

Hague, May 27. The Letters from Flanders tell us, That the French were moving towards Namur, and had sent a strong Detachment of Horse over the Sambre, with Orders, as 'twas thought, to invest that place. Our Army was to march this day towards Louvain; Lieut.-Gen. Mackay lay with a considerable Body of Foot at Menel, within a mile and a half of His Majesties Camp, and the rest of the Forces were on their march to joyn it. Count Serclaes de Tilly is encamped near Leige with 12000 men of the Troops of that Bishop, and Brandenburg. 'Tis confirmed, That the Elector of Saxony and the Duke of Hanover will joyn their Forces this Summer with those of the other Confederates on the Rhine.

Plimouth, May 19. This Afternoon an Advice-Boat arrived here from Falmouth, and acquaints us, That the homeward bound Bilbao-Fleet, is put into that Harbor, under the Convoy of three English and four Dutch Men of War.

London, May 21. This day was launched at Deptford a new Ship, of 80 Guns, called, *The Boyne*.

Whitehall, May 22. Yesterday morning came in an Express from Portsmouth, with a Letter from Admiral Ruffel, giving an Account, That he had been engaged with the French Fleet, and that he had beaten them, and was in pursuit of them.

A Copy of Admiral Ruffel's Letter to the Earl of Nottingham.

Yesterday about Three in the Morning, Cape-Barfleur, bearing S. W. and by S. distance seven Leagues, my Scouts made the Signal for seeing the Enemy, the Wind W. stwardly: The French bore down to me, and at 11 engaged me, but at some distance; we continued Fighting till half an hour past 5 in the Evening, at which time the Enemy towed away with all their Boats, and we after them. It was Calm all day. About 6 there was a fresh Engagement to the Westward of me, which I supposed to be the Blue. It continued Calm all Night; I can give no particular Account of things, but that the French were beaten, and I am now steering away for Conquet-Road, having a fresh Gale Eastwardly, but extreme Foggy: I suppose that is the place they design for. If it please God to send us a little clear Weather, I doubt not but we shall destroy their whole Fleet. I saw in the Night 3 or 4 Ships blow up, but I know not what they are. So soon as I am able to give you a more particular Relation, I will not be wanting.

May 20. 1692. Cape-Barfleur,
S. W. distance 7 Leagues.

The Commander of the *Mary-Galley*, who was sent by the Admiral with this Letter to Portsmouth, tells these farther particulars: That he left the Fleet at 8 a Clock on Friday morning, about 15 Leagues S. and by W. from the Isle of Wight; That he saw the Seconds of two French Admirals sink, and many Ships on fire; and that for 2 Leagues together the Sea was full of Wrecks of Ships; but that he did not know of the loss of any of Their Majesties Ships. When he came away, the French were running, and ours in pursuit of them; and about 10 he heard great shooting again, which continued till One, about which time the Wind sprung up at S. and S. and by W.

By Letters from Portsmouth of the 21st, we hear, That the *Mountague*. Captain Foulke Commander, was come in there very much disabled from the Fleet, which he left the day before about 9 in the morning pursuing the Enemy, and says that Rear-Admiral Carter was killed. The same Letters tell us farther, That Capt. Killington, Commander of the *Fox Fire-Ship* was come to Portsmouth in his Boat, and gave an Account That he had burnt his Fire-Ship on board a French Rear-Admiral, but was put off with a great deal of difficulty; That he saw a French Man of War of about 70 Guns blow up, and another three-deck Ship on fire.

The Principal Officers and Commissioners of Their Majesties Navy, observing in the Payment of Their Majesties Fleet, that Their Majesties, as well as their good Subjects, are exposed to great Abuses from false Letters of Attorneys, divers of them being daily detected: Have thought fit, for preventing thereof for the future, to give Notice, That from and after the 24th of June next no Wages for any man's Service in Their Majesties Ships will be paid, where the person does not appear himself, (or the Witnesses to his Letter of Attorney) by any Power but such as shall be wit-

nessed by Two or more Commission or Warrant-Officers of Their Majesties Ships, or by Two or more of the Officers of Their Majesties Yards, or by the Mayor or Two of the Magistrates of some Corporation, or by the Minister and Church-wardens of the Parish, (where the other cannot be had); or here in London by a Publick Notary, or some of the Officers or Clerks of the Navy.

