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Vienna, April 13. N. S.

**A**dvice from Hungary say, that on the 20th of the last Month Count Anthony Esterhazy detached a Body of 2000 Horse to raise Contributions near Gran, but that the Governor of that Place had sent out a strong Party of Dragoons, who pursued the Malecontents, and came up with them at Keresfur, a Village near Alba-Regalis. The Imperialists surprized them in the Night, killed 200, and forced 300 into the Morasscs, where the greater part of them were drowned. The Germans brought off 200 Horses, and a considerable number of Prisoners, among whom is a Colonel, who had long given much Disturbance to the Country at the Head of small Parties. Those Letters add, that Baron Freyberg had passed the Danube, with a design to intercept a Convoy of Provisions, but was prevented by the rising of the Waters, and obliged to return. Count Wackerbarth, having had his Audience of Leave of their Imperial Majesties, is returned to Dresden, from whence he is to hasten to his Command of the Saxon-Troops in Flanders. King Augustus is preparing to receive his Danish Majesty at Dresden, in his Passage through Saxony. Major-General Palmes arrived here on the 11th Instant.

**Berns, April 17. N. S.** Our Deputies are returned from Solcure, where the Count du Luc, the new French Ambassador, had obtained a Dyer of the thirteen Cantons, which met the 7th of this Month at the Charge of his Master. The Harangue of that Minister, upon this Occasion, contained only the usual Compliments and offers of Service, with assurances from his Master of maintaining his Alliances with the Helvetick Body, and recommending to them, in the close of his Discourse, Peace and Union among themselves, as the surest means to preserve their Liberties and Privileges. Another Tumult has lately happened in the County of Tockenbourg, wherein a Man was killed. That Accident hath heightened the Animosities of the contending Parties; and this Canton hath thereupon resolved to send another Deputation to Zurich, to concert such Measures as may prevent the Mischiefs which may otherwise arise from this new Occasion. The Affairs of Messieurs Bernard and Nicolas, the famous Bankers of Paris, have put Geneva and several other Places in this Country into an extream Consternation. It is said, that Geneva alone will lose eight Millions of Livres.

**Hague, April 23. N. S.** His Grace the Duke of Marlborough and Prince Eugene are still here, nor has either of these Generals yet declared when he shall go from hence. The Troops of Wirtemberg, and those of Prussia, which have been for some time expected on the Frontiers, will arrive there within few Days. The Saxons are also advancing with the utmost Expedition. Two Battalions, the one of Holstein, the other of Wolfenbuttle, are in Motion towards those Parts; so that all the Forces of the Allies, which are to serve in the Low-Countries, will be in a Readiness to take the Field as early as it shall be thought convenient. It having been represented to his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, that the Scarcity of Forage, occasioned by the Backwardness of the Season, might be a great Prejudice to the Troops, it they should take the Field as soon as was at first intended, it has been thought fit to defer the same for eight Days longer; and Orders are thereupon sent to the Generals, commanding the respective Bodies, to continue in their present Quarters for that time, with Directions to be in a Readiness to march at an hours Warning, if the Service shall require it. Monsieur Rouillé having, upon the Return of his Courier from France, desired another

Conference with Messieurs Buys and Vanderdussen, they met him on Sunday last between this Place and Utrecht, and are this Day to make a Report to a Committee of the States of what has been further offered.

**Hague, April 26. N. S.** We have received a Confirmation of a late Engagement between the Dunkirk Privateers and the Fleet of Merchantmen coming from Scotland; but the Loss is not so great as was at first represented. The Man of War which was their Convoy is returned to Helvoet-Sluis, but is very much shattered, having lost 80 Men, besides the Captain and one of the Lieutenants; the Enemy took 9 of the Merchants, whereof six were loaden with Coals. The States have made a further Promotion of General Officers, and several new Brigadiers will be declared within few Days. The Grand Pensioner having, by order of the States, made a Report to his Grace the Duke of Marlborough of what passed at the Conference which Messieurs Buys and Vanderdussen have had with that Minister since the Return of his last Courier from France, his Grace has resolved to return to Great Britain as soon as the Wind is fair, to inform her Majesty of the present Posture of Affairs. The Peregrine-Galley is fallen down near Rotterdam to the Brill, to receive his Grace on Board, and two of her Majesty's Men of War which are now at Helvoet-Sluis will attend him in his Passage. Prince Eugene designs to set out to Morrow for Brussels. Soon after his Highness arrives there, Orders will be given for the Troops to take the Field, though our Advices from Flanders and Brabant say, the Green Forage is still very backward. The President Rouillé continues still at Woorden, and hath dispatched another Courier to the French Court.

**Chester, April 18.** On the 16th Instant his Excellency the Earl of Wharton with his Lady arrived here, having been met several Miles from the Town by great Numbers of the principal Gentlemen of this City and Country on Horse-back. At his Excellency's coming into the City, the Guns were fired from the Castle; the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen in their Formalities attended his Excellency's Arrival in a Place built for that purpose, where the Recorder, in a handsome Speech, complimented his Excellency in the Name of the Corporation. The Streets were lined on each side with the several Companies of the Citizens, who were drawn up under their respective Banners. The same Evening his Excellency was treated at a very splendid Banquet by the Mayor and Corporation in the Town-house, and the Dean and Chapter of this Cathedral waited on his Excellency, to congratulate him upon his Arrival. Yesterday being Sunday, his Excellency was at Divine Service in the Morning and Afternoon, being received at his entering into the Church by the Dean, and conducted to the same Place at his going out. To Morrow his Excellency intends to go to Neston, in order to embark for Ireland with the first fair Wind.

**From on Board the Ranelagh at an Anchor in Dover Road, April 16.** On the 14th Sir John Norris gave Chase to 11 Sail, which proved to be 4 French Cruisers and 7 Prizes, belonging to North-Britain, that came from Leith, and the Parts near it, under Convoy of one Dutch Man of War. These Cruisers fell in with them on the 10th, near Corein, and took 7 Sail, the rest of them getting into Holland. Sir John Norris having an Opportunity of the Flood, followed them over the Banks of West-Cappell and Ostend, and came up with the Prizes, the Ranelagh taking two, and the Panther four. Two of the French Frigats stood over all the Sands for Dunkirk, and the other to the Northward; but our Pilots not being able to answer for running any further after them, and the Winds coming out upon us, we had great Difficulty