

them, as Sworn Enemies to the State: They are now proceeding farther in their Leavies, wherein this City has given them a pattern, ordering a Crown a piece to each Souldier for Advance: and seven pence a day besides bread; all Persons being rated at their proportions for their maintenance: The Bishop of this City to entertain 100 Men; The Abbot of St. Michael 75; every Cannon 3, each Burgomaster 6; the Sheriffs 2; all Religious Houses and Priests to maintain their shares; and the Tradesmen rated every man according to his ability.

Hague, June 9. Yesterday in the morning, arrived here from the Fleet the Pensionary *de Witt*, who certainly informs the States that the Fleet are put to Sea, consisting of 59 Capital ships: the same morning they were discovered off *Scheveling* about the height of *Beckerhey*: *De Witt* is gone away from hence to *Helvoetsluys*, to order out some Fluits to attend the Fleet. Order is here taken for a flying Army of several Regiments, of which two of horse, and three of foot, shall be sent to *Groeningen*, and particularly the Count *de Solms*, and the *Here de Lee's* Regiments of horse, with the *Heres Clants*, *Golfsteyn*, and *Ameloes* Regiments of Infantry: *Hertogenbosch*, *Maestricht*, and several other places are to be strengthened, their Garrisons reinforced, and the Sconce near *Rooven* to be made up.

Brussels, June 10. The Groisse of the French Army lies still about *Charleroy*, and has not hitherto made any farther advance this way: our people every day take some prisoners, who assure us, that their Army is in great want of provisions, a small loaf of a pound being worth 15 So's, which causes their Army to diminish very sensibly.

Great numbers of the Country men are got together in the Woods of *Sogny*, in number, as 'tis said, about 12000, who have stopt up all the High-ways, and raised many Forts for their defence, which the Marquis *de Castel Rodrigo* taking notice of, has, for their encouragement furnished them with Ammunition, and other necessaries, and has commanded the Count *de Verlin*, Captain of Horse, with the *Sieur de Malineus* Serjeant-Major to command them; and this afternoon we are inform'd by the Baylisse of *Nivelles*, that the peasants have killed the Marquis *de Boutron*, Governor of *Philippeville*.

The Baron *de Wanger*, Governor of *Bergue St Wynox*, has by his Letters hitherto informed us, that notwithstanding the great resistance he made against the French Forces that assaulted it, he was obliged in the end to surrender it upon honorable Conditions; viz. to march away with their Armes and Baggage, and two pieces of Cannon, the whole number of the Garrison not exceeding 70 Soldiers, and amongst them a part of an English Regiment of 25 men, who behaved themselves with extraordinary Courage and Resolution; but particularly he highly magnified their Commander Major *Gage*, as a person who in that occasion gave more than ordinary evidence of his great Valor and Conduct; and that the French in the assault of this place lost very near 1000 men, and among other persons of Note, one Lieut. Generally, and one Colonel.

Breda, June 10. On Saturday last the Ambassadors of England, France and Sweden, with the Envoyés Extraordinary, and Plenipotentiaries of Denmark, and the Plenipotentiaries of the States General, repaired to the Castle belonging to the Prince of Orange, which was the place appointed to Treat in; where the Governor of the Town was ready at the foot of the Stairs, in the innermost Court to receive them as they came, and conduct them to their several Apartments, where it is so ordered, that the French, Danes and Dutch Ministers have their distinct Chambers on one side of the great Gallery; the English in another hard by the great Room; by whom the Swedes have also their Apartment, from whence they go over one to the other, as oft as they have occasion to negotiate any business: Since this first, they have had yet no farther Meeting: Great care is taken to avoid all contests about Precedences; and order taken, that no Servants wearing Livery, shall wear Swords.

Disto, June 13. On Saturday last dyed here of a violent Fever, the Lord *Coyet*, one of the Swedes Plenipotentiaries, after 4, or 5 days sickness, in whose place succeeds the Count *de Dona*.

Paris, June 15. The King has been at *Avesnes*, where he

held a Council of War, and from thence is returned again to *Charleroy*, sending out several parties into the Enemies Country. 'Tis reported, that the King in his way to *Avesnes* ordered a Bridge of Boats to be made over the *Sambre*, over which he was passing on Horseback, but his Horse taking a fright at the motion of the Boats, began to leap and bound, insomuch as the King to avoid the danger of being thrown off with him into the River, nimbly leaped from his horse; but his Belt taking hold of the Pommel of his Saddle and Pistols, the Horse plunging into the Water, drew in also the King, from whence he was by those that attended him immediately taken up again, having not in that sudden danger discovered the least apprehension or sign of fear.

An express Courier arriving at the Court from Spain, brings us the news, that the King of Spain is very ill of the Measles, his Fever being increased. Another Courier from the same place has brought a Letter to the Queen, from the Q. Regent of Spain, desiring her Mediation to the King her husband, to obtain a Conference to examine her pretensions, and in the mean time to grant a Cessation of hostility; adding, That if the King her Brother shall refuse her this desire, she must then try all means for the defence of the King her Sons Countries, in which she hopes for the assistance of heaven.

From *Colicure* in *Roussillon* they write, That they have lately discovered a design of the Spaniards to have surpris'd that City, which they laboured to effect by an Abbot of *Catalonia*, called the Abbot of *St Genis*, who dealt privately with the Major of the Town, hoping by great Rewards to have corrupted him, which he discovering to the Governor the Chevalier *D'Obterre*, the Abbot having been some few days longer sed with the vain hopes of effecting his design, was suddenly seized on, and sent to the Castle of *Perpignan*, where the Chamber Sovereign is forming his Process.

Dover, June 6. The Alarm given us the 4. instant, of 40, or 50 Sail of French seen off this place, seems not to have any great foundation, we supposing it to be only a mistake of a Seaman upon the sight of some Fishermen which he discovered from the Top of his Mast.

Sandwich, June 7. On Wednesday last in the Morning were discovered off the Northforeland, a Fleet of above 60. Sail. This morning they were again seen, and by some Fisherboats known to be the Dutch Fleet, carrying out their Colours, and making nearer the Land; but the Coasts are so well guarded, that we fear not any attempt they can make.

Harwich, June 7. The Dutch Fleet of upwards of 70. Sail, came yesterday to an Anchor in the *Gunfleets*, where they still continue in the same posture and station; whatsoever they intend, such care is taken by the extraordinary diligence and conduct of the Right honorable the Earl of *Oxford*, that should they endeavour a Discent, they will find them in a fit posture to receive them.

The Lords Commissioners of his Majesties Treasury, finding that many of the Receivers of his Majesties revenue arising by Hearths, have been very negligent in collecting and accounting for that Duty before the same was farmed: Their Lordships have given Order for taking divers of their persons into Custody: and that the Auditors of his Majesties Revenue, do give to their Lordships an account on the last Friday of this month of June, what Receivers have delivered in their Accounts, and payed their money, and attend the passing their said Accounts: To the end that all such as shall then be found negligent and faulty therein, be prosecuted with all strictness and Severity.

The Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer, in continuation of the Payments upon the Act for 1250000 l. are come to the payment of the 318 Order in Number, and so proceed according to the Orders in course as the Tax shall come in. And upon the Act for the Poll-money they are now upon the payment of the 44th Order in course.

There is lately published, A Deduction, wherein is proved by most clear Arguments, That the Right of devotion hath no place among Sovereign Princes of the Low Countries, as some have gone about to persuade: And that the delay of paying the French Queen's Dowry doth not annul the Renunciation which she made at her Marriage.