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**T**HE Court of Spain is at present at the Palace called the *Buen Retiro*, where it has continued ever since the 22d part. The Administration of Affairs is still in the hands of the *French*, and the Cardinal *d'Estrees* directs all their Councils, to the great Mortification of the *Spanish* Grandees, who daily meet with fresh Causes of Discontent. The Duke of *Medina Celi*, after having been some time in Disgrace, was thought to be in Favour again with the Court; but the Contrary appears, by their disposing of the Place of President of the Council of the *Indies*, which was said to be designed for him, to the Duke of *Uceda*, in whose room the Conde de *Montellano*, who formerly enjoyed it, is to act till his Return from his Embassy at the Court of *Rome*. The Duke of *Viraguas*, who was formerly Viceroy of *Sicily*, is appointed to be Colonel of the Queen's Regiment of Guards; but he has been greatly surpris'd to find that they have resolv'd to divide the Place, and that part of that Corps is to be given to Don *Francisco Roxquillo*, Corregidor of this Town, and to be call'd the Regiment of *Asturias*. Don *Pedro Villaria*, Governor of *Vigo*, an old Officer, is appointed Governor of the *Havana*, Six Persons who had been proposed by the Council of the *Indies* being excluded; for which this Reason is given, That the King has resolv'd that the Governours of his Seaport Towns in the *Indies* shall for the future be bestow'd on none but such as have deserved them by their Services in the Army; yet that Rule is not observ'd in the distribution of other Military Employments. A Junto is appointed to Examine, or rather to give their Assent to, the Proposals made by Monsieur *a'Orri*, the *French* Intendant, for regulating the Finances of this Kingdom, after the Model of those of *France*; which Junto is to consist of the President of *Castile*, the Marquis de *Fresno*, the Commissary General of the Crusado, the President of the Council of the Finances, Don *Martin de Salis*, Don *Josiph d'Equisabolo*, and Monsieur *a'Orri*.

**Dantzick, May 19.** The King of *Poland* is come from *Thorn* to *Elbing*, where he has given Audience to the Deputies of this City. He has appointed a General Diet to meet at *Lublin* on the 15th of the next Month, and has Summon'd the Nobility to mount on Horseback about the same time, who are to be post'd near that Place, for the Security of the Alliance. We hear he has lately happen'd an Engagement between a Body of the *Swedish* Forces, with whom it is said the King of *Sweden* was in Person, and another of the *Saxon* and *Lithuanian* Troops, near *Ostrowka*, wherein the former were forc'd to retreat, and being pursued to *Chrizinka* they fought a second time with the same ill Success, and that in these two Actions above 1000 of the *Swedes* were killed, and 200 taken Prisoners, whereof we may expect the Confirmation. The *Swedish* Army is advancing towards *Thorn*, in order, as is suppos'd, to besiege that Town.

**Strasbourg, May 15.** The Marshal de *Tallard* continues encamp'd on the other side of the *Rhine*, along the River *Kintzig*: A Detachment of 300 Imperial Horse came yesterday to a certain Place in the Neighbourhood of *Wilsfel*, where 100 *French* Dragoons and 50 Grenadiers were post'd, who, after some Resistance, were oblig'd to retire with loss. Our last Advices from the Marshal de *Villars's* Army say, That he was shortly to have an Interview with the Elector of *Bavaria*. The Marshal has sent home by the way of *Switzerland* divers Horses belonging to the Inhabitants of this Province, which he had taken with him, and has demand'd 1800 Horses of the Country where he is at present encamp'd, for the use of his Army. He has appointed 4 Brigadiers Generals, in pursuance of the Power he had lately received from Court; the Persons he has made choice of are, the Sieurs de *Montgallard*, *Mailly la Houffaye*, *Tourenica*, and the Earl of *Clare* in *Ireland*.

