

that the Combined Army near Placentia had sent out a Detachment of their best Cavalry, to the Number of 2000, to endeavour to cut their Way through the Imperial and King of Sardinia's Armies, but that the advanced Parties having got Intelligence of them, they were surrounded, 1265 taken Prisoners, and the Remainder, except a very few, cut to Pieces. The whole Body of Austrian Troops from Germany is this Day arrived at Venlo. The necessary Dispositions are making for the Removal of our Army from hence. Last Night the Transports, having on Board the British Battalions, arrived at Helvoetsluys, and some as far as Willemstadt.

*Hague, July 8.* The French are daily receiving small Reinforcements from the Upper Meuse. The News of the Surrender of Mons is expected every Day. Fort Marguerite, and even Ypres, is said to be razed. The French King was, according to the last Letters from Paris, to set out on his Return to the Army as this Day Se'n-night. The Consternation at Paris, upon the Advices from Italy, is reported to be very great. The Prince of Lichtenstein's ill Health had obliged him to retire again from the Army. According to our last Advices, the King of Sardinia's Head Quarters were still at Stradella, but General Bernclau had been sent to press and concert his Junction with the Austrian Army.

*Willemstadt, July 9.* The Transports with the Forces from England arrived at Helvoetsluys on Thursday, Part of them came up hither that Evening, some Yesterday, and the rest To-day; they will be disembarked To-morrow Morning. The Train is also arrived. The Transports which brought the Hessians are sailed back to Leith. The Princess of Waldeck is expected here To-day to see the British Forces disembark. His Britannick Majesty's Yacht the Catherine came to an Anchor off this Place Yesterday, with General Ligonier on board; she had been in a Storm of 36 Hours, and two Transports were run a-shore the Night before, but it was hoped they would be got off at High Water with little or no Damage. We hear by her, that several People were drowned at the Nore, and that the oldest Sailor did not remember to have seen such Weather at this Time of Year.

*Edinburgh, June 29.* Upon Information that John Murray, of Broughton, late Secretary to the Pretender's Son, had on Friday last dined at Kilbucco, and had that Night gone to the House of Mr. Hunter of Polmood, who married Mr. Murray's Sister, John Smith, Sergeant in St. George's Dragoons, with seven private Men, then under his Command at Broughton, was order'd thither with a Guide, and Yesterday at Three o'Clock in the Morning he seized Mr. Murray at the House of Polmood; and Yesterday he was brought before the Lord Justice Clerk, and was committed close Prisoner

to the Castle of Edinburgh. Upon his Examination he declared that the Pretender's Son, with Sullivan and O Neil, both Irish, and no other Person in Company, did, about four Days after the Battle of Culloden, go off from Mondart in an open Boat, in order to get on board of a Ship, but that he, Murray, being at that Time indispos'd, was not able to go with them. The said Murray had been mostly with Lochiel, and his Uncle Major Kennedy, and his Brother, in a starving Way, lying on the Side of Hills all Day, and travelling or wandering all the Night with Scouts at a Mile, or half a Mile's Distance, never daring to stay two Nights in one Place. Lochiel was very ill, wounded in the Heel, and obliged to use a Horse; and he, Murray, unable to bear Fatigue and Want any longer, cross'd the Hill, without a Servant, and came by Monteith to the Place where he was taken.

*Whitehall, July 5.*

The King has been pleased to order a Commission to be passed under the Great Seal of Great Britain, for constituting and appointing the Right Honourable Philip Lord Hardwicke, Baron of Hardwicke, Chancellor of Great Britain, to be High Steward of Great Britain, for the trying of William Earl of Kilmarnock, George Earl of Cromertie, and Arthur Lord Balmerino, upon several Indictments of High Treason, found against them by the Grand Jury of the County of Surry.

The King has been pleased to grant unto the Right Hon. Hugh Baron Clinton, the Dignities of a Baron and Earl of the Kingdom of Great Britain, by the Name, Stile and Title of Baron Fortescue of Castle Hill in the County of Devon, and Earl Clinton; and in Default of Issue Male, then the said Title of Baron Fortescue to descend to Mathew Fortescue, Brother to the said Hugh Baron Clinton, and the Heirs Male of his Body lawfully begotten.

The King has been pleased to grant unto the Right Hon. Francis Baron Brooke, the Dignity of an Earl of the Kingdom of Great Britain, by the Name, Stile and Title of Earl Brooke, of Warwick Castle in the County of Warwick,

The King has been pleased to grant unto the Right Hon. John Baron Gower, the Dignities of a Viscount and Earl of the Kingdom of Great Britain, by the Name, Stile and Title of Viscount Trentham in the County of Stafford, and Earl Gower.

The King has been pleased to order Letters Patent to be passed, under the Great Seal of his Kingdom of Ireland, containing a Grant unto Richard Wesley, of Mornington in the County of Meath, Esq; of the Dignity of a Baron of the said Kingdom, by the Name, Stile and Title of Baron Mornington, of Mornington in the said Kingdom.