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Pembroke, May 25.

WE have here a report that the *Garland* Frigate going from this Harbor, had above an hours dispute with a Privateer, about a League from the shore, the Guns being heard near this place, and 'tis believed, the Privateer is taken.

Pendennis, May 27. This morning came in the *Mermaid* and the *Serlings*, having without any adventure, been cruising upon the Coasts. Yesterday past by this Harbor, nine or ten fair ships, which we are informed are *Swedes* from France, laden with Wine and Salt.

Plymouth, May 28. Yesterday the *Anne* Frigate brought in here a pretended *Swede* of 250 Tuns, laden with Salt, Honey, Linnen Cloth, Wines, and other Commodities, but is supposed prize, the Skipper proving an *Hollander*; and his pals gotten at the *Hague*.

Cadix, May 10. Ten ships of the *Armada* are fitted up, and ready to take in their Provisions for a Voyage, but to what certain place is not yet known, though supposed only to ly upon the Coasts of *Portugal*. Several ships are lately arrived here from *Genova*, and other places of the *Levant* with Wheate, which is now much fallen in its price, from 21 to 24 or 25 Rials the Fanega, which contains about 11 Gallons *Winchester* measure. The *Turks* Vessels are very numerous, and ply hard about the *Streights* mouth, where they have lately taken three small Prizes laden with Wheate. The *Santa Clara* of *Genova*, with the same lading, was about three daies since unhappily cast away, upon the *Diamond*, a Rock in the entry of the Bay off *Cadix*.

The *Hamburg* Convoy of 14 Merchant ships about the same time arrived from *Adalaga* at this Port, and in a weeks time may sail Northwards in company with the *Offend* Fleet, under Convoy of two men of War, in which are to Embaue a Regiment of Soldiers for *Flanders*, that were lately sent from *Naples*. The going out of the Fleet for *New Spain*, is as yet uncertain, two men of War are ordered to conduct the *Quicksilver* ships: On the first man of War that goes to the *Indies*, is to embark *Don Lorenzo Santos*, *de San Pedro*, Regent of *Seville*, intending for the *Canaries*, to settle the late broyles occasioned by those of *Teneriff*, against the *Canary* Company; taking with him several of their Factors, whom he intends to Right in their possessions, Estates and Debts.

Cologne, May 22. From *Rathbonne* we are told, that the Diet is expecting his Imperial Majesties resolution as to the general reformation of their Coins: some intentions there are to have a particular Assembly called for the approbation of such Coins as shall be generally current; to which purposes all the provinces, as being equally concerned, shall send their Deputies: They are now falling upon the regulation of their Politie. The Electoral Colledge is much concerned at the procedure of the King of France, and at his thoughts of obliging the Empire to give him passage for his Forces: 'tis believed that the Cardinal *de Saxe* will for some longer time defer his voyage to *Rome*. The Polish Envoy has not yet made any motion of assistance, being willing (as 'tis believed) first of all to sound the intention of the Estates.

Legorno, May 16. The Duke *de Medina Sidonia*, is in the Captain Gally of *Naples* gone for *Spain*, having set sail from hence the eight instant, the other three Gallies returning in two daies after for *Naples*, where as 'twas said they were to joyn with two others of that same Squadron, together

with the Squadrons of *Sicily*, *Malta* and *Rome*, intending to make up a Fleet, under the Standard of the Church, and altogether to set sail for *Candia*, to assist the *Venetians* in their Wars.

Here is lately arrived in this Harbor a Barque of this place in eight daies from *Tunis*, whose Gallies and other Vessells are frequently set out in search for prize: they advise us that there lately came to *Tunis* a Chiaus sent from the Ottoman Court, by special order from the Grand Signior to command them to draw all their considerable Vessells together, and to sail with all the diligence they are able to assist him in his Wars with the *Venetians*, and to joyn with the rest of his Fleet, which are suddenly intended for *Candia*. The same Chiaus after the delivery of his message, embarking in a Bregantine, went for *Algiers*, with the like commands to the *Corfayres* of that place.

The same Vessel tells us that the News there at *Tunis* was, that those of *Tripoly* were far engaged in a War with the *Mores*; and that they had lately fallen very fiercely upon the Christians there, in throwing down their Altars, with their Churches, and other publique places, being hardly induced at the intercession of the French Consul to spare the Church of *St. Anthony*, falsely attributing their great drought, which afflicts them with the thoughts of an imminent Famine to be a punishment for their remissness in suffering the Christian slaves to enjoy the liberty of their Religion among them.