**Ratisbona, May 21.** On the 14th Instant Monsieur *Zundt*, the Elector of *Bavaria's* Minister, presented

two Memorials to the Diet, setting forth, That his Master did not question but they had already understood that the Marshal de *Villars* had forced the Passes in the Valley of *Kintzig*, and that the Elector finding himself attacked in such a manner, that part of his Country was already ruined, he was resolv'd to make use of these Succours, for the repelling of any Violence that should be offer'd him for the future; That however this Resolution should make no Alteration in the Promises he had made in relation to the Security of the Diet, and that he would withdraw his Troops as soon as the Emperor should have ratified the Conclusions for the Neutrality of this Place; That he hop'd, from these and his former Assurances, the Diet would have no Reason to remove; Yet if Self-Interest should still prevail among them, as that they would change their Residence, the Elector would give them a General Pass, since they had already agreed to give his Minister an Assurance, That he might also go with them; and that he expected that in the Instrument for that purpose it should be particularly express'd, That his Minister should upon no Pretence whatsoever be excluded from the Meetings and Debates of the Diet; And that nothing should be resolv'd in the Affair of the 9th Electorate without his Knowledge and Consent. Monsieur *Zundt* presses to have an Answer in Writing to these Memorials; but the Diet resolv'd yesterday, That those Points being of great Consequence, they ought not to come to any Conclusion therein without particular Instructions from their Masters, which is look'd upon as a kind of a civil Refusal. The Elector has writ to the States of his Country from *Riedlingen* the 8th Instant. That the Marshal de *Villars* was arriv'd at *Denslingen* with his whole Army, consisting of 50 Battalions and 61 Squadrons, and he hop'd they would share with him in his Success and Satisfaction: Yet we are assur'd by Letters from the Imperial Army of the 12th, That the *French* and the *Bavarian* Forces together are not above 30000 strong, and that the Count de *Strum* is in a Condition to break all their Measures. We have had Reports that the Elector would fall down the *Danube* with 15000 Men, with Intention to attack *Passau*; but what appears more certain is, that part of his Troops are design'd to relieve the Castle of *Ratisbona*, which is still block'd up by the Forces of *France*: For General *Maffey* pass'd by here the 16th Instant, in his way from the *Bavarian* Army to the *Upper Palatinate*, and was follow'd the next day by a Regiment of Dragoons and by most of the Forces which were post'd here, as also by about 4 or 5000 *Bavarians* more, who were lately land'd at *Kelheim*, about 3 Leagues from hence.

**Frankfort, May 23.** The *French* and the *Bavarian* Armies, according to our fresh Advices, were march'd from *Durlingen* to *Meskirchen*, where they lay encamp'd, but are hindr'd from entering upon Action, as well by the ill Condition of their Forces, which have been very much harass'd with their long and difficult Marches, as by some Misunderstandings between the Elector of *Bavaria* and the Marshal de *Villars*, the latter making several Demands in relation to Cautionary Towns, to the Precedency between the General Officers of both Nations, and several other Matters, which the Elector has hitherto refus'd to comply with. The Count de *Strum* lay with the Troops under his Command near *Nuttingen*, on the *Neckar*, where he has received several Reinforcements from the Army at *Stokessen*, from whence Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* himself intends shortly to march with another Detachment in order to join him. The Marshal de *Tallard* is still encamp'd near *Kehl* with about 12000 Men, but expects in few days as many Reinforcements as will make up his Army 25000 strong. It is said the Allies will shortly attack *Trarbach* a second time.

**Paris, May 25.** The Duke of *Burgundy's* Departure for *Germany*, in order to Command the *French* Army on the *Upper Rhine*, is fix'd for the 28th Instant. A Courier arriv'd here the 22d from the Marshal de *Villars's* Army, who brings an Account, That the Marshal de *Tallard*

