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Warsaw, May 2. N. S.

AMong the Princes who pretend to the Crown, Don *Livio Odescalchi*, Nephew to Pope *Innocent XI.* is talked of at present, and 'tis said Overtures have been made to several Great Men to favour his Pretension; But his Interest is not like to be considerable. The Hopes of the French to obtain the Crown for the Prince of *Conti* are much lessened; and if they cannot prevail for him, 'tis said they will endeavour to have the Election fall upon a Native of this Country, but in this too 'tis probable they will be disappointed. The Friends of Prince *James*, though they meet with great opposition, do not yet despair of success; and when they do, intend to join with those that labour the Election of Prince *Lewis of Baden*, as most beneficial to the Publick. In the mean time we receive the good News from *Leinzberg*, that greatest part of the Confederated Forces shew a great Inclination to return to their Duty, and that the Negotiation for adjusting Matters with them is renewed, with great appearance of a good conclusion.

Vienna, May 8. The General Officers who are to serve in *Hungary* this Summer, begin to send away their Equipages, and they themselves intend to follow in few days: The Rendezvous of the Imperial Forces is appointed near *Buda*; and at the same time a Flying Camp will be formed near *Peter-Waradin*, under the Command of Count *Guido of Staremberg*. The Prince of *Cominercy*, who arrived here some days ago from *Brussels*, is to make the Campagne in *Hungary*; where 'tis thought he will have the Command of the Imperial Cavalry. The Turks make all imaginable provision for the Defence of *Temeswar*, as if they expected a Siege; We are assured their Army in *Hungary* will hardly be so strong this year, as it was the last, by reason of the great Succors they are obliged to send to the Tartars, to enable them to defend their Country against the *Moscovites*, who make vast preparations to attack them.

Frankfort, May 16. The French have sent strong Detachements towards *Flanders*; and their design appears now to be, to act defensively on the *Rhine*; Their Rendezvous is near *Landaw*, but they are not yet together in any considerable Body. This may give Prince *Lewis of Baden* an opportunity to undertake something of moment; The Forces under his Command, move towards the Place of Rendezvous, and the whole Army will be formed and take the Field, so soon as there is Forage.

Cologne, May 17. We have advice, that several French Regiments who came from the *Moselle* and the *Rhine*, are marched through the Country of *Luxemburg*, towards *Brabant*, to reinforce their Armies in those parts. The *Brandenburg* Forces that marched lately from hence, are arrived on the *Muse*; and are to join with others, that came from *Wesel* and the Parts thereabouts. The Forces of *Lansburgh*, consisting of 12000 Men, march likewise towards *Flanders*.

Paris, May 17. The Squadron commanded by the Marquis de *Nesmond*, which sailed from *Brest*

the 29th of the last month, was obliged by bad Weather to stop at *Belle-Isle*, where they still were according to the last Advice; 'Tis said the Squadron of 5 Ships from *Rochefort* under *Monlieur Magnon*, are to join them. The Count de *Briole*, Ambassador from this Court to the Duke of *Savoy*, is arrived at *Turin*. The Letters from thence say, the Dutcheß of *Savoy* is with Child, which occasions a great Joy there. The Letters from *Perpignan* tell us, that the Forces, commanded by the Duke de *Vendosme*, were drawing together, and would begin the Campagne in few days.

Brussels, May 19. The French invested *Aethon* the 16th Instant with 50 Squadrons of Horse commanded by *Monsieur Rozen*, and their Pioneers, of which they have summoned in a great number, began to work the same day on the Lines of Circumvallation; and on the 17th the Cannon from the Town were heard all day; The Army employed in the Siege is commanded by *Marschal Carinat*. *Marschal Villeroy* is encamped between *Leuze* and *Cambron*; and *Marschal Boufflers* at *Fontaine l'Evêque*, near the *Sambre*. There are in *Aeth* Seven Battalions and Two Regiments of Horse, about 3500 Men in all, and the Place (of which the Count de *Roelux* is Governor) is in a Condition to hold out 18 or 20 days; The Prince de *Chimay*, the Marquis de *Risbourg*, and the Count de *Grobendonc*, went hence the 16th in the morning, to put themselves into the Town, but the first was taken by the Enemy, and the other two are come back. The Forces commanded by the Prince de *Vaudemont*, will march from *Bois Seigneur Isaac* to *Hall*; and His Majesty is expected in the Army towards the end of this week. The Elector of *Bavaria* is returned from *Ghent* to the Camp at *Dynse*.