Genova, May 17. Yesterday arrived here four *Hamburgers*, richly laden from *Spain*; with one *Venetian* from *Offend*. From *Turin* they write, that Signior *de Miles* Envoy from the Duke of *Savoy* to the *Swiss* Cantons, had given lately an account to his Highness from *Zurich*, of his Negotiation there with the *Swiss*, who had freely offered to use their endeavors with those of *Geneva*, to perswade them to send two of their Deputies to *Turin*, with full power to Treat, and conclude all Differences between them and the Duke, and to take from them any doubts they might make of being ill treated in *Savoy*; the Cantons likewise offered to send one Deputy of their own, to be joyned with those from *Geneva*, who shall be delegated from, and act in the name of all the Cantons, to perform the Office of Mediator, for the more speedy putting an end to all Disputes; but, to this *de Miles* has at present demurred, as not having sufficient power or instructions to resolve, desiring time to acquaint his Master with their Proposals, and encouraging them to expect speedy satisfaction.

Genova, May 24. The three French Gallies, which attended the Cardinals *Vendosme* and *de Retz*, to *Civita Vecchia*, passed by us yesterday in their return for *Marseilles*, having by the way taken two *Genouese* Felucas, bound hence for *Legorne*, and in them 15000. Pieces of Eight, with other considerable Lading, for which satisfaction or restoration will be speedily demanded.

The Governour of *Milan* has given particular order for visiting and repairing the Fortifications of several places upon the Frontiers of *Piadmont* and *Monferrat*, to prevent any sudden attempts that the French may make upon them on that side; and is resolved to raise what Forces he is able, both to supply the *Spaniards* abroad, and to defend the Dutchy, at home; to which purpose he has sent to the Viceroy of *Naples* for a present supply of Money, wherein he is like to meet with some difficulty, by reason of the great sums will necessarily be drawn from thence, to furnish the Ambassadors at *Rome*, to encourage the *Spanish* Interest in the Conclave.

Hague, June 3. We talk of sending out our Fleet in three or four days, in order whereunto, the Pensionary *de Witte*, is with the Squadron of the *Maes* gone from the *Texel*, where the rest of the Fleet attends him, which they intend to reinforce with a Regiment of 28 Companies, each company consisting of 86 Men, under the command of Colonel *Dolman*, but their design is uncertainly discoursed of. We are much concerned at a report which has been for some time blown about, that the English have taken from us several Islands in *Africa*. The French are pressing hard for an assistance of 6000 Men to be sent them for the carrying on the War against the *Netherlands*, the States are accordingly convened to consider what answer to return: The Province of *Groeninge*, having hitherto been very forwards in contributing their Quota's, which they usually advanced beforehand, for the carrying on of the War, have of late refused to make any farther payment, till the other richer, and more considerable Provinces, who are far behind in arrears, shall have first paid off their proportions.

The Ambassadors and Plenipotentiaries at *Breda*, have not as yet had any Session about the Treaty, the time hitherto being only passed in Visits, and perusing their several Letters of Credence.

By our last Letters we are told, That the Fleet is put to Sea, and have Rendezvoused off the *Texel*, where they as yet continue: Several Merchant ships from 2, to 400 tons are hired, and Victual'd by the owners for a month, and are to take in Souldiers.

Hague, June 5. The Pensionary *de Witte*, with other persons of Quality that went from hence, we suppose are before this arrived at the *Texel*; and, although we have not heard any late news from them, we suppose we may suddenly hear that the Fleet is put to Sea: The *Brandenburg* Ministers *Roomswinkel* and *Bluspill* went hence yesterday for *Aechlyn*: From *Breda* we are inform'd, That the Treaty began the third Instant in the Castle, where the first business they fell upon, was, The Examination and Approbation of the Credential Letters; that first Conference continuing from nine in the Morning till Noon.

Brussels, June 4. The French are fortifying *Charles-Roy* which though in part blown up by the *Spaniards*, yet a considerable part of the Fortifications being left standing, the French are like in little time to repair, to which purpose they call in the Country people, whom they encourage by well paying them, 15 or 16 Sols a day. The 31st past, the King of France lay at *Binche*, the first instant, at *Mariemont*; the second at *Trefigny*; the Army taking up their Posts in the adjacent Towns, being in number about 22000 Foot, and 10000 Horse: Another body of Men about 18000 being commanded to march for *Luxembourg*, under the command of *Marschal de la Ferte*.

