

the Hague, whose return is expected here about the latter end of this week, for the mutual interchanging of the Ratifications on all sides, though 'tis believed, that from Denmark, as being farther distant, may not probably arrive so soon as was expected.

Six Companies of Foot are drawn out of this Garrison, and by Order from the States sent to reinforce their Towns and Forts upon the Frontiers of Flanders.

The Soldier that was formerly complained of, and by Proclamation summoned in to give an account of some scandalous words spoken by him in derogation to his Majesty of Great Britain, having not in Obedience thereto made his appearance, is condemned to have his Tongue bored through with an hot Iron, and afterwards to be hanged whosoever he shall be taken.

Hague, August 14. All the Land Forces have Orders under pain of Casting, to repair immediately to their Colours, the Flying Army that has been so long design'd, will be speedily formed. The Charges in the Militia are disposed of as follows:

Prince Maurice of Nassau is to be Field-Marshal of the United Provinces.

The Here Wurtz, (formerly General of the Infantry in the Service of the Crown of Sweden, and lately Field-Marshal in the Service of the King of Denmark) is to be second Field-Marshal.

The Prince of Tarant, General of the Cavalry.

The Here Northwick, General of the Artillery.

The Rhinegrave, Lieutenant General of the Cavalry.

Count Hoorn, Sergeant Major of the Army.

The Here Anthony of Haersholt eldest Colonel of Horse, to be Commissary-General of the Cavalry.

They are not yet resolved upon whom to confer the Generalship by Sea and Land; but the States of Holland having suppress'd the Office of State-holder in that Province, and taken an Oath never to propose the restoring it again, resolving, That whosoever shall offend therein, shall be proceeded against as guilty of Perjury; The States have further Ordain'd, That whosoever shall for the future be employed as Captain or Admiral General, in one or both Functions, or shall be admitted to the Supreme command of the Militia, under what Title soever, such person shall not be or continue State-holder of any one or more Provinces, and that upon his Election to such Charge, he shall be bound by oath, neither directly nor indirectly to seek after the State-holdership, but to oppose and refuse it, if offered unto him by others.

On Wednesday or Thursday next the Plenipotentiaries are to depart hence for Breda, where the Ratifications of the Articles are to be exchanged, and 'tis hoped the French and Dutch will in few dayes arrive there also for the final Conclusion of that work.

Bruges, Aug. 17. We are now assured that the French are laid down before Lisse, against which they have rais'd three Batteries, but the Spaniards are drawing together their Army near Ghent, intending to endeavour their utmost for its relief. Even now by some passengers from those parts, we are told that the Garrison of Lisse hath made a stout Sally upon the Besiegers with a Body of 5000 men, whereof 3000 beat up the French post, with such success, that they took near 600 of their horse, by which time the French being sufficiently allur'd, endeavour'd to intercept them in their retreat, but the other two thousand coming up to assist them, the French lost many hundreds of men, the Spaniards with an inconsiderable damage raising into the town, the confirmation whereof we must further expect.

Paris, Aug. 17. On Friday last the Marquis de la Fuente lately Ambassador from the Court of Spain, went hence for Madrid and on Sunday last arriv'd at Orleans. The Archbishop D' Ambrun our Ambassador in Spain is also upon his return, and 'tis believed may meet, for their mutual exchange upon the Frontiers.

Our Letters from the Camp before Lisse inform us, That the ninth Instant that City was invest'd by a Body of our horse, and the 11th in the evening, his Majesty arriv'd before it with the Army; 'tis much feared lest the Besieged tru-

ing in the number of their Men and strength of the place may hold out for some considerable time. His Majesty however seems resolv'd to reduce it, and for that end has summoned in the Country people out of Picardy to labour in the Line which he intends to draw about it, and in several works that are design'd to be rais'd to resist any Forces that shall attempt the relief of it. Fourteen pieces of Cannon are sent from the Arsenal here to be employ'd in the Siege, or to supply the places of others that are taken from some of our adjoining garrisons for that Service.

The Governor of St. Omers has command'd several towns of the Boulonnais to pay him contribution, threatening them with fire in case of refusal.

From Rochell we are advis'd of the arrival there of a Vessel with several Pacquets of Letters from Lisbon, which have been deliver'd to Monsieur Colbert Tercin, and that the discourse of that place is of some endeavours or Overtures of Peace between Spain and Portugal.

From Gallice we are assur'd, that a Squadron of our Ships have been seen passing by that Road for Brest, and amongst them the new ships built for his Majesties Service in Denmark and Holland, commanded by Captain de la Roche, and now passing to joyn with the Fleet commanded by the Duke de Beaufort.

Portsmouth, Aug. 9. The last night 44 sail of Dutch standing Eastwards from Portland, put the Isle of Wight upon its Guard: The wind being very high, we suppose them by this past by Dover.

Dover, Aug. 9. This day sail'd by to the Northward upward of 40 sail, supposed to be a Squadron of De Ruyters Fleet, the wind at South-West.

Aberough, Aug. 10. On Friday morning came in three Dutch Men of War from the North-East, exchanging several Guns with the other four that have for some time continued in this Bay, and afterwards came to an anchor by them. At the same time came into them a large Fly-boat, which is conceiv'd to be a Victualler.

Hornich, Aug. 10. Yesterday the Lenox, and a Galliot Hoy, sent out, took a view of the Dutch Squadron lying without the Whiting and Bardsley-sands, being about 24 or 25 sail, they have not of late attempted any thing.

Whitehall, Aug. 8. This day his Majesty by the advice of his Council Order'd his Proclamation to be issued out for the discovery and Apprehension of John Lockier, Timothy Butler, Thomas Blood, commonly call'd Captain Blood, and other persons, who in a riotous and rebellious manner at Darrington near Wensbridge, in the County of York, violently set upon, and assaulted the Guards intrusted with the care of conducting one John Mason, a Prisoner for Treason, from the Tower of London to the City of York, killing and desperately wounding several of the said Guard, and others, and rescuing and carrying away the said Mason, and since lurking in secret places, not submitting themselves to Justice, &c. declaring, that an hundred pounds sterling shall be given and paid to any person or persons, as a recompence for their good service, who shall apprehend and bring in the said Lockier, Butler, Blood, and Mason, or any of them, or any others that were their Accomplices in the said Rescue; further declaring, that all those who wilfully or knowingly conceal or harbour the said Offenders, or shall not use their best endeavours for their discovery and apprehension, shall be proceeded against with all severity, as by the Proclamation it self will more fully appear.

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The preceding Orders to that number which are yet unpaid, are the 135. 153. 336. 343. 354. 360. and 361. For the payment of all which Orders, the said Officers have reserved money in Bank, to pay them to the respective times that they came in course to be paid.