Hague, May 21. The Letters from *Flanders* say *Aeth* was invested the 16th Instant by a Body of French Horse; The next day the Foot began to arrive with the Pioneers; and they intended to open their Trenches last night; The Conduct of the Attacks is committed to *Monsieur Vauban*, and *Monsieur Lapara*, their Principal Ingeniers; and a great Train of Artillery was expected this day in the Camp from *Mons*.

The Plenipotentiaries met again at *Ryswick* on Saturday last, the Conferences lasted about an hour, and some Points of Ceremony were regulated. The Allies are to give in their Demands in Writing at the Meeting to morrow. The President de la *Tour* arrived here this morning from *Brussels*. We have advice, that *Du Bart* lies in *Dunkirke* Road with 10 or 11 Ships, ready to Sail.

Breda, May 21. N. S. The King, God be Thanked, is perfectly recovered of his late Indisposition. His Majesty, upon Intelligence that the French had invested *Aeth*, left *Zulestein* yesterday morning, and arrived here at night; On Thursday His Majesty intends to go hence, and to be the next day with the Army in *Brabant*, which is to march from *Bois Seigneur Isaac* to the Camp near *Hall*, and from thence towards *Aeth*.

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Kinsale, May 4. On the 21 Instant came into this Harbour His Majesty's Ship the *Medway*, Capt. Cleveland Commander, with a French Privateer of 50 Guns, 10 Patereroes, and 325 Men, called the *Pontchartrain*, commanded by Capt. Lemell of *Dunkirk*, which he took the 30th of the last month about 18 Leagues W. by N. from *Scilly*; Capt. Cleveland gave chase to the said Privateer several hours, and at last coming up with him about 6 in the morning, gave him a Broad-side, whereupon the French Commander boarded the *Medway*, with a design to enter his Men, but found it warm a Reception, that he immediately sheered off again; Then they lay Yards Arm and Yards Arm for 5 Glasses, discharging their Broad-sides into one another, after which the Privateer made all the Sail he could to run; but finding he could not escape, yielded about 10, having 43 Men killed and 33 wounded; and on board the *Medway* 5 were killed and 11 wounded. The Prize is a new Ship, and had been but 3 weeks from *Dunkirk*.

Dublin, May 8. His Majesty's Ship the *Loo* turning out of *Baltimore* Harbour on the 30th past, unfortunately run against a Rock, where she is lost, but the Men, with most of the Guns, Rigging, and Sails, are saved. On the 22th of *April* arrived at *Bantry* a Brigantine belonging to *Bristol*, *John Snow* Master, from *Nevis*.

