

la Valiere, who is now to be stiled *Mary Anne of Bourbon*, Dutchesse de la Valiere: in whose favour his Majesty lately bought the Lands or Manor of *Vaujour* in *Thourenne* valued at 30000 Livres a year, which is made a Dutchy, which the Mother is to enjoy for life, but the reversion to be the Daughters, and her Heirs Males, and for want of such Issue to revert to the Crown.

Our last Letters from the Frontiers tell us, that some of his Majesties forces being advanced near the borders of the Spanish Territories, the Count de *Marfin* faced them at the head of a body of Horse, which obliged them to retire to the other side of the River, but that no act of hostility was committed by either party.

From *Copenhagen* we are informed of the arrival there of the *Sieur de la Roche*, to whom are delivered the two great ships built there for his Majesties service, that they have begun to put in their Guns and Provisions, and will be suddenly ready to set sail for the *Texel*.

*Paris, May 24.* An Envoye is dispatched hither from the Council of *Spain* (with Credentials) empowering the Marquis *De la Fuentes* to make some Overtures to his Majesty, touching the present differences between the two Crowns.

By a Courier arrived from the Frontiers we have advice, that 10000 Horse are already marched towards the River of *Encre*, under the command of the Marquis *D'Humieres*.

The *D. of Lorain* demurs upon raising his Troops, excusing himself, as if he foresaw the Pieces of the Empire intended to Arm, and therefore might reasonably judge he may have need of them himself to defend his own Territories from Prince *Charles*; but the design of this is thought to be rather to draw the King on to allow him 50000 Livres a Month, whereas the King hath agreed but to Forty.

The King hath chosen the *Comte de Chantilly* Lieu. Gen. of his Army, instead of *Monsieur de Pradell*, his Infirmitie not permitting him to serve in the Campaigne.

The League Offensive and Defensive between *France* and *Portugal*, was concluded on his most Christian Majesties part by the *Sieur St Romain*, some of the conditions are these;

That *France* should maintain at their charge four thousand Men in the service of *Portugal*, and advance them for the first year two Millions of Livres.

His Majesty obliges himself not to enter into any Treaty, for the future with *Spain*, without including *Portugal*, and that they should acknowledge him a King; and in case the King of *France*, desist from making War upon *Spain*, without concluding either Treaty or Truce, or yet a cessation of Armes, then to double the sum promised to the *Portugals*. On the other side the King of *Portugal* obliges himself, to adhere inviolably to the Interest of *France*, and not to Treat without him. The Articles were signed by the King of *Portugal*, and the *Sieur S. Romain* sent Envoye with them from thence, who landing at *Rochelle*, is gone to find out the King to performe his part in the ratification.

*Brussels, May 25.* Our Letters from the Frontiers tell us, That the French King is expected, if not already at *Arras*, which increases the Fears of our People, who have generally left their Houses, and betaken themselves to the great Towns: Those about *Cassel*, *Furnes*, *Eerghen*, *St Winock*, and the parts thereabouts, are with their Wives, Children and Cartels, fled into the Forest, where their Necessities lead them to prey upon all persons that pass by them, whom they indifferently strip, without any distinction or regard had to their Qualities. In *Artois*, *Luxembourg*, and *Haynault*, they have also the same apprehensions, and have quitted the smaller Towns, as well as the Villages, intending only to make good the great Cities, which are so full thronged with people, that 'tis believed, they will hardly endure a long Siege for want of provisions.

The French King hath sent Letters to severall Cities and Magistrates in these Provinces, exhorting them to render themselves to him as to their Natural Prince and Sovereign; but the Copies of them are with much care kept from the People, to prevent the consequences that might be feared from them. 300 Spanish Soldiers of the Count de *Montmorey's* Regiment, are put into the Castle of *Antwerp*, and

three Ravelins ordered to be made between the 3. principall Gates of that City, the better to defend the Trenches, the Courtins being thought to be too long.

600. French are already marched into *Armentiers*, and taken possession of it, the Works being formerly demolished. The 23. instant *Charleroy* was blown up, as a place not thought to be of strength sufficient to defend it self against the French Army.

*Hague, May 22.* The 19 instant Vicesadmiral *Van Ghent* arrived here, and the next day went to the Assembly of the States, to give them an account of his late Expedition.

The Fleet intends suddenly to put to Sea, and several of the States Deputies to go with them. *De Ruyter* is lately slain ill of an Ague, which 'tis thought may a little retard the setting out of the Fleet.

*Breda, May 22.* The English Ambassadors being arrived at *Terheyden*, were received into the Fort called the *Little Sconce*, where Lodgings were provided for them, till their Houses in this place could be furnished and made fit to receive them. Yesterday they sent some of their Gentlemen to the Governor of this place, to give him notice of their Intentions to make their publique Entry on Wednesday, and accordingly all necessary Provisions are made to receive them, in the same manner as they did the French and Dutch Ambassadors.

The 20. instant, *D'Estrades* being returned hither from the *Hague*, the *Netherland*, *French*, and *Danish* Ministers had a Conference at his House, to consider of the best wayes of preventing any Disorders that might happen in the Night, by reason of the great Confluence of people; and it has been thought fit to publish by beat of Drum, and sound of Trumpet, That no Souldiers, either Horse or Foot, shall continue in the Streets or in the Inns, after the setting of the Watch, but to repair immediately to their Lodgings, under a severe Penalty upon such as shall be found afterwards abroad.

The *Swedes* Ambassadors came on Friday last to *Helvoets-Sluis*, and are upon their way hither.

*Bristol, May 15.* The last week arrived here a small Vessel of *London* from *Cales*, separated by storm from their Convoy, under the Command of Rere Admiral *Kempthorne*, and another Vessel from *New-England*, laden with Sugar, Tobacco, and Tarr, but since Saturday last arrived in *Kings-Road* six others of our Vessels from *Malaga*, *Cales*, and *Lisbonne*, who came under the same Convoy from the *Streights*, but met with no Enemy or disaster by the way.

*Tarmouth, May 15.* This Morning a small Hoy of this Town, that was employed to fetch the Cable and Anchor left by the *Victory* in *Mondesley Road*, was by a Flemish Galliot of six Guns chased on shoare, and afterwards fired, but the Men got all of them safe to Land. The same Galliot with a sloop met the night before with the *Light Fleet*, but had chase given them by the *Guiny*, we heare not of any other hurt done upon our Coasts.

*Whitehal, May 16.* This Evening dyed in his House near *Holbourne*, of a long and violent distemper of the Stone, the Right Honourable *Thomas Earl of Southampton*, Lord High Treasurer of *England*, and one of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council, infinitely regretted by His Majesty, and the whole Court, for his great Loyalty and Affection to the Crown, and for that eminent Integrity and Worth, with which he particularly discharged the Trusts of that Place.

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

THE Officers of his Majesty's Exchequer now in prosecution of the payments of Loanes upon the Act for 1250000 l. are upon the payment of the 304th Order in Number. And all persons that are concerned in the preceding Orders to that Number, which have not yet taken up their Moneys, may upon bringing in their Orders and Tallies receive their due payment.