from *Donsbrögen* the 12th, in order to advance towards *Duttlingen*, being informed that the Elector of *Bavaria* was arrived there with a Body of 9000 Men, with whom he afterwards had an Interview; after which he accompanied him to his Army, where the Marshal was saluted with a general Discharge of the Cannon, and small Arms; and the Elector came the same day to view the *French* Army, where he was received with all possible Demonstrations of Respect; That the two Armies were encamped about half a League asunder, and would continue so a fortnight or 3 weeks to refresh themselves, which the *French* Forces stand in much need of, after the great Fatigues they have suffered in their march through the *Black-Forest*, as well by the difficulty of the Ways as by the want of Provisions, especially the *Wine*, which is extremely wanted. The Imperialists had formed a Design of surprising *Ulm*, and a Detachment of their Forces was advanced as far as the Counter-camp of that Place; but upon notice thereof, the Garrison stood upon their Guard, and so this Enterprize was disappointed. Letters from *Alsace* say, our Army under the Marshal de *Villars* is in such want of all Necessaries, that he had been obliged to give Leave to 150 of his Officers to return thither, to provide themselves with what they wanted. The Province of *Franche Comte* is at present drained of Troops, by the sending of Detachments from thence to the Marshal de *Tallara's* Army on the *Upper-Rhine*, and to that which is commanded by the Marshal de *Namroux* in the *Savoyas*. That it would be impossible to get together 3000 Regular Troops in that Province, if there were never so great an Occasion. Our Advices from *Italy* say, That on the 12th Instant the Duke of *Modona* assembled his Forces together at *San Giacomo*, to the Number of 25000 Men, wherewith he passed the *Minchia* at *Governolo*, intending to get behind *Ofiglia*, and so to cut off the Communication between the *German* Quarters and the *Ferrarese*; That he had sent a Detachment towards the *River Adige*; and that he had left another Body of Troops posted along the *Secchia*, under the Command of the Grand Prior his Brother, in the absence of the Prince of *Vaudemont*, Governor of *Milan*, who is so ill, that his Life is despaired of. We are expecting the Issue of all these Motions, which, in the Judgment of divers Persons who are well acquainted with that Country, cannot end in driving the Imperialists from thence, since they may intrench themselves in several Places so well fortified by Nature, that it will be impossible to come at them; and in the mean time the War in that Country takes up 40 or 50000 of the *French* Forces, which cannot be supported without a prodigious Expence. Letters from *Lyon* of the 13th Instant say, that 3 Regiments of Foot were there put on board divers Boats on the *Rhone*, in order to go by water to the *Sevennes*, to reinforce the Army employed against the *Malescontents*, who continue to make a vigorous Defence. They write from *Brest*, that 4 Frigates are lately sailed from thence to *Rockfort* and *Fort Louis*, where they are to be joined by some others, in order to sail to *Toulon*, where 15 Men of War are fitting out. We hear 16 Gallies are making ready at *Marfeilles*, which are also to join these Men of War, in order to compose a Fleet, to be commanded by the Count de *Toulouze*, Great Admiral of *France*.

From the Camp at *Nicudorp* near *Tongeren*, May 28. His Grace the Duke of *Marborough* having reviewed all the Horse and Foot under his Command, as well *English* as *Foreigners*, amounting in the whole to 130 Squadrons of Horse, and 59 Battalions of Foot, resolved to march towards *Liege*, as well to cover that Place, as to oblige the Enemy to decamp from *Tongeren*, where their Army, which, according to the best accounts that could be got, consisted of 60 and odd Battalions, and above 100 Squadrons, seemed to be too advantageously posted to be attacked without running too great a hazard: Accordingly the 25th we decamped from *Hocke* near *Mastricht*, passed the *River Jaar* or *Jecker* over several Bridges laid for that purpose, and marched to *Hautin*, where the Enemy intended to have foraged that morning, and had made the necessary Dispositions for it; but upon Notice of our March they immediately struck their Tents, and moved their Camp to some further distance, where they continued under their Arms that night, and upon our advancing thither the next day, they marched with great Precipitation towards *Berkwoorn*, near to which Place is their Right, their head Quarters being at *Oberkeren*. It is said that Prince *Serclaes* of *Tilly* joined them the 26th, at 12 at night, with the Forces of the Elector of *Cologne*, who is himself gone to *Namur*. The Enemy had 12 Battalions of Foot in *Tongeren*, to blow up the Gates and Works they had not time to demolish; which they

did as soon as our Troops appeared, and then retired to their Army, with some Squadrons which remained near that Place to cover their Retreat. Deserters come over to us daily in great numbers from the Enemy. Prince *Ernest* Duke of *Brunswick* Brother to the Elector of *Hanover*, came to the Army the 22d Instant, in order to make another Campaign under his Grace the Duke of *Marborough*.

