

Queen Regent's Ratification of the Treaty lately concluded at Aix la Chapelle, went to attend His Majesty therewith at St. Gormaines en Laye, where the Ratifications were mutually exchanged, and the Publication of the Peace agreed upon; which hath been solemnly proclaimed: and this day *Te Deum* is to be sung for the happy conclusion of that great Work, and the Evening to be spent in Bonfires and other demonstrations of joy; and 'tis said Orders will be speedily dispatched into Flanders and other parts concerned, for the withdrawing of the forces.

Since the arrival of the Ratification, His Majesty has ordered his Masters of the Camp of the Old Regiments which are now in Town, to repair to the Low-Countries, to reform their respective Regiments, and to reduce them to half their number. His Majesty has already disbanded 10 Companies of his Regiment of Swisses, and has signified his pleasure, that for the future all Swisses who are under his pay, shall serve in what Countrey sever they shall be commanded.

'Tis said that His Majesty has given the Government of all his late Conquests in the Netherlands to the Marshal d'Aumont, who is to resign the Government of Paris to the Duke of Roquelaure.

Bruges, May 30. The Army which we thought to have been retired with intentions of lying quietly in their Garrisons and Quarters, till some certain advice were brought them of the Ratification of the Peace, only withdrew to a place appointed them for a Rendezvous; where having received an addition of fresh Forces, they returned again with great strength to the River of Ghent, their Army being thought to consist of at least 30000 men, commanded by Marshal Turenne, with Cannon and a multitude of preparations convenient for a siege: Some other Forces at the same time being sent to lye about Brussels.

Great preparations are also making at Lille for the carrying on of the War, if the Ratification of the Peace arrive not at the time allotted. From Douay also all the great Guns for Battery are sent down the River towards Tournay, with scaling Ladders and other Necessaries for Assaults, which keeps us in this City upon our Guards, which are now trebled, and the great Guns which were planted upon the great Rampart by the Dam-post (designed for the saluting Don Juan upon his arrival) were yesternight removed, and again distributed upon the Works, and all the Spaniards lately arrived brought under the Town.

The last night a strong party of the French passed the Ghent River into the East-Country, entering into a Parish about a League and half from this place, seizing all the Horses they could find, and carrying them to the Army.

Brussels, May 29. On Friday the Marquis de Castell Rodrigo went from hence to Antwerp, and the next day the Duke of Roanet, with a Body of between 5 or 6000 French, appeared within half a mile of this City, where he has continued ever since, giving frequent Alarms to this place, and every day falling in upon our Out-guards: and twice he charged with so much violence upon the Main-guards, that they were obliged for their security to shelter themselves under the shot of the Spanish Infantry which lodge in the Out-Works.

This Morning a strong party of them charged our Guards and pursued them to the Out-Works, but by the addition of fresh forces, they were after a smart dispute repulsed and driven into their Main Body; in this Encounter about 7 or 8 only were killed, but many hurt on both sides, and on our party the Count de Graevenbanke, but 'tis believed) not mortally. The French Officer who commanded the party, was killed, for whose body the Duke de Coassin has sent a Trumpet with a Coach and six horses into the Town.

Yesterday arrived an Express from Paris, bringing with him the welcome News of the arrival there of the Ratification of the Peace from Spain, which has been exchanged, and this day appointed there for the solemn Proclamation of the Peace: whereupon Letters were immediately dispatched away to Antwerp to acquaint the Marquis with the News, who thereupon repaired hither, where he arrived about 11 of the clock the same Night. This day or the day following 'tis believed the Peace will be also proclaimed here, and speedy orders taken for the final cessation of all hostilities.

London May 23. On Thursday Morning last his Majesty, accompanied by his Royal Highnesses, his Highnesses Prince Rupert, and attended on by the Duke of Monmouth, and several principal persons of the Court, parted hence for Newmarket, intending to spend some dayes there and in the neighbouring parts of that Country.

The same day in the Morning died at his house in Covent Garden his Excellency the Count de Dhona, Ambassador Extraordinary from his Majesty of Sweden, after some few dayes distemper of a violent Fever, attended by a Plurisie, in the 40th year of his age, His Majesty, and generally the whole Court bearing a part in the loss, for the singular esteem they had of his great Worth and Vertues.

On Friday the 22 Instant Sir, John Vaughan (on whom His Majesty had been pleased some dayes before to confer the honour of Knighthood) was solemnly sworn Sergeant at Law in the Court of Chancery in Westminster-Hall, before the Right Honourable the Lord Keeper of the Great Seal; and the next day was sworn Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, and took his place in the said Court accordingly.

Advertisements.

His Majesties Grand Farmers of the Duty of Hearth-Money do hereby give notice that they intend upon Wednesday the Tenth day of June next, and on Friday following, to let to farm the said Duties arising within the Counties of Gloucester, Salop, and Southampton with the Isle of Wight; and that on either of the said dayes they shall be ready at the Heath Office in Queen's Hall-Street in London, to treat and conclude with such persons as shall then tender their Proposals for the said Counties, or either of them.

The Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer, are in course of payments of Orders registered on the 1st for 1250000 l. come to the payment of the 961 Or in Number.

They also give notice, that they are entered upon the payment of the first Order registered on the last Ten Months Taxe of the Eleven Months Taxe, and so shall proceed to pay on the Orders registered in course, out of the moiety of the money which shall be brought in of the Two First Months of the said Eleven Months Taxe.

Mr. Ogilby's Lottery of Books (Advertisers coming in so fast that they cannot in so short time be methodically registred) opens not till Tuesday the 2d of June; then not failing to draw: at the Old Theater between Lincolns-Inn-Fields and Vere-street.

ALL persons retailing Wine without License in any Counties in England not farmed, are advised either themselves, or some for them, to repair unto the Wine-License Office, situate in Dufham-yard, London; and to agree with his Royal Highness's Commissioners, for License to sell and utter Wines by Retail. And all Persons retailing Wine within the County of Cornwall, Devonshire, (Cities of Bristol and Exon) Cheshire, Camberland, Durham, Lancashire, Northumberland, Westmerland and Yorkshire, which are the Counties farmed, are also advised to repair unto, and agree for Wine-Licenses with the respective Farmers, or their Agents, who are for that purpose (or very suddenly will be) in each of the afor said Counties; whereby all Retailers of Wine may secure themselves from Charge and Trouble which otherwise will ensue.