Whereas Edward Tilford, Mariner, did on the 11th day of May instant seize several Gentlemen going from London to Greenwich; and did raise a great Tumult and Disorder among Their Majesties Subjects, upon false pretences, and under colour of a Warrant, adding himself to be one of Their Majesties Messengers: These are therefore to give Notice, That the said Tilford hath been long since Discharged, for several Misdemeanors, from his Employment as a Messenger Extraordinary; And that the Warrants granted unto him in that Capacity, are all Revoked: So that he hath no Authority in that respect to Apprehend any Person.

Advertisements.

*** These are to give Notice, That Blank Warrants to the Assessors and Collectors of the second Payment of the Quarterly Poll, are Printed for Robert Vincent in Cliffords-Inn Lane next St. Dunstons Church in Fleetstreet, and Christopher Coningsby at the Golden Turks Head over-against St. Dunstons Church.

*+ ΠΥΡΕΤΟΛΟΓΙΑ: seu Exercitationes de Morbis Universalibus acutis. Authore Richardo Morton, M. D. Regii Collegii Medicor. Lond. Socio & Censore. Londini in OEdavo. 1692. Printed for Sam. Smith at the Princes Arms in St. Pauls Church-yard.

DR. Anderson's, or the famous Scotch Pills, are faithfully prepared, and to be sold, only by Mrs. Isabella English from Edinburgh, now living at the Hand and Pen near the King's Bagin in Long-Acre, London, who is authorized to dispose of the said Pills, in order to prevent Cheats, and abuses by Counterfeits.

** At Tom's Coffee-house adjoining to Ludgate, on Wednesday the first of June, will be sold by Auction an extraordinary Collection of scarce Greek and Latin Books, of Stephens, or other most curious Editions, with the Lib. Med. Chym. &c. And. Clench M. D. nuper defunct. Also a valuable Collection of English Books in all volumes. Catalogues may be had to-morrow at Mr. Manthips in Cornhill, Mr. Goodwins in Fleetstreet, Bookellers, and at the place of Sale.

*** The Gentleman's Journal: Or, The Monthly Miscellany. By way of Letter to a Gentleman in the County: consisting of History, Philosophy, Poetry, Musick, Translations, &c. May 1692. Printed for Rich. Parker, and are to be sold by R. Baldwin near the Oxford-Arms in Warwick-lane.

*+ A New Chart of the Sea-Coasts of France, together With the English Channel, describing the several Harbors, Sands, Rocks, and Anchorages, &c. on the said Coasts. Printed and Sold by Christoph. Brown at the Globe in St. Pauls Church-Yard.

*** The Sixth Volume of the Athenian Mercury is now published, Resolving all the most nice and curious Questions proposed by the Ingenious of either Sex, from Saturday January 30, to Tuesday May 10, 1692. Price 2 s. 6 d. Printed for John Dunton at the Raven in the Poultry.

Joseph Graing, a fresh-colour'd middle-siz'd Man, aged about 47, formerly a Farmer in Amerham Parish in Buckinghamshire, and after lived some years at Kingston upon Thames in Surrey, from whence he went in April 91. He is desired to return into Buckinghamshire, where he will be informed of an Estate fallen to him; Or whoever gives notice of him, either alive or dead, to Mr. Isaac Worley a Painter near London-stone, London, shall have 20 s. Reward.

A Little Box of a reddish Colour, wherein were Books, Linen, Writings, &c. directed to Mr. Nash at Walberton in Sussex, with a pair of Boots, on Saturday the 14th instant about 7 in the evening, was either lost out of the Bull-Inn near Bishopsgate, or miscarried by a Porter. Whoever brings them to Mr. Sam. Nash in Philpot-lane, London, shall have a Guinea Reward.

Lost about a month ago, betwixt Birch-lane, near the Royal Exchange, London, and Charing-Cross, a Handkerchief, with two Deeds, two Wills, and some other small Papers. Whoever gives notice of them to Mr. Richard Laffels, Goldsmith, at the Unicorn near Hungerford-Market in the Strand, shall have a Guinea Reward.

Stray'd or Stolen out of the Grounds of John Freeman of Bur-ton-Lazarus near Melton-Mowbray in Leicestershire, 2 Geldings, one a bright bay about 15 hands, above 12 years old, long Head and Ears, thorow-pac'd; the other a black lively Gelding, Walks, Trots, and Gallops well, about 14 hands, 8 years old. Whoever gives notice of them to John Freeman aforesaid, or to Mr. Vernon in Salisbury-Court in Fleetstreet, shall have a Guinea Reward for each, and Charges.