Portsmouth, May 13. His Majesty's Ships the *Norwich*, *Chatham*, and *Sheerness*, who (together with the *Seaford* and *Blaze* Fireship) were Convoys to the Merchantmen that lately failed from hence for the *West Indies*, returned to *Spithead* on the 11th Instant, being disabled and unfit to keep the Sea; On the 5th Instant about 68 Leagues from *Scilly*, there fell in with them 4 French Men of War, the biggest of about 70 Guns, the second of 50, and the other two of 36 and 26 Guns, whereupon Capt. Symonds, Commander of the *Norwich*, gave the Signal for the *Seaford* and *Blaze* Fireship, who were pretty near him, as also for the headmost Merchant Ships, to bear down with the *Norwich*, to the *Chatham* and *Sheerness*, being then with the Rear of the Merchantmen, which was their Station; About 7 a Clock the French began to fire, and the *Seaford* and *Blaze* Fireship sailing very heavily, the Fireship was first taken by the 2 smaller Men of War, and the 2 greater to the *Seaford*, having shot down her Mainmast before she yielded. They fired very hotly on the *Norwich* for two hours and then left her, and in the afternoon set the *Seaford* on fire. They kept Company with us, but out of Gun-shot, till the 8th Instant, we sailing all that time in a Line of Battle; On Saturday morning they bore down and fought about 3 hours, and then stood away to pursue the Merchant Ships, who run from our Men of War when they first engaged, and thereby exposed themselves to the danger they would have avoided by staying with them. The *Norwich* and *Chatham* received much damage in the fight, and had each about 40 Men killed and wounded, and the Commander of the latter has received some small Wounds himself. Five of the Merchantmen who bore down to our Men of War after the Fight was over, are come in with them, as also a Sloop, being one of their Fleet, which they re-took on the 9th. The same day they spoke with some of the Ships of Rear-Admiral *Bentons*'s Squadron, who were then cruising.

Falmouth, May 10. This evening came in the *Restoration* of *London*, the *Speedwell*, and the *Harding*, 3 of the outward-bound *West India* Fleet, who left the Men of War, under whose Convoy they went out, engaged with 4 French Frigates.

Plymouth, May 11. Last night returned into this Port the *Dolphin*, the *Concord*, and the *Tiger*, 3 of the outward-bound *West India* Ships. The Expedition sailed hence yesterday with about 20 Merchant Ships and Crafters for the *Downes*.

Tarmonth, May 14. This day passed through our Road a Fleet of about 150 Laden Colliers, under Convoy of 3 Men of War for the River.

Deal, May 15. On the 12th came into the *Downes* the *Starling-Castle*, and *Barwick*, with several Merchant Ships from *Bilboa*; and yesterday the Expedition, with the Ships under her Convoy for the *Westward*.

Westminster, May 13. The Parliament met this day, and was Prorogued to the 17th day of *June* next.

Whitehall, May 15. His Excellency Sir *Joseph Williamson*, one of His Majesty's Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiaries for the Treaty of Peace, went on Board one of the Yachts last

Wednesday in the evening, and sailed yesterday morning from the *Bay of the Nore* for *Holland*. His Grace the Duke of *Ormond*, the Earl of *Rivers*, and other Persons of Quality, are gone over with the same Convoy.

Sir *George Roob*: went hence this morning for the *Bay of the Nore*, to Command His Majesty's Fleet.

The Trustees Appointed and Chosen for Exchanging the Exchequer Bills, do desire a general meeting of all the Contractors at *Mercer-Hall* on Wednesday next, at Four of the Clock in the Afternoon.

All Persons owing Arrears of Rent for Wine Licenses, or whose Licenses are expired, are hereby desired to take notice, That if they do not pay their said Arrears, and renew their said Wine Licenses with all speed, they will be forthwith sued at Law for the same.

Advertisements.

There is Publish'd, A Compleat History of the most remarkable Providences of judgement and Mercy, which have happened in this present Age, extracted from the best Writers, the Author's own Observations, and the numerous Relations sent him from divers Parts of the Three Kingdoms. To which is added whatever is curious in the Works of Nature and Art. The Whole digested into one Volume under proper Heads, being a Work set out 10 or 30 years ago, by the Reverend Mr. Pool, Author of the Synopsis Criticorum, and since Undertaken and finished by William Turner, M. A. Vicar of *Walton* in *Suffex*. Recommended as useful to Ministers, in furnishing Topics of Reproof and Exhortation, and to Private Christians for their Closets and Families. To this Work is prefixt the Names of those Modern Authors and Persons of Note from whose Printed Works or MSS. the aforesaid Author has received great Assistance in the compiling of it. Printed for *John Dunton* at the *Raven* in *Jewen-street*, and are to be sold by most Booksellers in *London* and the County, Price bound 20 s.

