

cessitated to seek new ; and some say, that they are preparing so to do. Some Swedish Soldiers having lately, not far from *Crossen*, taken away from the Countrey People some Cattle, a Party of *Brandenburghers* was sent out against them, in which Rencontre, 15 Swedes, and four *Brandenburghers* were killed. Our Letters from *Copenhagen*, speak not of any preparations that are making there for War ; though from *Holland* they write, that it is expected that that King will very suddenly declare in favor of the *Confederates*. According to our Advices from *Poland*, the Affairs of that Kingdom, instead of mending, grow daily worse and worse ; and though the Prince *Radzevill* hath lately taken a place of great strength in the *Ukraine*, yet that cannot recompence for the other inconveniences and prejudices the Kings Affairs, at present lie under, and all through the backwardness of the *Poles*, to contribute the Supplies necessary for the carrying on the War with honor and advantage to themselves. There is a report, as if there had hapned some disorder amongst the Troops of the Duke of *Hanover*, they having refused to serve, in any occasion whatever, against the Emperor, or the Empire.

Liege, April 30. Things are at present here in an entire peace, and we live in a perfect friendship and good correspondence with the *French* in the Citadel, who have engaged not to attempt anything to the prejudice of our Neutrality, which has been likewise confirmed by an Act signed by the Most Christian King. There are several thousand of *Lorrainers* on this side the *Rhine*, as likewise four Regiments of *Imperialists*, and some thousands of *Croats*, who are quartered up and down in the Countrey of *Stavelot*, and in *Luxembourg*. The old Duke of *Lorraine* is suddenly expected in those Parts, to command a Body of an Army ; and on the other side, we are confidently informed, that the *Marschal de Crequi* will act with a flying Army between the *Sambre* and the *Meuse*. The *Spaniards* seem to be in some apprehension that the *French* have a design to attack *Namur*, which if they should become Masters of, the Provinces of *Limburgh* and *Luxembourg* would be entirely cut off from the other *Spanish* Provinces. The *French* have erected a vast Magazine at *Charleroy*, which makes it generally believed, that the Prince of *Conde* will come and in camp much in the same place he did the last year, behind the *River Picon*.

Hague, May 3. Their Electoral Highnesses of *Brandenburg* are not yet arrived, though expected yesterday, the contrary Winds having hindered them, they coming in a Yacht down the *Rhine*. Yesterday the Prince of *Oranges* Regiments of Guards, received their orders to march on Monday next towards *Bergen-op zoom*, where is appointed to be held the eighth instant, the Rendezvous of the Forces which are to compose his Highness Army: Though it is thought his Highness will not part hence, till towards the middle of this Month. Yesterday his Highness assisted at a Conference between the Deputies of *Holland* and *Zeland*, for the composing a difference between those two Provinces, about matters relating to Commerce and Jurisdiction, which had gone so far, that Vessels had been stopp'd, as well on the one, as the other side: And this Morning his Highness was present at another Conference held with the Ministers of the several Allies, and the Deputies for the secret Affairs of this State, about the rupture with the Crown of *Sueden*. It is said that the Allies are not altogether satisfied, that the King of *Denmark* is not more forward to break with *Sueden*, in pursuance of the Treaty between his Majesty and them. The *Sieur Hemsfirken* will, we are told, be dispatched back to *Vienna*, to reside there on the part of this State. Some

pretend to have news from *Brussels*, that a very considerable sum of Money hath been remitted thither from *Madrid*, to be employed for the hiring several Men of War of this State, to serve against *Messina*. Our Letters from *Francfort* of the 28 past, say, that the Imperial Artillery arrived there the Saturday before, and that in a day or two the whole Army was expected in that Neighborhood ; which, we are assured, will forthwith pass the *Main* into the *Palatinate*, for which reason great quantities of Bread are baking there, for the use of the said Army. We have Letters from *Cologne*, which speak of the arrival there of the old Duke of *Lorraine*, who will act with a small Army during this Campaign, between the *Moselle* and the *Meuse*, unless some great service happen to call him elsewhere.

Paris, May 4. His Majesty has caused his Gensdarmes and Light Horse to part towards *Compiègne*, and his Regiment of Guards hath orders to march on Monday next. To-morrow his Majesty goes with the whole Court from *Versailles* to *St. Germain*, with intentions to continue there, till he begins his journey towards the Army, which is put off for some days longer than we told you in our last. On Wednesday last, his Majesty held a Council of War at *Versailles*, at which the Prince of *Conde*, Monsieur de *Turenne*, the Duke of *Enghien*, &c. assisted. The disturbances which have been at *Rennes* and *Nantes*, have been very great ; so far, that it was thought fit to send some Troops thither ; but they are appeas'd, and the chief Authors of them severely punished. Besides, the two main Armies to be commanded, the first by the Prince of *Conde* in *Flanders*, and the other by Monsieur de *Turenne* in *Germany*, it is said his Majesty intends to have four flying Armies this Campaign; the first, under the Command of the *Marschal d'Humieres*, on the side of *Cambrai* ; the second, under Monsieur de *Montevrier*, about *Dunkirk* ; the third, under Monsieur de *Nantilly*, Governor of *Aich*, towards *Brussels* ; and the fourth, under the *Marschal de Créquy*, towards *Luxembourg*. His Majesty has, as we are assured, ordered his Ambassadors designed for the Treaty of *Nimegue*, to hold themselves ready to part thence, so soon as his Majesty shall have advice of the Emperors having given him satisfaction in the two preliminary Points about the Prince of *Furstenberg*, and the Monies seized at *Cologne*. The Prince of *Newburgh*, eldest Son to the Duke of that name, is gone for *Calais*, in order to his passing over into *England* incognito ; to which end, a Yacht will attend him at *Calais*, by order of His Majesty of *England*, as likewise Monsieur *Sandford*, Resident for the Duke of *Newburgh* at that Court. The Prince has with him a Train of about 50 persons. We are told, that some Troops have been sent to *Bordeaux*, to prevent the like disorders there, as have already hapned at several other places, on occasion of certain new Impositions. The first instant, the *Popes* Nuncio, and the other *Foreign* Ministers, were to Compliment Madam the Dutchess of *Orleans*, upon her recovery.

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