Upon the approach of the French Army, the *Marquis de Castel Rodrigo* had some intentions of removing the larger quantity of Corne, which the Country had brought into *Louvain*, for which purpose he sent his Orders to the Magistrates of that City, reserving only a proportionable Provision for a month or six weeks, which was opposed by the people, who seditiously threatened the Burgesmaster with death, in case he suffered any of their Corne to be removed. Since this upon new debate a thousand Spanish Soldiers with eight pieces of Cannon are ordered into that Town, which they are resolved to defend, in case the French shall attempt it. The *Marquis* omits not any thing that can be done for the security of the Country, and 'tis believed will in short time have a very considerable Army in the field, having by his late Declaration commanded all Gentlemen that are possess of any Fields to appear, with what number of men they are obliged to by their Tenure: and that all persons of any condition whatsoever, having either Lands or beneficial employments, entertain upon their own expences a proportionable number of men, according to their Revenues. The *Cvents* and *Jesuits* not exempted: *Antwerp* has already upon this Account raised 2000 men, who are to be commanded by the Count *de Cruickenburgh*, the same methods being taken in all the other Cities whose Souldiers will be assured of good pay.

Paris, June 8. By Letters bearing date the 2d. instant, from the Army, we are inform'd, that the 31st past the King arrived in person at the Fort of *Charles-Roy*, where he is taking effectual care for the rebuilding, and repairing the Bastions that were blown up by the Enemy; and in making new fortifications for the better strengthening of the place, in which he daily employs at least 20000 Men; intending to make it a very considerable Post: After about 10 days stay there for the perfecting that work, his Majesty intends to march farther into the Country: Those of *Nivelle* have already desired his Protection, to whom his Majesty has thought fit to send some of his Guards, two of whom falling into the Enemies hands, have been used as Prisoners of war, which his Majesty is much displeased at, as being an incivility to his Prisoners, against the Custom of War.

Piroy with his Brigade is return'd, having been 52 hours on horse-back, but without any considerable adventures, having only met with 50 of the Enemies horse, whereof they killed 2. and brought away a Reformed Officer Prisoner.

The late ill-weather, and the want of the Baggage which was left at *Quefnoy*, and could not be expected till 3. days after the date of this Letter, have much incommodated the Army, which his Majesty encourages by his presence, having lodged 2. nights with them in a Coach.

The Enemy make as yet but a small appearance in the field, having not above 7000 men in a body, which ly between *Brussels* and *Namures*, having disposed of the rest of their men into the most considerable Towns, and particularly drawn two Flemish Regiments into *Namures*, commanded by two Lords of that Country, upon a suspicion they had, that the King intended to lay siege to that place.

The *Marschal D'Aumont* is marched from *Boulonnais* with his Army, and has passed by *Ayre*, intending for *Dunkerke*, and from thence towards *Ostend* and *Mieuport*, that Army being well stored with Provisions; carrying with them 18 pieces of Cannon for Battery, and two field pieces at the head of each Regiment.

Monseigneur de Crequy is yet upon the *Meuse*, between *Sirick* and *Trenes*, having made an incursion into *Luxembourg* and appeared very near the Town, having commanded the people to give obedience to him as Lieutenant General for his Majesty in that Duchy. The *Marschal de la Ferte* who was designed for that service, being detained by sickness at *Paris*.

The Duke of *Lorraine* is gone from *Nancy*, intending for *Espinal*, to which place he has transported the best of his Moveables; having left the Inhabitants of *Nancy* in a great fear, by telling them, They must now consult their own safety, the place being not like to prove a place of security for them, since the King of France had obliged him to deliver up his Forces, which otherwise might have defended them.

The Queen is to go suddenly to *Guise*, and from thence to *Avenes*, where she is to meet His Majesty: Yesterday passed by this place a Spanish Courier, who is hastning forwards with all imaginable speed to attend His Majesty.

Portsmouth, May 31. Yesterday the *Glocester* meeting with a Swede, and an *Hamburgher* off the *Ile of Wight*, was inform'd, that on the Tuesday before they parted from the French Fleet consisting of 20 Men of War, and 4 Fire-Ships off the *Start*, who were then making up the Channel.

Whitehal, June 1. His Majesty having thought fit, by His Commission under the Great Seal of England, to constitute his Grace the Duke of *Albemarle*, Lord General; the Right Honourable the Lord *Ashly*, Chancellor of the Exchequer; Sir *Thomas Clifford* Comptroller of the Household; Sir *William Coventry*, and Sir *John Duncombe* Knights, and of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council; His Commissioners for executing the Office of the Lord High Treasurer of England; lately void by the Death of the Right Honourable the Earl of *Southampton*: Their Lordships have accordingly opened their Commission, and fixed their Constant Session to be at the late Lord Treasurers Lodgings in *Whitehal*; where they have already by frequent meetings, entered upon the discharge of that important trust, with great application and exactness.