

Majesty having his Maces carried before him, and under a Cloth of State set up for Him, which done, and all persons seated, began the Te Deum; which was continued with much Pomp and Solemnity, the Great Guns being in the mean while fired at the Arsenal, the Bastille, and the Town-House, and ended, His Majesty entered again into His Coach, and after a Visit given to her Majesty the Queen-Mother of England, returned to St. Germaines. The Evening concluding with frequent discharges of the Cannon and Bonfires, and such other signs of joy, as are the usual Attendants of such Solemnities.

**Hague, Mar. 19.** We know not yet what guests to make of the present Negotiation for the accommodation of the differences between the two Crowns, especially, since we find that France, though accepting the Alternative, and agreeing to a Truce till the end of this month, seem to doubt of the Marquis de Castel Rodrigo's powers, and suffers the Forces still to continue their hostility as before.

On Friday last the States disposed of several Commands in the Army, as of Colonels, Lieutenant-Colonels, and Majors, and are making some progress for the raising of 12000 men, as was formerly projected; they are also quickning the Admiralties to hasten the Equipping of the Fleet of 48 men of War intended to be sent to sea this Spring.

We have not yet any farther advice of an Embargo upon our Ships in Portugal, and therefore can not but a while suspend our belief of it.

Some warm reports here have been, as if about 3000 of the Bishop of Munsters forces had lately appeared near Entschooten, and made some disturbance there, which occasioned a great confutation there.

It is also reported that the Duke of Lorraine has in readiness an Army of 6000 Foot and 1000 Horse, and that he is raising more Forces, intending to compleat an Army of 15000 men, but upon what design is not said.

The States have lately had some conference with the Field-Marshal, concerning the affairs of the Army, and have ordered that several Companies shall be suddenly drawn together to join with 2500 of the Luxembourg forces intended for the service of the States.

**Bruges Mar. 20.** The great preparations made by the French in all their Frontier Garrisons, gives us reason to apprehend they have intentions of making some considerable attempt, as soon as the short Truce allotted for the Cessation shall be ended, which has had hitherto so little influence upon their forces here, that though informed thereof by a Trumpet sent from Brussels to the Officer that commanded at the Siege before Guenap, he pretended want of notice, and Orders from His General, without which he could not desert, and continuing before it, forced them to a full render on the 15th instant, and the same day a party of the French plundered the Abby of Astezem about a League distant from Allost.

From Douay we are told that great conveys of all sorts of Ammunition daily arrive there, and that the great Ordnance designed for Battery lie ready upon the Key, and 'tis believed, if that a timely peace prevent them not, they may have a design to attempt either Conde or St. Gillain.

There is lately published a Placart from the Marquis de Castel Rodrigo, for the release of all criminal Offenders from Prison, (Sacriligious persons only accepted) upon condition that they oblige themselves to serve His Catholique Majesty two Years in the war, which is already putting into execution.

A Courier arriving the 15th instant at Brussels from Paris has had Audience from His Excellency the Marquis de Castel Rodrigo, bringing with him a choice of the Alternatives, of which the said Marquises resolution is speedily desired, whereupon, the principal Ministers were that Evening summoned to a Consultation, and 'tis believed such resolution will be taken in that point, that in few days a happy end may be put to the war.

We are in daily expectation of the arrival of Don Juan, and are making great preparations here for his reception, where most of the Nobility are resolved to attend him.

from Brussels, that the choice of the Alternatives, and to leave to France their Companies, so that we hope in few days to be settled in these Countreys.

**Paris, Mar. 21.** The Marquis de Bellefond by Post arriving at the Court on Sunday morning last, assured His Majesty of the taking of Guenap by himself and the Count de Duras, wherein were 400 men and four pieces of Cannon, by which means the Garrison of Charles-Roy, has free liberty of leaving their Contributions.

A Courier is lately arrived here from the Marquis de Castel Rodrigo, bringing with him Passports for the safe passage of Monsieur Colbert His Majesties Master of Requests to Aix la Chapelle, who intends to set forward within 2 or 3 days, and with him the Marquis de Bernes, eldest son to Monsieur de Lyonne, as a private person.

From Madrid we are told that Don Juan is embarked at some Port of Galicia with four thousand Foot, two thousand unmounted Horsemen, and three millions of Money, and that the Queen Regent of Spain has accepted of the Mediation of the neighbouring Princes, and of Aix la Chapelle as a place convenient for a Treaty.

His Majesty has lately dispatched a Courier into Portugal, trying Commission to Monsieur de St. Roman, to take upon him the Character of Ambassador, having before been employ'd only as Envoy.

'Tis much discoursed that the Fortifications of Dole and Gray in Franche Comte shall be slighted, as soon as the Citadel which is raising at Besancon can be finished.

His Majesties men at Armes are commanded to be in readiness to march by the second of the next Month, intending to be in the Field by the 15th.

His Majesty has given Order to all the Knights of the Order to be ready in their habits, to assist at the Ceremony of Baptizing the Dauphin, which is not to be celebrated till Friday next.

From Holland we are informed that the States are resolved to have an Army consisting of twenty thousand Foot and four thousand Horse; and that their Rendezvous is appointed near Breda.

Out of Germany we are informed that six Regiments of Foot levied by the Princes of Furstemberg, are upon their way for the service of His Most Christian Majesty, and are to rendezvous at Ruelms in Champagne.

**Portsmouth, Mar. 17.** On Tuesday last arrived at Spithead, Sir Edward Sprage in the Diamond, and with him the Atford and Francis Fregats. Yesterday he left the Diamond, and went aboard the Revenge, which is now well stowed and mannd, and may in few days put out to sea; we are here with all diligence fitting up several other of His Majesties ships, which will in little time be ready to put out of Harbor.

**Edenburgh, Mar. 7.** This day arrived here from England the Earl of Rothes, Lord High Chancellor of Scotland, having been received upon the borders by the Marquis of Huntley, the Earls of Home, Eglington, Haddington, Aboyne, and Wicemes, with the Lords of Dumfries, Mordington and Geddes, and many other Gentlemen of quality, who with their attendants and other persons, made up near 1000 horse: about seven miles from Edenburgh he was met by Sir Andrew Ramsay, with the most eminent Council of this City, with the Senator of the Colledge of Justice, the Commissioners of the Treasury, and the Members of both Benches, together with the Troops of His Majesties Guards, and by them solemnly conducted into this City.

**Advertisements.**

The Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer, are now come to the payment of the 955th Order in course on the Act for 1250000*l*. The persons concerned in any of the preceding Orders to that number, may receive their Money upon demand at the time that it became payable according to the Act, upon producing their Orders and Talies.