The Certainty and Necessity of Religion in general, Or, The first Grounds and Principles of Human Duty Establish'd, in 8 Sermons preached at *St. Martins in the Fields*, at the Lecture for the year 1697, founded by the Honourable Robert Boyle Esq; By *Francis Gourell*, B. D. Student of *Christ Church*, *Oxon*. Printed for *Tho. Bennet* at the *Half-Moon* in *St. Pauls Church-yard*.

Deism Examined and Confuted: In an Answer to a Book Entituled, *Tractatus Theologicus Politicus*. by *Matthias Farberus*, M. A. School master of *Wye* in *Kent*. Printed for *Charles Brome* at the Gun at the West End of *St. Pauls*.

Latitudinarius Orthodoxus. I. In Genere, de Fide in Religione Naturali, Mosaica & Christiana. II. In Particulari, de Christianae Religionis Mysteriis, Sancta Trinitate, Christi Incarnatione. Corporis Resurrectione. Coena Domitica. Accessione Vindicatae Libertatis Christianae, Ecclesiae Anglicanae & Antiquae Bury, S. T. P. contra ineptias & calumnias P. Jurici. Londini, Impensis *Sam. Buckley*, ad Insigne *Delphini* e regione *Ecclesiae Divi Dunstani*, in *Fleetstreet*.

This is to give notice to all Persons of Quality, Gentlemen and others, that there is lately come from beyond Sea a Parcel of extraordinary fine large Prints, fit for Rooms and Studies, as now in use by most People of Quality: They are to be had at reasonable Rates, either by Wholesale or Retail, at the Golden Triangle in *Longacre* over against the *Bagnio*.

At *Davis's Auction-House* in *St. Albans-street*, will be exposed to Sale every Wednesday and Saturday, a curious Collection of Italian Pictures and other Masters, beginning at 12 each day, and so continue on the same days and hour.

A Commission of Bankrupt being awarded against *William St. Aubury* of *London*, Stocking presser, the Commissioners intend to meet at the Irish-Chamber in *Guildhall*, *London*, on Wednesday the 19th Instant, at 3 afternoon, and all Creditors concerned hereby may then and there come prepared to prove their Debts, and pay their Contribution, also to consider of other Matters relating to the Bankrupts Estate, in order to the getting in the same.

George Sirwell, late of *London*, Merchant, having procured more than Two third part of his Creditors, in Number and Value, to Execute his Instrument of Composition, and being desirous that all his Creditors would Execute the same, hath employed a Person to attend with his Deed every day until the first of *June* next, from 1 to 4 afternoon, at *Lloyds Coffee-house* in *Lombard-street*, and prays the rest of his Creditors to Execute the same with all expedition, for that there will be a speedy Distribution of his whole Estate, and his desire is, that all his Creditors may have their just Dividend.

IN Botolph Lane near *Billinggate*, next Door to the Place of *Feathers Alehouse*, is sold by *Mr. Tho. Lucas* for the *Impress*, Good French Brandy, by the Gallon or Tun, at 8 s. per Gallon; Also there to be sold good Jar Oyls at reasonable Rates: Attendance is given at the said Place all day.

On the 11th Instant at night, out of a Ground at *Deposited* in *Keat*, one Gun Cart Galding 15 hands high, full aged, pink marked with 9. G. in 6 places, and his 4 Hofs marked with the same Letters, a Star in his Forehead, and a crack in the left Fore behind; also a black Galding 14 hands and an half high, full aged, saddle spots, and a bob Rat Tail. Whoever sees them, and gives Notice to *John Warson* at *Johns Coffee-house* in the *Old Bailey*, or to *Samuel Green* in *Deposited*, shall have 20 s. Reward for each and reasonable Charges.