

Ghent, to sell there. Mr. Godolphin is pass'd through this place on his way to the Army, being appointed by His Majesty of Great Britain, to reside near the Prince of Orange this Campaign, as His Envoy Extraordinary. From *Brabant* we have an account, that on Friday last the Prince went from his quarter at *Hoboken*, to *Dendermonde*, to view that place; that in his return, the Forerunners having discovered 500 French Horse to lie in Ambuscade, upon the notice they had of his Highnesses being gone to *Dendermonde*; that the Convoy that was with his Highnesses fell upon them, routed them, and brought about 40 Horses, which they had taken into their quarters.

Brussels, March 22. On Saturday last, the Baron de *Quincy* marched with several Squadrons of Horse and Battalions of Foot from *Ghent* towards *Rupelmond*, and the same day the *Marschal d'Humieres* with a greater Body advanced as far as *Lokeren* in the Country of *Waes*, and shewed himself near the Fort *St. Margaret*, from whence the Cannon played upon him, which gave the Alarm to all the Country round, and made them believe that Fort was attacked: But the *Marschal d'Humieres* having only taken a view of it, retired to *Lokeren*, where we hear a Body of French still continues. The Dragoons and Bayliffs of the several places in the Country of *Waes*, are summoned to *Ghent*, to swear Fealty to the French King. We have an account that all the Burgers of *Ghent* have been commanded to bring in their Arms to the Town-House, which they did accordingly; that strict Orders have been given, that no Burgher shall be out of his House after 7 a Clock at night; that the Magistrates have been obliged to pay 700 thousand Florins. This morning his Excellency sent a Person of Quality to Complement her Highness the Princess of *Orange*, upon her arrival at *Antwerp*. All the Prince of *Oranges* Cannon that were here, are ordered to be embarked, and sent to his quarters near *Mechelen*. The Fortifications of *Hall* are not as yet quite demolished, which is the reason that the Garrison still continues there. From *Liege* they write, that on Saturday last, 150 large Boats laden with Hay, Oats, Corn, &c. pass'd down the River from thence to *Maastricht*, where they are preparing for some considerable design. They have a Flying Body of an Army at *Bissen*, and with them near 10000 Pioneers. The account we have of *Ipres* is, that the Trenches were opened before it on Tuesday night last; that the day following, they began to batter the Town; that they made three Attacks, one against the Citadel, and two against the City; but this is an old account, we having had no Letters these four dayes from that side, occasioned partly by the Country being drowned in *Flanders*.

Ditto, March 25. Yesterday returned hither *Don Carlos de Borja* from *Flanders*, whither he was sent by his Excellency, to Complement the Duke of *Monmouth* upon his arrival at *Osford*, but it seems his Grace was returned for *England*, before he arrived there. His Highness the Prince of *Orange* continues still his Head-quarter at *Boom* near *Mechelen*. The last night the Garrison that was at *Hall* came hither, the Walls and Fortifications of that place having been blown up that morning. By a Trumpet arrived yesterday from the French Camp before *Ipres*, we are told, that the *Marquis de Conflans*, who commands within the place, makes a brave defence; that on Tuesday last, the Besiegers were come within 40 paces of the Counterscarp; and that it was not doubted but in three or four dayes they would be Masters of the place. We understand by the Spanish Letters arrived this day, that the King of *Spain* has appointed Count *Egmond* to go for *England*, in quality of his Ambassador Extraordinary. That *Don Francisco de Melan*, one of the Lieutenant Generals of the Cavalry

here, is made General of the Artillery; and the *Marquis d'Offera* being made Captain General of *Biscay*.

From the Camp before *Ipres, March 22.* On Friday last, being the 18 instant, the King caused the Trenches to be opened before the Citadel; the same day the Duke of *Orleans* arrived in the Camp. The Besieged having fired very briskly both with great and small shot, many men have been killed; the *Marquis de Chamilly*, Governor of *Audenard*, and Lieutenant General, hath received a bruise in the head; and the *Sieur de Brinvillier*, Captain of the Grenadiers of *Navarre*, is wounded in the Shoulder with a Musquet-bullet; however they did not quit the Trenches. Our Cannon arrived the 20; 16 pieces are planted against the Town, which began to fire yesterday, and most of the Enemies Cannon is already dismounted; the Trenches are advanced very near the Counterscarp, which will be attacked the 25. This day a Cannon-shot from the Town killed 14 *Suisses* of the Company of *Stoppa*.

