

Whitehall, June 7. 1697.

The Mail from Holland of Friday last arrived this Afternoon; tho' that of Tuesday the first of this Month is not yet come in.

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Genoa, May 26. N. S.

The last Advices we have received from Provence give an account, That 12 Men of War lay ready at Thoulon, and 32 Gallies at Marceilles, being all ordered to sail towards Barcelona. The Cardinal of Bouillon, who came in one of the Great Dukes Gallies from Marceilles, landed two days ago at Savona, and arrived here yesterday in his way to Rome. Venice, May 31. The Ban of Croatia has sent to Signier Mocomigo, who commands the Venerian Forces in Palmaria, to acquaint him, that in pursuance of the Orders he had received from the Emperor, he was upon his march with an Army of 24000 Men to Besiege the Fortress of Bihartz, and to desire him to give the Turks at the same time a Diversion on that Frontier. We have no fresh Letters from the Levant.

Madrid, May 29. The King of Spain continues in very good Health; and the Queen is recovered of her late illness. We have an account from Barcelona, That the French Army Rendevouise near Gironne, 28000 strong. The Spaniards are about 18000. Count Harach the Emperor's Envoy is arrived here.

Corunna, June 8. On the 22th of the last month came into this Port the Elizabeth and Katherine, and the Speedwell, the first bound to Barbadoes, and the other to Nevis, who came out with the West-India Fleet; and the 26th they failed again. On the 30th were seen off Cape Prior 14 great Ships standing to the Westward.

Vienna, June 1. The last Letters from Croatia give an account, That the great Rains which had fallen in that Country had for several days retarded the Siege of Bihartz, but the weather growing fair again, the Troops were on their march, and they intended to invest the place the first of this month. General Starensberg is forming a Camp near Verismarton. We have Advice that the Town of Baya is burnt down, with the Magazine of Forage laid up there; every body believes 'twas occasioned by Treachery.

Francfort, June 9. The Forces of the Allies continue in their Camps formerly mentioned; The Regiments who have not yet joyned them are on their march; 'tis believed they will in 3 or 4 days be all formed in one Body; And Prince Lewis of Baden, who is at present at Ausburg, intends to go thence to morrow to the Army. The Marechal de Choiseul is marched from his Camp at Neuffat nearer to Mentz; His Army is about 30000 Men.

Mentz, June 10. The Forces of the Allies, which lay at Singlingen, marched from thence yesterday to Colheim; where they are to pass the River Mainz, and afterwards the Rhine, near this City, in order to Post themselves in our Neighbourhood. The French Army moves this way; were yesterday at Lampertsheim; and it's thought they intend to possess themselves of their old Camp at Nederuim.

Cologne, June 11. Ten Battalions of the Lunenburg Forces passed the Rhine at Bon and Lintz the 4th and 5th of this month, and are marched towards Brabant; and the rest of the Lunenburg Troops, and those of Count Heite and Munster intend to pass the Rhine to morrow and the day following, and to continue their march likewise towards the Meuse. They write from Hailbron, That Prince Lewis of Baden was expected in the Confederate Army on the 11th or 12th of this month, which would then march towards the Rhine; The French Commanded by Marechal Choiseul seem to have no other design than to be on the Defensive.

Hamburg, June 11. On the 8th instant, the Danish Forces, to the number of 4000, invested the Holmer Fort belonging to the Duke of Holstein; but they have not yet made use of Artillery against the place; In the mean time the Endeavours are continued to compose mat-

ters. Three Ambassadors from the Czar of Moscow arrived at Coningsberg the 27th past with a numerous Retinue, and had Audience of the Elector of Brandenburg on the first instant; and from thence they are to go to Vienna. The last Letters from Poland say, the Diet had not yet made choice of a Marshal, but in the mean time had appointed a Gentleman, who was Marshal of the last Diet, to preside in their Assembly; tho' nothing of great moment would be done till all the Gentry were arrived.

Paris, June 10. Yesterday arrived here an Express from the French Army in Catalonia, whence he parted on the 3d of this month, and brings an account, That the Spaniards upon the march of our Troops had put 6000 of their best Men into Barcelona; and that the Duke de Vendosme had invested that place; That the Count d'Estree lay before the Port with a Squadron of Men of War from Toulon; and the Gallies, who had been stopt by bad weather at Palamos, were daily expected. They begin to have here but little hopes of the Prince of Conti's succeeding in his Pretensions to the Crown of Poland; though four Millions of Livres have been already spent to promote this design, and 2 more are promised after the Election. An Officer arrived here the 7th at night with the Articles for the Surrender of Ath, which were signed the 5th of this month.

Brussels, June 12. The Garrison of Ath, after the French had taken the Ravelin, and made two Breaches in the Walls of the Town, and were preparing for a General Assault, Capitulated the 5th instant in the Evening, and the Articles after some dispute being signed, the Garrison marched out the 7th in the morning with Arms and Baggage, Drums Beating, Colours Flying, and other Marks of Honour, and were conducted to Dendermond; but Marechal Catinau caused the Prince de Chimay Colonel of Horse, Lieutenant Colonel Catoire, a Major and two Captains, to be made Prisoners, on pretence of making Reprisals for the Hostages that were stopt by the Allies at Namur for Payment of the Debts the French had contracted in that Town.

From His Majesty's Camp at Promelles, June 13. The Enemy remain still in their Camps near Ath; On Tuesday they fired all their Cannon for the taking of that Place. His Majesty saw part of the Army drawn out yesterday, and will continue the Review to morrow. Brigadier Spar is sent with 4 Regiments to reinforce the Garrison of Audenarde, which consisted of 3 before. The Troops of Lunenburg are come as far as Maestricht, and may join us the next week. Several Dragoons and Hussars who have deserted the French Army within these 2 or 3 days, are come hither with their Horses and Accoutrements.

Hague, June 14. N. S. His Excellency Sir Joseph Williamson being arrived here from Rotterdam, assisted on Wednesday at the Conference at Ryfwick; On Thursday last went out of the Texell Ten Dutch Men of War with the Merchant Ships bound to Spain and Portugal, VVe have Advice that du Bart designs in few days to sail with his Squadron from Du kirke.

Plimouth, June 4. Yesterday came in the Lion of London, William Sexton Master from Antegoa, who reports, That before their leaving that Island, they had an Account from Barbadoes, That Vice Admiral Nevill and Commodore Mees were both come thither, and joyned on Saturday the 24th of April, being then 18 Men of War, who after two days stay at Barbadoes, were to sail for Montserrat, and there to meet and joyn two other English Men of War, and after that they would proceed towards Jamaica to look for Monsieur Pointy's Squadron. And he adds, That the Inhabitants of those Islands, as also at Jamaica, are under no apprehensions of the French, whose design was believed to be against the Spanish Flota, which was at the Havana.

Deale, June 6. Sir George Rooke, with His Majesty's Fleet, are now under sail for the Westward.