

366 intends to promote the new Levies with all the vigor he is able, and has already fixed upon several Officers to command them, but has not as yet given out their Commissions. Some thoughts there have been of entertaining a thousand Croats and some Hungarians for this Service, but this project was presently laid aside, believing those undisciplin'd people might not, without much difficulty, be brought to submit to their Martial Laws, which might occasion great inconveniencies.

From Hungary we are advised, That the Hussars had by a party sent out towards *Newhausel*, taken away many Turkish horses, besides other booty; whereupon the Governor of that place commanded 300 Turks to March after them, which they did, but with no success; the Hussars passing the River of *Waag*, and discovering the Turks in pursuit of them, broke down the Bridge behind them, and so made their escape.

The Levant-Company of Merchants intend this week to go for Turkey with eight ships well laden with all sorts of Merchandizes.

*Elfenburg*, July 25. There are lately arrived in the Sound 100 sail of Dutch Merchants from *Holland*, all of them ballast, with a Convoy of four Men of War.

Two Danish Men of War that have been cruising on the Coast of *Norway* are returned, bringing in with them a Scottish Privateer of five Guns.

The Danish Fleet is ill provided with Seamen, a great mortality being amongst them, and those that remain very ill provided with victuals; the Subjects are grown extremely poor, by reason of their great Taxes and small Trade, and cry out heartily for a Peace.

A Fleet of 140 Merchant ships lie still in *Elfenore-Road*, bound for *Holland*, under the Convoy of 13 Men of War, seven of them Danes, of whom four are designed to Convoy 6 Danish ships for *Ireland*, they only wait for a fair wind.

*Genova*, July 26. Two ships of this place are here arrived in four weeks from *Lisbon*, and a third put into *Villa Franca*, with the Savoy Ambassador from *Portugal*.

Our Convoys from Turkey having compleated their Quarantines, were yesterday admitted to Practice: Four Gallies sent out to take an account of the Coasts of *Corfica*, are returned without any purchase: The French Gallies, 'tis said, lie still at the *Ile of Eves*, expecting the arrival of six or seven of their Men of War from *Thoulon*.

Signior *Giulio Spinola*, who is to be employed as Envoy Extraordinary to the King of *France*, is preparing for his Journey.

*Cologne*, July 31. The Count de *Starenberg* is now at *Frankfort*, with Commission from the Emperor for the speedy raising of a Regiment of Foot for the Spanish Service, and has for that purpose his Bills of Exchange for 12000 Rix-dollers, but the Magistrates fearing to disoblige the French, have forbid all publick levies, but nevertheless men offer themselves freely for that Service, insomuch that the Regiment is like in short time to be compleated, their Rendezvous being appointed at *Ruhmond*.

From *Treves* we are told, that the Marquis de *Crequey* is still within three or four Leagues of that place with a Body of 7 or 8000 men, expecting an additional Force of 5 or 6000, the better to watch the designs of the Emperor in those parts; upon their arrival, we may probably see farther the intentions of the King of *France* as to those Countreies. *Alsatia* is full of fears, especially since the French Officers give out that they intend to Garrison the principal Towns there, upon pretence that the Emperor has designed some Forces into the neighbouring parts.

There is a great project in hand for an Alliance between the Emperor and the three Ecclesiastical Electors, with those of *Saxony* and *Brandenburg*, all the houses of *Brunswick*, *Lunenbourg*, *Hessen* and the Bishop of *Munster*; a little time will discover farther. The Sieur *Habeas* is sent from *Sweden*, and is already arrived at *Frankford* as Resident from that King in the Circles of the Upper and Lower Rhine, and *Franconia*.

The Envoy from *Burgundy* after an honourable reception at *Ratisbone*, has delivered his Credential Letters, and in his Visits recommended the Affairs of his Master, pressing them

with the consideration of the Inconveniencies that may happen to the Empire if they should desert the common interest in a time of so great danger, and 'tis believed he may prevail much by his Remonstrances, though the Sieur de *Gravelle* improves all his Interest as well as his Arguments to dissuade them from Interests themselves in the dispute.

