

so *Messina*, that it may not fall into the hands of the *Cosaks*.

Paris, May 14. The Marshal *d'Estrees* being lately dead, his body was brought hither from *Soissons*, the place of his Government, and was the 5th instant honourably entered in *St Johns Church*, and a solemn service performed in the same Church for him the 10th instant.

On Sunday last arrived here two Extraordinary Couriers from the Duke de *Chaulnes*, his Majesties Ambassador at *Rome*, one of them bringing Letters for the King, the other for the Nuncio, both of them confirming the Election of Cardinal *Altieri* to the Papacy, of which we have these particulars: That after several debates and conferences, held by the heads of the several factions, on the 29th of *April* they agreed upon Cardinal *Altieri* to the Pspacy, and deputed one to him in his *Colle* to acquaint him with their resolutions, and to desire his acceptance of their choice, to which he answered, that he had not ability to support so great a burden; desiring them to make another choice, and for some time disputed it with much earnestness, till their persuasions prevailing, he with tears told them, they had opened upon him the gates of Hell, and yielded to their importunity, they then acquaint the rest of the Cardinals with what had passed, who immediately proceeded to his Election, but the scrutiny held them for above three hours; this being past, they fetched him from his apartment, and putting upon him the Pontifical Robes, proceeded to adoration, and then opened the Conclave, where the Queen of *Sweden*, and the Duke of *Chaulnes* attending, were the first who entered and kissed his feet, and the same evening conducted him to the Vatican.

This Pope having no Nephews has adopted Cardinal *Paluzzi* whose Brother had Married his Niece, giving him the name of Cardinal *Altieri*, and to his Brother the name of Marquis *Altieri* instead of *Paluzzi*, and being himself a Creature of the former Popes has confirmed Don *Camillo Rospigliosi* in his charge of General of the Ecclesiastical State, and Don *Gio Battista Rospigliosi* in his Government of the Castle *St. Angelo*. He was made *Signior Carpegna Datario*, *Signior Massimi* Secretary of State, and *Abbot Ralioni* Secretary of his Brevis.

The Marquis de *Bethune* returning in eight days by post from *Vienna*, reports that Count *Serini*, had made his peace with the Emperor and was restored to his liberty, but *Ragotsky* still continues as the head of the *Hungarians*, and expects great assistance from the *Turks*.

Brussels, May 14. His most Christian Majesty on Monday last arrived at *Arras*, where he was received with as much solemnity as the place was able to contrive. Don *Francisco de Velasco* is supposed ere this to have had his Audience, and to have made his compliments to the King.

All our Cavalry is now drawn together and quartered between this City, *Louvain*, *Mechelen*, to be in readiness to march upon the first Orders.

We have here a warm report of the death of the Duke of *Lorraine*, of which we expect a farther confirmation.

The Prince de *Ligne* lately leaving this place, had large testimonies given him of the affections of the people; the streets and windows being thronged to take the last view of him as he went away, and great numbers went out in Coaches, on horseback, and on foot, a League from the Town, ranging themselves on both sides the way by which he passed the more conveniently, to bid him farewell: the first night he lodged at *Louvain*, where the Inhabitants put themselves into Arms and received him with much honour without the Town; the Cavalry also waiting on him into the Town; at his arrival the Magistrates and Officers of the place, and the University in their several bodies came to compliment him, and made Presents to him as they were used to do to their Kings. The next day he went thence on his way for *Italy*, through which he intends to pass to his Viceroyalty of *Sicily*, leaving his concerns here to the management of Monsieur *Wibaudé*, the principal Officer of his house.

From *Cologne* we are told, that there is great hopes of an agreement between the Elector and that City; that the Bishop of *Osnabrug* is gone privately to *Munster* to confer about the affairs with that Bishop, who is resolved to assist the Town, in case any thing be attempted on them, and has sent the Sieur de *Wedenberg*, President of his Court of Justice, to the frontiers, to confer with a Minister from the Elector of *Menz* about the concerns of the said City.

The County of *Rinstein* being part of the Estate belonging to the Count de *Tastenbuch*, and now under Sequestration for his rebellion against the Emperor: a dispute is risen between the Elector of *Brandenbourg* and Dukes of *Brunswick* and *Lunenbourg*, both sides putting in their pretensions to the County, the Elector claiming it as a Fief belonging to the Principality of *Halberstat*, and the Dukes, as being part of the County of *Blankenberg*, both parties are marching their forces to dispute their Titles, and already some hostilities are began by them.

Brussels, May 16. The 6 instant their most Christian Majesties went from *Landricies* to *Avesnes*, where they visited the Fortifications and returned to dine at *Landricies*, from whence they went the next day to *Quefroy*; the same day his Majesty took a view of the fortifications there, of his Camp a quarter of a League from thence on the way to *Valeuciennes*; the 9th they went thence and arrived that evening at *Casteau Cambresis*; and the next day lodged at *Casteles*; the 11th they came to *Bapaume*, and the next day to *Arras*, in all places received with the noise of the Artillery, and all possible demonstrations of joy.

On Sunday in the evening arrived here an Express from *Cambray*, from Don *Francisco de Velasco*, informing his Excellency, that the 10th instant the King had passed upon the Spanish Territories; but that he had not an opportunity given him to make his compliments to him; this Courier was sent back again the next morning, but his message not known.

Some passengers from *Lille* inform us that the King entered that City on Wednesday last, passing under several Triumphal Arches which were erected against his coming; they farther tell us that the Report of the Plague being at *Aeth* will not hinder his Majesty from viewing the Fortifications of that place, and passing afterwards to *Oudenard*.

Hague, May 15. The Heer *Van Benning* is preparing for his journey into *England*, and the Colledg of the Admiralty Ordered to fit up a ship to attend his transportation, he intending to set forwards the next week.

The Heer *Van der Tocht* is returned home from his Negotiation at *Brussels*, of which he has given the States an account, the other Deputy still continues there to attend the business under debate with the Admiralty of *Ostend*.

The difference between the Cities of *Amsterdam* and *Leyden* is determined by the great Council, the Channel is to be opened and let free, but care will be taken to make a sluice for the prevention of the inconveniences of letting in *t^e salt water*.

His most Christian Majesty having altered his progress, the Heer *Opdam* has also changed his design of attending him at *Lile*, and is this day setting forwards with a great Train of Gentlemen to compliment him at *Dunkerke*.

An Express arriving from *Brussels* with Letters from the Constable of *Castile*, the Spanish Ambassador immediately went hence to attend him having not time to take leave of the States.

Lyme, May 9. This Morning arrived here the *Providence* of this place in six weeks from *Virginia*; she came out in company with *Captain Eaton* aboard a *Londoner*, and one ship belonging to *Plymouth*, from whom she was in few days separated, but met with no disturbance or disaster by the way; that Plantation is now in a healthy condition, the distemper which Rigned amongst them being wholly sealed.