Paris, March 26. Our last Letters from the Camp before *Ipres*, are of the 22 instant, they tell us, that the Besiegers advanced their Trenches to the Counterscarp of the Citadel, which it was believed would be attacked the night following, and in a day or two after they reckon to be Masters of the place. On Monday last, a Courier having brought some Letters to the Prince of *Orleans* at *Chamilly*, and he having perused them, he caused the said Courier to be guarded in his House, and the next day sent him to *Paris*, with a Letter to the Governor of the *Bastille*, to desire him to keep the said Person in safe custody, till the Kings return hither, which will be so soon as *Ipres* is taken. The Chevalier de *Chapdeau Renan* is Cruising in the Channel with six Men of War.

Whitehall, March 20. His Majesty being come this morning into the House of Lords; attired in His Royal Robes, and seated in His Throne, with the usual Solemnity, the House of Commons was sent for up, who attending accordingly, His Majesty was graciously pleased to give His Royal Assent to the two Acts following, as also to several private Acts.

I. An Act for Raising Money by a Poll, and otherwise, to Enable His Majesty to Enter into an Actual War against the French King, and for Prohibiting several French Commodities.

II. An Act for continuance of two former Acts, for Preventing of Theft and Rapine upon the Northern Borders of England.

Advertisements.

These are to give Notice, That the General Post Office is removed from *Bishopsgate-street*, to *Lombard-street*, to *Sir Robert Viner's House*.

Stolen from Mr. *Bullstrode* the 18 instant, by a Maid-Servant, who called her self *Elizabeth Cross*: She is of a middle stature, thick and plump, a brown complexion, but with a fresh colour, black eye-brows, something thick lips, and said she was of *Worcestershire*. One Silver Watch of Mr. *Signior's* making, with a black Case studded with Silver. One large Silver Tankard. Two large Silver Trencher-plates. One large Silver Caudle-cup. Seven Silver Spoons. One large Silver Spoon, and six Silver Trencher-falts. One large Silver Salt. One Morello Tabby petticoat of Cherry-colour, with a very broad Silver-lace round it. One rich Flowred Silver-petticoat with a Silver fringe at the bottom, the Staff shaded with Olive and Phillamotte. One long Train-petticoat of rich Flowred Silk; the Flowers of several colours, but the Ground black, and the Flowers most upon Gold-colour. One black Flowred Silk-gown laced. One black Crape-gown and Petticoat. One black Lutestring Train-petticoat. One black Gauze Train-petticoat. One rich Flowred Mantua lined with black, with a pair of very fine laced Sleeves. One Point-petticoat. One brown Holland-petticoat laced all over. One green Sarcenet-petticoat laced. One Phillamotte-tabby petticoat laced. One Orange-colour Silk-petticoat laced with black and white Laces. One black Tabby-petticoat. A piece of new Holland about 6s, an Ell. Several Laced-aprons. Several plain fine Holland-aprons. Six fine new Holland-smocks never washed. Eight other fine Holland-smocks. Seventeen Holland-shirts. Eight fine Holland Half-shirts. Several pair of fine Holland-Shirts and Pillow-bears. Sixteen pair of fine Holland-sleeves. Ten Laced-etavats, with as many pair of Laced-cuffs. Several other things, as Periwiges, Silk-Stockings, Haadkerchiefs, Scarfs, Gloves, Ribbons, Womens Night-cloaths, and other things of value. In all amounting to above 200l. If any of the above said things be offered to be pawn'd or sold you are to make stay of them and the person, and to give notice to Mr. *Bullstrode* at his house in *Westminster*, over against the New Chappel, and you shall have Ten pounds Reward.