

Duke of Bremen, Pomerania, or any other of their Quarters. From Westphalia we are inform'd, of new Levies in those Countreys; and from Ertford, that the Fortification of Petersbourg is much forward: The Field Heer-*Wranzel* is daily expected back again at *Stoadt*.

Venice, May 27. By a Vessel arriving here in 14 days from Zante, we are informed that a Tartan from our Armata brought thither news, that several of the Enemies Gallies were come out from the *Dardanelli*, and were so much favoured by the wind, that they got safe to *Suda*, none of our Armata being able to come up with them. That at their landing they found the Island and the Turkish Army in extreme want of provision, insomuch as many of them were already dead with hunger, and many more had deserted the service and fled over to our people, who furnish them with vessels to imbarque them for what places they desired. Their expectations having been defeated by the routing of the Carravan or Convoy from *Alexandria*, has made them almost desperate. The Visier himself finding his Army to amount to 50000 men, and little hopes of supplying them with proportionable Victuals, is resolv'd to hurry them on to the siege of *Candia*, where they have already rais'd their Batteries against the Fort *S. Demetrius*, which is as stoutly defended, and the shot returned with interest and some damage to the besiegers. Our Garrison is plentifully stor'd with all sorts of Necessaries, and encouraged by the fresh Succours lately put in there by his Excellency *Morofini*, and by those others that they are every day expecting, under the conduct of *Giustiniano*, who is before this arriv'd at the Armata: which at the departure of this Tartan was riding between *Suda* and *Grabuse*, with whom were also joyn'd several Christian Corsaires, to hinder the putting in of any Vessels into *Canea* for the supply of the Turks necessities.

The Convoy design'd hence under the command of Signior *Labis*, is ready to put to Sea, with considerable quantities of provision, and supplies of men, moneys and ammunition.

On Monday the Procurator *Priuli* made his Entry, and took possession of his charge, being accompanied with at the least 400. of the Nobility.

This following Account, as more authentick, of the Motion of the French in the Spanish Netherlands, we give you; being the substance of a Letter written from the French King.

From the Camp at *Charles-Roy*, June 2. My last Relation being from the Camp at *Villeport*, we since came to lodge the 30 past at *Lavenieres* near *Bauay*, and the 31 to *Pereuanne le Val* near *Binche* 3 and yesterday to *Preston*, upon the little River bearing the same name. We have had continual rains, which has occasioned much trouble to us, and somewhat tired out our Troops, but two daies of remission will refresh them. The Duke de *Coastin*, with *Des Fourneaux* Bregade, the Queens Company, and 60 of our Guards having been abroad upon a party, returned yesterday without any adventure; as for *Piloy* he only met with a party of 50 horse, which did not stand him, of whom he took three, with one Reformed Officer. Before I came hither to *Charles-Roy*, *Podinis* who was by *Duras* sent out with two Bregades of Horse, and 1600 Foot, commanded by the Count de *Sault*, took possession of *Charles-Roy*, which I have since taken a full view of, and find the Bastions much ruined, but the out side generally so perfect and whole, that in few daies we shall make it a very considerable Post, especially by the diligence that I make them use in working at it, having employ'd the Cavalry about the Fassinnes and Pallisadoes, and so dispos'd of all things, that the place with its fortifications, will be suddenly put into a good condition, for which purpose I am resolv'd to pass some little time, which I can easily dispence with in this place. The Country about *Liege*, brings us in provisions, and all sorts of conveniences in great abundance, both by Land, and by the *Sambre*: 'Tis true, the Peasants of *Brabant*, which yet fancy themselves to be Subjects of *Spain*, do sometimes break loose upon us, and amongst others have killed one of

my Guards, and one of the Light-horsemen belonging to my Son, but I have order'd it to be publish'd amongst them, that as those which keep within their Forts, shall receive no prejudice at all by my forces: So those others of them that lie lurking in the Woods, shall not have any quarter given them: and to be as good as my word with them, I shall to-morrow send out parties of Foot into all parts of those Woods: during our march, several applications have been made to me for protection, and particularly by the inhabitants of *Nivelle*, but believing that such paper-protections as I could send them, would not be satisfactory enough, especially, to souldiers that cannot read, I sent two of my Guards to them, but a party of Spaniards meeting with them, took them prisoners, and still retain them, although contrary to the practice of War, that have been more violently carried on then this. Yesterday I was at *Binche*, where I went to the Church, and was received with the Acclamation of *Vive le Roy*. I visit'd the Castle there, and went round about the Ramparts, and having assured the Inhabitants of my protection, and all kind of good usage, I left there *Miremont* a Captain in the *Turenne* Regiment, with 300 Foot, and 100 Horse, *Duras* will be here to-morrow, our Baggage cannot come up to us, yet these three daies, which much incommodes us: to conclude this Relation, I am just now told of one Horseman, who was set upon by three Peasants armed with guns, whose shot he fortunately escaping, killed all three of them, with his two Pistols and Sword.

Hague, June 10. Our Fleet consisting of 59. most capital ships, besides Fireships, set sail from the *Texell* Monday last, which we expect will be followed with all the haste they can by the Viceadmiral *Sweers*, and the Rearadmiral *Gideons Vanderbourg*, who remain here. Yesterday they were seen to pass before *Scheveling* and the *Maes*. The *Zealand* Squadron is not yet out, and some of the *Friesland* Squadron are also left behind. We fear the *Swedes*, and are therefore sending some Forces towards *Groninghen*. The *Raadt Pensionaire* arriv'd here from the Fleet the 8. in the morning.

Ostend, June 12. The French since their success upon *Berghes*, have taken in the small Fort of *Linke*, and by the shooting we hear hath been about *Furnes*, we fear the fate of that place: The French Camp continues at *Charles-Roy*, which lies eight leagues from *Brussels*, five from *Mons*, and as many from *Namurs*: But the King is gone to meet the Queen at *Avesnes*, where she was to arrive the 9th instant, having lodg'd the 8th at *Guise*.

Plymouth, May 31. Here is lately brought in a Vessel of 260 Tuns laden with Salt, Wines, Brandy, and some Cloth from *Nants*: The Skipper pretended to belong to *Stettin* in *Sweden*, and that he had the *Swedes* pass; but upon a stricter examination they confess the contrary, the men being all Dutch, the ship and goods belonging to *Rotterdam*.

*Ditto*. Yesterday was sent in hither a pretended *Hamburgh* Hoy; which, to avoid the chase given her, ran her self on shore, but was again brought off with some damage, having taken in six or seven foot water in the Hold. They pretend that the cause of their running away was, that having been some days before plundered by a *Wlushing* Privateer, they were inform'd by that Caper of two Turkish Men of war that were riding off this Sound, for one of which they took the Vessel that gave them chase.

Portsmouth, June 4. On Saturday were brought in hither two ships believed prizes, one of them laden with Wine and Salt, the other with Flax and Copperas.

Dedde, June 4. Here is even now arriv'd a small Spanish ship from *Bilbao*, telling us, that he saw off of *Dover* 18 sail of ships, which he supposes to be Frenchmen of War.

Dover, June 4. This afternoon the *Saphire* being in this road, weigh'd anchor, and went towards the river, having discovered 40. or 50. sail coming from the Southwards, suppos'd to be the French Fleet. By some persons newly arriv'd from *Flanders* we are told, that yesterday morning the French took in *Furnes*.

The Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer, in prosecution of the Payments, are come to the payment of the 309. Order in number, and so are to proceed successively in course, as the Orders stand registred.