

The Count *Olo William Coningsmark* has near upon completed his Regiment of Horse, having for the encouragement thereof advanced 50 or 60 Rixdollers to every able person that offered his service.

Our Polish Letters tell us that the King having retired himself into a Convent, to pass there his *Easter* in devotion, the Nobility have likewise left *Warsaw*, having first desired His Majesty that another General Diet might be suddenly called, to settle the Affairs of the Kingdom; declaring that they shall otherwise be forced to meet in Armes. 'Tis confidently said that His Majesty is resolved to resign his Crown, and retire himself from Publick Affairs; and that the Nobility desire to enter upon a free Election of a Successor, to which there are like to be many Pretenders.

They farther tell us that the Cossacks beyond the *Dniiper* are revolted from the Muscovites, and joining with a party of the Tartars have made an Invasion into *Russia*; where they committed great cruelties, destroying some numbers of the people, and carrying off a great Booty; and that they had employed some Commissioners to the Grand Seignior, in the Name of themselves and their Confederates, to demand Succors against *Poland* and *Muscovy*; desiring to live under his Protection, and that in compliance with them, the Sultan has promised to send a considerable Army towards *Camienick Podolski*, the better to encourage the Cossacks in their designs, and to increase his own Dominions by some new Conquest on that side.

Hague, April 20. Yesterday arrived an Express from *Paris* with an account of the Articles agreed upon between *England, France,* and the *Estates*, together with a suspension of Arms till the end of *May*, by which time *Spain* is to sign and Ratifie the Treaty at *Aix la Chapelle*.

The *States Deputies* which are to be employ'd as a Council to the Army which is to Rendezvous at *Hardenburg*, are yesterday set forwards; the other intended for the Army at *Bergen-op-Zoom* may also suddenly depart, with whom 'tis said is to go His Highness the Prince of *Orange* and Field-Marshal *Wurze*, though others are rather persuaded the Prince intends for *Hardenburg* to take a view of the *Lunenburg* forces which are expected to joyn there with our forces, and may take some other way then that through the Bishop of *Munsters* Countrey.

From *Luzgersburg* Letters of the 11th instant, tell us that the Bishop still labours to obstruct the passage of those 4600 *Lunenburgers* designed hither, pretending that by a Treaty between himself and the Electoral Princes of *Triers, Mayence, Cologne, Bavaria, Brandenburg*, with the Princes of *Hessen* and *Cassel*, he stands obliged not to permit the free passage of any forces thorough his Territory.

The Heer *Van Zuyllsten* is some dayes since gone to *Zuyphou*, with Orders to pass from thence to the Frontiers, to receive the *Lunenburg* forces, and to conduct them to their Rendezvous.

Brussels, April 21. On Sunday last arrived here a Courier Extraordinary from *Spain*, amongst other things, confirming the news of *Don Juan's* march into *Galicia* in order to his embarkation for the *Netherlands*. The same day the Horseguards went out to attend upon a party of 12 or 1500 *Spanish* Foot sent to reinforce the Garrison of *Hainault*.

On Wednesday arrived an Express from *Paris*, bringing with him the assurance that His Most Christian Majesty had upon the addresses of the Ministers of the Mediators, granted a suspension of all Acts of Hostility till the end of *May*, in the mean time the Negotiation for peace may be carried on without interruption.

From *Aix la Chapelle* we are told that Monsieur *Cobert* has since his arrival there, entertain'd the Bishop of *Strasbourg* with more, then usual Magnificence, and intends in few days to make his publick Entry; and that the Baron de *Bergeyck* is likewise preparing his Train to appear with as much splendor as his Character requires; both of these Ministers make their visits successively to the Popes Nuncio, but avoid all occasions of meeting publicly, the better to prevent disorders.

'Tis said also that by a late Courier from the Court of *Spain*, *Don Estevan de Gamarra* our Ambassador in *Holland*, has received Orders to repair to *Aix la Chapelle* to assist at the Treaty.

This day Letters are dispatcht to all the principal Officers of our Army to inform them of the Cessation of Arms lately agreed upon, requiring their care for its due observation.

Paris, April 21. His Majesty having resolved upon the Fortification of *Alost*, the Duke de *Roanney* is by His Order departed hence, to take care of that Affair, and to draw out of the Neighbouring Garrisons a Body of 8000 men, to be a guard to those that are to be employed in the Works; besides which he is likewise inclined to fortifie also the little Towns of *Ninove* and *Gerardmont*, and one other Post called *Liquerque*.

The Fortifications which were all undermined at *Dole* in *Franche Comte*, are by a fresh Order to be blown up, one Bastion onely being reserved upon the Pericill of the *Jesuites*, whose Church is situated upon the neck of it.

From *Rochele* we have advice that Monsieur de *Beaufort* has in his saile as far as *Corinna* without any adventure, is since cruing about the Cape *Finisterre* with his Squadron consisting of 12 great Men of War, 6 Advice-ships, and as many Fire-ships, intending to pass farther in expectation of joining with a Squadron of 20 sail, which some time since went to Sea from *Tholon*; but upon His Majesties late Grant of a Cessation till the end of *May*, Orders are sent to all the Ports of *France*, to give speedy notice thereof to the Fleet, to the end no farther Hostilities passe during the said Truce.

Yesterday in the Evening we had news from *Lisboe* that the Prince Regent *Don Pedro* was married to the Queen, of which expect a farther confirmation.

Even now arrived a Courier from *Brussels*, informing us that the Marquis de *Cassel Rodrigo* has accepted of His Majesties project for peace, and the Ministers of the Mediators are hastning to *St. Germain* to give an account thereof to His Majesty.

Bruges, April 22. The 20th instant arrived here the Marquis de *Salaetz* with the Equipage and Guards which are to attend *Don Juan* upon his arrival, and are accordingly gone forwards to *Ostend*, there to expect his coming. The Marquis with some other Persons of Quality, continue here in expectation of the News of his arrival, which by a Bark newly put into *Ostend*, we are advised will be in short time; the *Spanish* Fleet being said to be already put to sea.

Two Men of War of *Ostend* are lately put in there, bringing in with them seven French Merchant ships, all of them of considerable value, taken out of a great Fleet on Thursday last near their own Coasts.

The French have not lately made any attempt in these parts, and the Cessation lately agreed upon at *Paris* till the end of *May*, gives us hopes that by the endeavours of the Mediators, a happy end may be put to the Wars.

Tarmouth, April 13. On Friday last, the remainder of our *Island* Fleet put to sea; as did also three other ships to *Newcastle*, and one for *North Bergen*; the same day came in three vessels from *Sunderland*, which came out on Tuesday last, in company with 30 sail, which by contrary winds were supposed to put into *Humber*. On Saturday passed 15 ships of *London* through the Road to the Southward, and the next day arrived 10 vessels from the North seas, when also two ships of this place set sail for *Rotterdam*. This day 20 sail of laden ships are passing through these Roads to the Southwards.

Portsmouth, April 15. Our ships are hastning to set forth for this Summers Expedition; the *Roebuck* is now waiting at *Spythead* to take in Sir *Tho. Morgan* with the recruits intended for the Isles of *Fersey* and *Guernsey*, and may sail with the first fair wind.

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We are ordered to give notice, that by reason of the approaching heats of Summer, His Majesty intends to continue touching for the Evil till Friday after the First of *May* inclusively, and no longer.