. The Ambassadors begin now to appear at *Breda*, and some few days we suppose will give beginning to the Treaty: in the mean time, about 30 of our Men of War are abroad to guard the Seas, and to Convoy our Merchants, the rest of the Fleet sitting up with all diligence, but we have hopes the good proceeding of the Treaty will hinder their going out.

From *Rotterdam* we are informed of the arrival there of two ships with Seamen from *France*, which are to serve aboard the ships built for the King of *France* at *Amsterdam*, with them is arrived a Son to the Duke of *Bouillon*, who is to command on the *Invincible*, one of the new ships, carrying between 80 and 90 Guns.

From *Brussels* and the parts adjoining, we are advised that the apprehensions of the French design upon the Spanish *Netherlands* much allarms them: The people begin to leave their habitations in the Countrey, and repair with their goods into the stronger places. They speak also of an Edict lately published by the States of *Brabant*, obliging all Persons of what Condition, Dignity, or Profession soever, whether Clergy or Lay, to bring in their Corn into the fortified places of that Province; under the penalty of forfeiture if discovered, having liberty given to reserve only to themselves a month or two moneths provision for the proportionable service of their houses.

They are very diligent in repairing the Fortifications both at *Brussels*, *Lovain*, and *Mepkelin*, the Religion themselves not exempted from labouring at the Works.

Edinburgh, May 3. Since the late appearance of the Dutch Squadron before *Burnt Island*, we have heard no further news of them; the Guns they fired had only this effect, that it drew the people together in great numbers; who, if there had been occasion, were ready and very eager to have entertained them, giving by this their ready appearance, a sufficient testimony of their cheerfulness and courage to defend their Countrey against all invaders.

Portsmouth, May 7. Since the arrival of Sir *Robert Holmes* in these parts, much care has been taken by him for the security of the coasts, and the safe passage of our Merchants.

Several Vessels have by his order been sent out to cruise, but have as yet met with little prize, save only a small French Sloop, which one of the Frigats chased on shore on the coast of *France*, and another small prize brought in by one of the Ketches.

Whitehall, May 8. This week is come to hand a Treaty lately published at *Paris*, by way of Dialogue, between three Advocates, viz. A *French*, *German*, and *Fleming*; in the which are discoursed the Rights and pretensions of His Majesty of *France*, upon a part of the Spanish *Netherlands*, with a Preface after an unusual form, wherein after an account of what hath already passed between the King and the Queen Regent of *Spain*, upon this matter, it is declared, That the King fearing that a longer patience might prejudice the Interest of the Queen his wife, Spain having already taken advantage of it, in exacting a new Oath from those Estates that are fallen to him, is resolved to march and take possession of them in a posture fit to assure the quiet of such of his subjects as shall be faithful to him, or to force the Rebellion of those that shall refuse to acknowledge him for their true and lawful Sovereign.

The Treaty is written in French, and will in few days be made English for publick satisfaction.

An Advertisement.

WE are by His Majesties Command to give notice, That by reason of the great Weas which are growing on, there will be no further Touching for the EVIL till Michaelmas next; and accordingly all persons concerned, are to forbear their Addresses till that time.