*Hague*, May 29. *N. S.* General *Cochorn* came hither the 26th Instant from the Camp before *Bou*, and the next day went for *Flanders*, whither 10 Battalions of Foot are marched from the said Camp, which are to be followed by several more; and this Body will in few days be augmented to 35 Battalions, in order, as it is said, to undertake some considerable Enterprize, which is kept secret. The *French* being jealous of a design upon *Antwerp*, the Marshal de *Bouriers* is marched thither with 14000 Men. Divers Boats have lately been laden with Artillery and Ammunition at *Delft*, and there are 80 laden likewise with Warlike Stores at *Willemstad*, in a readiness to be sent wherever there shall be occasion. Several Men of War and Transport-Ships, are arrived in the *Maele* from *Ireland*, having on board Colonel *Stanhope's* and Colonel *Meredith's* Regiments of Foot.

*Yarmouth*, May 21. Rear-Admiral *Beaumont* sailed from hence the 18th Instant, with the Squadron of Her Majesty's Ships under his Command, for *Holland*, having under his Convoy about 150 Sail of Merchant Ships, Transport Ships with Recruits on board, and other Vessels; And last night about 50 Sail of Ships with Recruits and of Merchant Ships from *Scotland*, were seen on the back of our Sands, sailing towards *Holland*, under Convoy of Her Majesty's Ships the *Dorsetford* and *Nightingale*.

*St. James's*, May 20. Her Majesty and his Royal Highness went from hence this evening to *Windsor*, intending to continue there the rest of this Summer.

*Whitehall*, May 20. This day his Grace the Duke of *Ormond*, Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*, set out with a very numerous Attendance on his way to *Chester*, in order to Embark there for that Kingdom; and was accompanied several Miles out of Town by a great many of the Nobility and Gentry.

The Commissioners for Visitating Her Majesty's Navy having received a Letter signed *N.* setting forth some Neglects in their Officers, to Her Majesty's Privy Council, do hereby give notice, That if the Person who wrote the said Letter will come to them and make good his Allegation, he shall meet with all due Encouragement.

#### Advertisements.

At the Request of the Parishioners of *Thistleworth* in *Middlesex*, and several Persons of Note, Dr. Read, the most Approved Oculist, Couch'd *Wm Hamont*, Aged 63, and restor'd him to perfect Sight of both Eyes after many Years Blindness, without any Pain or Confinement, in this present Month of May, 1703. He hath also within these two Months brought many other Persons to their perfect Sight, some of the most difficult Distempers relating to the Eyes, after having been tamper'd with by Women, and other Pretenders to that curious Art. He is to be advis'd with at the *Black-moor's* Head in *Shandow-street*, *Covent-Garden*, *London*, every Morning from Six to Twelve.

A Journey from *Aleppo* to *Jerusalem*, at *Easter*, A. D. 1697. By *Hon. Maundrell*, M. A. late Fellow of *Exeter College*, *Oxon*, and Chaplain to the Factory at *Aleppo*. Sold by *Tho. Bennet* at the *Half-Moon* in *St. Paul's Church-yard*.

A General Meeting of the Proprietors, of the Lands, Collieries, and Saltworks, in the *North-Slyth* Undertaking, in the County Palatine of *Durham*, will be held on Friday the 4th of June next, at *Margaret's Coffee-house* in *Chapel-side*, at 4 in the afternoon.

The Farm of *Riverdown*, containing 509 Acres, near *Worcester* in *Hants*, is to be sold. Enquire of *Mr. Kirby*, Attorney, in *Worcester*, or *Mr. Anthony Cowlyn* at *Medford*: Likewise the Farm of *Payton* near *Wellington* in *Somersetshire*, is to be sold. Enquire of *Mr. Berry*, Attorney, in *Wellington*, or *Mr. Anthony Cowlyn* at *Medford* in *Hampshire*.

An Apothecary's Shop at *Witny*, within 7 miles of *Oxford*, and 5 from *Burford*, furnished with all new Goods and well accustomed, is to be let at a reasonable Rate, and the Goods to be sold; the Person that keeps it being lately dead. Enquire at *Mr. How's* at the *Wheat Sheaf* in *Witny* aforesaid, or at the *Widow Nicholls*, *Dyer*, in *Oxford*, near the *Castle*.