From *Leipzig* we are told, That a Trumpeter from the Prince de *Saxe Lunenburg* passing by that City with the Arms of the Elector of *Saxony* upon his Livery, was stop't in the Street, his Coat torn in pieces, and himself committed to Prison, the Prince Elector being dissatisfied that any other Prince of *Saxony* should bear the Electoral Arms besides himself.

*Paris*, Aug. 13. Our Letters from the Frontiers inform us, That 2000 Spaniards drawn out of the Garrisons of *Cambrai* and *Valencienne* have lately made an Incursion into *Picardy*, where they plundered the Abby D' *Aunigny*, and then passing on near *St. Quintins*, pillaged a little Town called *Ribblemont*, taking the Lieutenant General with many other prisoners bringing away with them great booty and much Cattel.

The Siege of *Dendermond* has not proved so successful as was expected, the Town by the opening of their Sluices having drowned the Country about it, which much disturbing our Army in the League, and his Majesty being also assured of strong Succors put into it by Count *Marsin*, it was thought fit to draw off, much of the baggage being left behind by reason of the too hasty retreat of our men for fear of the Inundation, having besides other Officers and many Souldiers, lost the Marquis de *Villarde* killed by a great shot from the Town.

While the Marshall d' *Aumont* was drawing off from thence, the Duke d' *Enguyen* was ordered with a considerable body of Horse to invest *Lille*, which was done the ninth instant, the Army marching after to form a Siege, not despairing of success; though besides the Citizens, which are very numerous, and trayned up to Arms, there are also in it 3000 Foot, and 1000 Horse, and the Town commanded by the Count de *Eronuy*, an experienced Souldier, and excellent Officer. We are even now informed, that our Army is already posses't of the Suburbs, though with a considerable loss of our Men and Officers, and that they hope in few days to give a good account of the City.

*Dartmouth*, Aug. 4. The Dutch Fleet are now returning from the Westward, being this evening in sight to the Eastward of the Start.

*West-Cowes*, Aug. 5. Yesterday arrived here from *Brest* the *S. Katherine* of *Frederickstadt*, with Honey, Oyls, Linseed, &c. homewards bound. The Master coming from *Brest* the 18 past, left there about 44 French Men of War, and 11 Fireships; the Admiral, with four others, were then ordered on shore to wash and tallow, and seven others of the Fleet were continuing cruising betwixt betwixt *Westlands* and the *Sorlings*. On Sunday last he met with the Dutch Fleet of 48 Men of War, and some Fire-ships, and was kept on board the Admiral till Tuesday, *De Ruyter* having been ill of a Fever, and not till then to be spoken with. On Thursday last he met with a *Rotterdam* Pink with Ballast, an excellent Sailer, sent by the States to inform *De Ruyter* of the conclusion of the Peace, and the next day he heard great shooting.

On Saturday night last in the *Offing*, near the *Ile of Wights*, he met with nine French Men of War, most of them new Ships built in *Holland* upon the French Kings account, with a new Ketch of 6 Guns, all of them bound for *Brest*, having under their Conduct a Fleet of 30 Merchants, bound for several Ports of *France*; being aboard the Admiral, he was told of 8 Privateers fitted out from *Flanders* with Commissions against the French.

*Alborough*, Aug. 5. Three Dutch Men of War having in this Bay seized on a small light Pink coming from the Southward, it is since manned out by them, and rides near the mouth of the Haven to intercept any Vessels that shall pass this way.

*Dover*, Aug. 5. Here are two small Prizes sent in by a Boat belonging to a Fireship, both of them laden with Salt.

*Harwich*, Aug. 6. Yesterday the Spy being sent out for Intelligence, discovered 19 sail of Dutch at an anchor on the back of *Bardsey-Sands*, and 5 or 6 more plying over against *Orfordness* and *Alborough*.