

*Milan, May 4.* Our Governor has been very carefull in taking an account of the several Forts and Places of strength within his Government, having sent his principal Officers to take a view of the Fortifications, with speedy order for their Reparations; especially at *Valenza, Mortara, Novara,* and *Alexandria*, where the Works have been much endamaged and decayed this last Winter.

The Governor of this Dutchy, *Don Luis Pons de Leon* has lately sent his Secretary of State to *Genova*, amongst other Affairs there to hire some of their Vessels, which he intends to send with Soldiers some time this Month towards *Spain*.

*Breslaw, May, 5.* From *Ukrania* our Letters advise us, that the *Cham of Tartary* commanded some parties of his forces to make an incursion upon the Neighbouring parts of *Poland*, which they accordingly executed, plundering several Towns and Villages, setting diverse of them on fire, and carrying away with them a great number of Prisoners.

Letters from *Smolensko* confirm the resolution of the *Muscovites* to preserve the Peace made with the *Polanders*, and that by the timely succors of 8000 Men sent to their assistance, they defeated a great body of the *Tartars* and *Rebell Cossagues*, whom they pursued 16 or 20 Leagues, in which retreat the greatest part of them were cut in peeces.

The Diet at *Warsaw* is at present in a hopeful posture, and 'tis believed will have a better issue then the former. It is said they are already near an agreement in several points of greatest concernment, as that 1. the Amnesty be observed. 2. The Constitutions of the Kingdom be confirmed. 3. That the Estates dispose of the moneys. 4. That Diet be prolonged till the important affairs of the Kingdom be settled. 5. That no Foreign forces be called in, but the Envoys to Foreign Princes be recalled, and if the War with the *Turks* should proceed, the Nobility will endeavor with their lives and fortunes to oppose them. 6. That some speedy course be taken for the raising of five Millions for the satisfaction of the soldiery.

'Tis also said, That the King has Oblig'd Himself, under His Hand, not to move farther for the Nomination of a Successor, during His Life; and, that He will inviolably observe, and maintain the Priviledges of the Kingdom; and, according to the Custome of former Diets, Commissioners are named, to take care, that the Constitutions thereof be committed to Writing.

*Venice, May 16.* Our Letters from the *Levant* tell us, That our Armata, upon information of a strong Convoy of severall Turkish Gallies which intended to pass for *Canea* with supplies of Men and Provisions, have changed their station, and intend to lye at the *Dardanelli*, the better to attend their motion.

Generall *Morofini* lies still about *Milo*, from whence he sends out his Ships in their turns to Cruise, and to observe the Enemy: The *Marquis Villa* is gone from thence, with three Ships well stored with Ammunition, and other necessaries, which he intends to put into *Candia*.

The *Grand Vicer* continues still in Person at *Canea*, highly offended at the late ill success of the Convoy, designed thither; which he revenged in part, by taking off the Heads of the six Captains, that escaped thither with their Gallies, for not obeying his Commands, in Relieving, and Defending the Convoy: He has lately Wrote again to the *Ottoman Court* for a greater supply of Men, Informing the *Grand Seignour* of the extraordinary Strength of the City of *Candia*, which yet he supposes not to be invincible; but assures him of success, on condition he be well supplied, and furnisht with a numerous Army.

*Hambourg, May 21.* We are by several Letters from *Warsaw*, informed of the late decease of the Queen of *Poland*, who falling into a desperate fit of her distemper the 9th instant, dyed the next day, which 'tis supposed will occasion some revolutions in that Kingdom: The Diet is not yet broken up, or is it yet known what Progress they have made into affaires, the *French* designs are much broken in that Kingdom, and the *Poles* much inclin'd to another match for their King, out of the *Austrian Family*: 'tis said also that a match is concluded between the Duke of *Brunswick Lunenbourg*, and one of the Princesses of the Emperors house.

The *Swedes* forces in the Dukedome of *Bremen* (change frequently their quarters, and their General march is suddenly expected: they grow daily more numerous; Their business with the City of *Bremen* is like to be fairly ended, and the Ratification of the Articles in all probability like to pass to their mutual satisfaction.

*Hague, May 24.* Upon the late Manifesto sent to the States from the King of *France*, touching his pretensions to the *Spanish Netherlands*, the *Spanish Ambassador* presented this following Memorial to the States, with the annexed letter from the Governor of those *Netherlands*, the *Marquis de Castel Rodrigo*.

A Memorial of the *Spanish Ambassador*, presented to the States General.

I whose Name is under written, the Ambassador from *Spain*, having received yesterday by an Extraordinary Messenger, this adjoynd Letter from Monsieur the *Marquis de Castel Rodrigo*, with the *French Translation*, I thought it not fit to loose any time in the delivery of it to the Lords the States General of the *United Provinces*; and since the Proposal he has made, is of the highest concernment for the good of both Countries, I pray and earnestly require their Lordships to nominate some Commissioners, who may without delay confer with him, and receive from him what he shall farther offer as to that affair.

Given at the Hague, May 23 1667.

Signed *Gamarra*.

The *Marquis De Castel Rodrigo's Letter to the States General of the United Provinces.*

BY the Letter which I understand the most Christian King hath lately sent to your High and Mightinesses, you have seen the Resolution which he hath taken to invade these Countries, and that without any breach of Peace; under a pretext that satisfaction has been deny'd him concerning a Right, by which he pretends to strip the King my Master, of the Province of *Brabant* and its Appendances, as he Declares in the Manifesto published by him, to which I refer my self: That which I am to offer to your H. and M. upon an accident of this great Importance, and a way of acting so irregular, you will hear from the Ambassador, &c. de *Gamarra*; as also the Reasons that attend the Cause of the King my Master; hoping, that your H. and M. will assist him in so surprising an Invasion, which I ought not to doubt of from the Justice of your H. and M. and from the Friendship, Neighbourhood, and Correspondency, in a Danger which is now common to both Estates. So referring my self to what he shall farther acquaint you with, I shall wait for such Resolutions from you, as are proportionable to the great Prudence of your H. and M. and may prevent the common Danger which not only threatens these Estates of the King my Master, but those also of our Neighbors, and that with as much Expedition as the present Exegency requires. God preserve, &c.

*Portsmouth, May 19.* Yesterday came in here from Cruising one of his Majesties Frigats, having met with no adventure at Sea, but only was informed by a Vessel he met with from *St. Martins*, that the *French Fleet* consisting of about 60 sail of Men of War, Fitt-ships and Merchantmen, were riding about those parts, but not a word spoken of their sailing; and by another Vessel that came in eight daies from the *Texel*, that about 40 of the *Dutch Fleet* were lying there, but without any orders to put to Sea.

*Whitehall, May 22.* This day the Right Honorable Sir *John Duncombe Knight*, was Sworn of His Majesties most Honorable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

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 Travelling for the EVIL till Michaelmas next, and accordingly all persons concerned, are to forbear their Journeys at that time.