

*Whitehall, May 4.*

Yesterday Morning between Nine and Ten o'Clock the King left St. James's, crossed the Water in his Barge from Whitehall to Lambeth, and from thence proceeded to Gravesend, where his Majesty arrived about One o'Clock, and immediately embarked on board the Carolina Yacht for Holland.

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This Morning an Express arrived from the Army in Flanders, under the Command of his Royal Highness the Duke, with the following Account.

*Camp at Aeth, May 12, N. S.*

Yesterday, about Two o'Clock in the Morning, the whole Army marched from the Camp at Bruffoel, to attack that of the Enemy near Tournay, which was posted between the Chaussée of Aeth and the Schelde. The Infantry was formed in two Lines before the Enemy's Camp by between Three and Four: But as the Horse, who were to support them, had some Defiles to pass, they could not be in Readiness so soon; so that the whole Army did not move to the Attack till about Seven; and in this Interval of Time, the Infantry was exposed to a most furious Cannonade. The Right Wing however advanced with great Resolution, and gained Ground of the Enemy; but being continually gall'd by the Fire of Batteries in the Front, and of Redoubts in the Flanks, and also of a very smart and continual Discharge of Small Arms, they could not maintain the Ground they had got, but were obliged to retire. They rallied twice, but without Effect; so that it was judged necessary, about One o'Clock, that the Army should retreat; and it was done with so good Order and Countenance, that the Enemy did not attempt to give us any Disturbance; and the Army with its Baggage is now encamped near Aeth. We do not know that we have lost any Colours or Standards; but we have taken one Standard. There has been a very considerable Loss as well of Officers as common Soldiers, especially of the Right Wing; and the first Regiment of Guards, in particular, has suffer'd very much. Lieutenant General Sir James Campbell has lost his Leg by a Cannon Shot; Major General Ponsonby is kill'd; the Earl of Ancram and Lord Cathcart, Aides de Camp to his Royal Highness, are wounded; but it is hoped not dangerously. The Fire lasted from Five in the Morning till One in the Afternoon, during which Time His Royal Highness was constantly in the Heat of the Action, encouraging the Men, rallying them when broken, leading them to the Charge, and at the same Time watching every Turn, and making every Disposition that might procure him any Advantage. God be praised, His Royal Highness has not received the least Hurt.

Marshal Konigsegg was present, and on Horseback, the whole Action, and gave his Orders with the utmost Intrepidity and Calmness. Nothing can be said with Certainty of the Loss of the Enemy; but it must have been very considerable.

*Whitehall, April 16, 1745.*

Whereas an anonymous Letter, dated the 6th of this Instant April, and directed, To William Sheppard, was found at the Door of the said Mr. William Sheppard's

Dwelling-house in Froome in the County of Somerset; on Monday the 8th of this Instant April, threatening to burn and destroy the Houses and Goods of him the said William Sheppard and his Brother, and also the Lives of several Hundred Persons, who are not named in the said Letter, unless three Persons; who had been lately committed to Prison for their riotous and disorderly Behaviour, were immediately released: And whereas the Life of the Right Honourable Thomas Lord Viscount Weymouth, who committed them; was threatened in the said Letter to be taken away before Easter next; His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Person or Persons concerned in sending or writing the abovementioned Letter, is graciously pleased to promise his Pardon to any one of them who shall discover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices, so as he, she or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

**HARRINGTON.**

And as a farther Encouragement, The Right Hon. the Lord Viscount Weymouth does hereby promise a Reward of One Hundred Pounds to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, to be paid upon the Conviction of the Offender or Offenders.

**WEYMOUTH.**

And the Church-Wardens of Froome in the County of Somerset aforesaid, for the Time being, do also promise to pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds, upon Conviction, to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as is abovementioned.

William Barton, }  
Joseph Cleevey; } Church-Wardens.

**Navy-Office, April 26, 1745.**

The Right Hon. the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury having appointed Money for paying of Half Pay to Sea Officers, between the 1st of July 1744, and 31st of December following, according to his Majesty's Establishment on that Behalf, These are to give Notice, that the said Payment will begin to be made at the Treasurer of the Navy's Office in Broad Street, at Nine of the Clock in the Morning, the following Days, to wit, on Monday the 13th of next Month for Captains, Tuesday the 14th for Lieutenants, and Wednesday the 15th for Masters and Surgeons, that all Persons concerned may then and there attend to receive what may become payable to them, and not only bring with them the Affidavits required touching their not having enjoyed the Benefit of any publick Employment, either at Sea or on Shore, during the Time they are to be paid the said Half Pay, but also produce Certificates that they have subscribed to the Test, and taken the Oaths required by Act of Parliament to his present Majesty. And in Case any of the said Officers shall not be able to attend themselves to receive their Money, but employ Attorneys for that Purpose, that the said Attorneys may produce the like Certificates and Affidavits from the Persons they are employed by.

**Admiralty-Office, April 30, 1745.**

His Majesty having been graciously pleased, by his Warrant under his Royal Sign Manual, dated the 10th of June, 1733; to establish certain Rules and Orders for the Relief of Poor Widows of Commission and Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy: These are to give Notice, that Copies of the said Rules and Orders are lodged with the Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy at Chatham, Portsmouth, and Plymouth; as also with the Clerks of the Cheque at Deptford, Woolwich, and Sheerness; and with the Naval Officers at Harwich, Deal, and Kinsale; where all such Widows as intend to lay in their Claims, may be informed of all Particulars which entitle them to the Benefit of the said Charity, and receive the proper Certificates for that Purpose. But such Widows as live at too great a Distance from the Places above-mentioned, may apply by Letter to Mr. Charles Fearn, at the Admiralty Office, who will send them all necessary Information. And the Governors of the said Charity intending to distribute to the Sea Officers Widows, whose Circumstances come within