

*Vienna, April 18, N. S.* There is News here of the act of Possion of Nice by the Spaniards and the French; but, as it would be some Time before the Arrival of their Artillery, we are not to expect to hear of their Attempts against the Intrenchments of the Piemontese these ten or twelve Days. The Spanish Troops are said to amount to no more than 17 or 18,000 Men, and the French only to seven or eight hundred. The Troops in Bavaria are in Motion, and the News we had had of Marshal Traun's being ill at Munich, is not verified. The Emperor's Troops are to be posted at Philipsburg, and are supposed not to exceed 15,000 Men.

*Roermunde, April 21, N. S.* This Day two Squadrons of Hanoverian Horse, of the Regiment of Schée, passed the Maeze at this Place, in their March to Flanders, and will be immediately followed by two other Squadrons of the Regiment of Vreden. M. de Blüsa, Commissary General to his most Serene Highness Duke Theodore, Bishop and Prince of Liege, is arrived here, to regulate, with the Hanoverian Commissaries, all that shall be necessary for the Passage of those Troops across the Principality of Liege.

*Roermunde, April 24.* Two Squadrons of the Regiment of Vreden have passed the Maeze at this Place in their Way to Flanders, and will be immediately succeeded by four Squadrons of the Regiment of Busch.

*Liege, April 24.* The Governor of Maeftricht has demanded Passage for a Train of Artillery, 500 Horses, and the necessary Escorte, which will begin to move this Day or Tomorrow from Maeftricht towards Mons.

*Amsterdam, April 28, N. S.* We hear from Riga and Narva, that those Towns have suffered inexpressible Damages by the late sudden Inundations that have happened in those Parts, and particularly in their Magazines of all Sorts of Naval Stores.

*Hague, April 28, N. S.* By Letters from Paris there is Advice, that M. de Court was returned into Toulon Harbour without any Spanish Ships, and that Admiral Matthews had taken up his old Station off the Islands of Hyeres. Other Letters mention, an Embarkation of 2000 Men for Monaco, having been forced by some of his Britannick Majesty's Frigates, cruizing off Villa Franca, into St. Tropez, but add, that the Spaniards having made themselves Masters of a Post called Sospello, and of another Defile, were preparing every thing for attacking the King of Sardinia's Intrenchments upon the 14th Instant, so that News from these Parts is expected here with the greatest Impatience. The same Letters add, that the French King was preparing to set out immediately for his Army in Flanders. Letters from Madrid mention the King of Spain's being very much indisposed. It is also written from Paris, that the Resolution was taken there to declare War immediately against the Queen of Hungary. M. Fenelon set out from hence Yesterday for the Army by the Way of Liege.

*Admiralty-Office, April 19.*

On the 17th Instant, between Eleven and Twelve o'Clock in the Morning, Sir Charles

Hardy, with the Squadron under his Command, sailed from St. Helens, in Company with the Trade bound to Portugal and the Mediterranean.

*Leicester House, April 18.*

This Day the Heer van Boetslaer, Extraordinary Minister from the States General, had his first private Audience, of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; to which he was introduced by Sir Clement Cottrell Dormer, Knt. Master of the Ceremonies.

He had afterwards a private Audience of her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, being introduced by the Master of the Ceremonies.

*St. James's, April 20.*

This Day the Heer van Boetslaer had his first private Audience of his Royal Highness the Duke.

And afterwards a private Audience of their Royal Highnesses the Princesses Amelia and Caroline; to both which he was introduced by the Master of the Ceremonies.

*War-Office, April 18, 1744.*

The following Orders and Instructions having been given to the Colonels and Recruiting Officers of his Majesty's Land Forces and Marines, are published for the Information of the Commissioners and others authorized to put in Execution an Act of this Session of Parliament, intituled, An Act for the speedy and effectual Recruiting his Majesty's Land Forces and Marines.

*Complaints having been made by the Commissioners appointed by the Act now in Force, for the speedy and effectual Recruiting his Majesty's Land Forces and Marines, that the Officers appointed for the Receiving of the pressed Men and Volunteers, have not duly attended their Meetings, I am commanded to acquaint you, that you do take Care that the Officers of your Regiment do attend the next and all other Meetings in the Counties and Places to which your Regiment is appointed.*

*And as other Regiments are allotted to the same Counties with your Regiment, the Officers you shall appoint for this Service, upon their Arrival in those Counties, are to settle and agree with the Officers of the other Regiments, how to divide and divide themselves, so that the Commissioners be every where attended, in order to the Receiving from them such Men as shall be by them delivered over from Time to Time.*

*I am farther to acquaint you, that all the Recruits that shall be so delivered by the Commissioners, be received by your Officers, although such Recruits should exceed the Number wanting for your Regiment, such Supernumeraries being afterwards to be disposed of for his Majesty's Service, for whom the Officers shall be fully reimbursed the Charge, they shall be at there-by.*

*And for as much as Certificates are by the said Act required to be, by the said Commissioners, transmitted to this Office, of the Persons by them levied, and to whom delivered, it is his Majesty's Pleasure, that you give it as an Instruction to the Officers you employ on this Service, that they take Care to procure Duplicates thereof, which are to be lodged in the Hands of the Agent of the Regiment, to be at all Times forthcoming on any Occasion that may happen.*

*And as the Commissioners are, by the said Act, directed to use their best Judgment and Endeavours, that the Soldiers by them levied shall be such able bodied Men as are fit to serve his Majesty; you are to give it as a farther Instruction to your said Officers, that where they shall find a reasonable Cause to object to*