

'Tis confidently said, That the Estates of the Empire are agreed that the Netherlands are to be assisted, but that they intend in the first place to endeavour all they can for an Accommodation, having some intention of sending an Express to the King of France to Remonstrate to him the great inconveniences which may follow, should he further prosecute his pretensions by the sword, desiring him to hearken to some Proposals tending to Peace, which if refused, then to declare their Resolution of assisting the Netherlands with an Army of 50000 Men.

Yesterday two Couriers were sent away from this Court, one for Berlin, and the other for Holland. Great store of Arms are daily sent to the Magazine to furnish out the new Levies and money is already given out for that purpose.

The 26 Instant the Eastern Company of Merchants went from hence for Constantinople with nine lusty Vessels laden with Merchandize.

From Hungary we are told, That the Hussars met lately with a Body of the Turks, of whom they defeated a party of near 300 men, and carryed off a great Booty.

Dantzick, August 6. Letters from Warsaw of the 29 past, tell us, That the Tartars have in three places with strong parties made their Incursions upon the Frontiers, making great spoil in all places where they come, and that they were already advanced as far as Zborow, Berezan and Rokalyn; upon which Intelligence, the General was marching with all the haste imaginable, with intention to engage them, leaving behind him the Palatine of Cracow as Supreme Director to the Commissioners at Lemburg, who proceed with great satisfaction and contentment to the Army. The two Palatines of Russia and Kiow are also marched against the Tartars; that Count Lasko with a party of the Polanders under his command, happened upon a party of the Tartars of 5000 men as they were disorderly plundering the Countrey between Szwarcow and Berre, which he broke in pieces, and wholly destroyed giving but little quarter: Another party of Tartars of the like number are also wholly defeated in another place, and 10000 more that were got into a Body, taking the Alarm, retreated with such haste upon the News of the approach of our Forces, that they left all their plunder behind them with their Bag and Baggage. Balyr Murza with a strong party of the Tartars, and some Regiments of Cossacks, is gone another way, with thoughts to joyn with their Sultan, but the General having got notice of their intentions, marched after them with all the speed he is able, and has therefore left behind him his great Guns, taking only the lighter with him, hoping in few dayes to give some account of them.

Cologne, Aug. 7. After much dispute about the Coadjutorship of Munster, the Bishop of Paderborne was at the last created to that Office, since which that Scene is much changed, and the Interest of the Bishoprick seems wholly bent for the service of the House of Austria, and 'tis said, the Bishop has some intentions of passing incognito to the Emperour, to offer his service. This change of affairs is ill resented by Monsieur de Lyonne, who has in discourse with the Dutch Ambassador Van Beuninghen, much complained of the procedure of the Bishop, as having received encouragement for his Levies from France; but the States of Munster have it seems declared, that what passed betwixt the French and their Bishop, was done without their knowledge and approbation, and therefore cannot oblige them.

From Ratisbone we are told, that Monsieur de Gravel, and the Deputies of Burgundy, are much labouring to improve their several Interests with the Electoral Colledge, and have given in their papers, containing the sum and reasons of their desires, the Colledge has not as yet determined on either side, though seemingly inclined most to the assistance of the Spaniards, being desirous that great business in dispute might be ended (if possible) by an amicable composition.

Paris, Aug. 10. St. N. Letters of the 14th Instant from the Camp before Lisle, tell us, That the Lines of Circumvallation and Contravallation were finished the 13th, and that in three or four dayes they intended to open their Trenches, and that a Captain of the Champagne Regiment had at noon fallen upon a Redoubt, wherein were 70 of the Spanish Souldiers, and that half of them were killed on the place, the

others made Prisoners; but that the Besieged seem resolved to do their utmost in defence of that City.

The King has ordered the Marechal D'Aumont with a Flying Army to attend the motion of the Spanish Forces, and to secure the passages to the Camp, who is at present lodged between Tournay and the Camp, to secure the Army on that side.

The Garrison of Cambray has commanded in the Country in Picardy as far as the River D'Oise, to pay them contribution.

By Letters from the Duke De Crequy's Army, we are told, That a German Regiment of 1200 Horse have deserted the Service, upon pretence of want of pay.

The Archbishop D'Ambram our Ambassador in the Spanish Court, who was supposed to have been already upon his way home, has by a late Courier advised us, That he had a Fortnight since had his last Audience from that Court, and that in few dayes he intended to begin his Journey from thence.

The Marquis de la Fuente, the Spanish Ambassador, has had the misfortune in his way, to be hurt in his Letter, one of his Mules getting loose, and the other for some time dragging him on the ground, which may for a while retard him.

Our Letters from Rome inform us, that the Duke de Chaulnes our Ambassador, having in a late Audience from his Holiness pressed the restitution of Castro; the Pope told him it was a business of great importance and would require some time to consider of it, and that he has sent to the Duke of Parma to desire him not to sollicite any farther in that affair, but rather to hearken to some way of composition, and to receive satisfaction for his pretensions in money.

Yesterday a Courier brought Letters to the Hostel de Conde to acquaint the Prince, That the Duke D'Enguien was fallen dangerously ill; and 'tis said the Prince is thereupon hastning with all the speed he can possibly for the Army.

Newcastle, August 10. A Privateer of this place has newly sent in hither a Prize, her lading and value not yet known.

Deal, Aug. 10. The last night was brought into the Downs a prize taken by two Fireships, being a Flyboat of near 500 Tuns, laden with salt.

Dartmouth, August 11. Several ships have been seen passing before this Port, and the last night 16 sail, which we suppose French, (a like number with their small Vessels attending them, having been lately discovered by Captain Keigwin off the Isle of Bas, standing for the English Coasts) the same Captain hath with his Privateer brought in a Prize to Torbay, taken off the French Coasts, her lading Hemp, Flax, and some Cloth.

Plymouth, August 11. We have advice from Foy, that the Dutch Fleet consisting of 54 sail of all sorts, were yesterday discovered off that place plying Westwards: Three Vessels arriving here from Pensance, inform us, That the Dutch had been upon some of the outward Islands near Scilly, where they had taken some few sheep, but were forced off to Sea by foul weather.

Alberough, Aug. 12. On Saturday last blew a great storm of wind at South-west, by which one of the seven Dutch Men of War in this Bay had his Main-mast brought by the board. On Sunday morning only five of them appeared in the Bay, but towards the evening we discovered 18 sail more to the Southwards.

Hull, August 12. Yesterday was brought into Humber an Holland's Man of War of 46 guns, taken by some of his Majesty's ships upon the Dogger-sands, after some resistance made, in which the Captain and Lieutenant were both killed. This ship was Convoy to five Fly-boats, intended with Fresh water and Provisions to Van Ghent and had with her the Shallop belonging to the Royal Charles, and aboard her much household-stuff, plundered in the Isle of Sheppy.

Harwich, August 13. The Dutch ships continue their Station as formerly off Bardsey Sands, only one great ship with two small ones, has for two or three dayes been at an Anchor in the Gun-fleet.