

Peace, but only the Ratification from the Queen of Spain.

'Tis said, that upon the conclusion of this peace, His Majesty will resolve to send a considerable force to assist the Venerians in the defence of *Candia*, but under the Popes name.

Here is lately arrived a Bull from His Holiness for the condemnation of the late Translation of the New Testament, confirming the sentence formerly given against it by the Arch-Bishop of *Paris*.

His Majesty intends suddenly to reform his Forces, but to entertain all his old Officers; and 'tis said that all Coats and Emblems shall be laid aside.

From *Provence* they tell us that the Gallies and Men of War are not yet put to sea, but are in readiness to sail upon the first Orders.

*Hague*, May 11. A Courier dispatch hither from the Heer *Van Beverningh*, Plenipotentiary from the States General at *Aix-la-Chapelle*, informs that the Treaty of Peace was fully agreed and signed there the 2d instant, to the satisfaction of all Christendome; whereupon our New Levies are laid aside, and the Heer *Van Beverningh* suddenly expected, to give the States a more full account of all his Negotiation there.

On the 30th past and some dayes following, the Heer *de Norwich* drew up the Army at the Rendezvous near *Bergop-zoom in Battalia*, and exercised them before the States Deputies, to their great satisfaction; finding them much more expert in handling their Arms, then could have been expected; those forces are since ordered into convenient Quarters designed for them.

The Marechal *Hurts* is yet with the States Deputies about *Hardenbergh*, with two Regiments only of the Army, to expect the arrival of the Lunenburg forces; whereof two Companies are already marched into *Hardenbergh*, the rest suddenly expected to follow; and after some few dayes rest are to be disposed of into the Garrisons of *Deventer*, *Campen*, *Zwoll*, *Hasselt*, *Oldenzeel*, *Ootmarfen*, *Euschede*, and other frontier places.

On Wednesday last arrived here His Highness the Prince of *Orange* from the League at *Hardenberg*: The Heer *de Groot* has taken his leave of the Assembly of the States, and is this day to begin his journey for *Swedenland* in quality of Ambassador in ordinary.

From *Amsterdam* we are told that the Fleet designed for the *Streights* are all of them at the *Texel*, they have made choice of their Admiral, Vice-Admiral, and Rear-Admiral, and may set sail with the first fair wind, having already received their Orders for that purpose.

Vice-Admiral *Van Gant*, with the rest of the Officers and Captains of that Admiralty, are all of them ready to put to sea upon the first Orders. They also tell us the Guns which were cast at the *Elve*, which seemed to be excellent pieces, prove otherwise upon the *Trial*, every one of them breaking upon their discharge, killing one of the Canoniers, hurting others, with several persons, whose Curiosity led them to see the *Trial* of them.

*Brussels*, May 12. On the second instant the Treaty of peace between the two Crowns of *Spain* and *France* was fully signed by the two Plenipotentiaries of the said Kings, since which the Baron *de Bergeick* left *Aix la Chapelle*, and on Wednesday in the Evening arrived here, bringing with him the said Treaty, which on Friday night last was by a Courier Extraordinary dispatched away for *Spain* in Order to its Ratification.

Monsieur *Colbert* is from *Aix* gone for *Cologne* with the Bishop of *Strasbourg*. Monsieur *Beverning* likewise left that place the 8th instant, and the next day Sir *William Temple*, Plenipotentiary from His Majesty of *Great Britain* intended also to depart thence on his way for *Brussels*.

Notwithstanding this happy advance of the Negotiation for Peace, the French still continue in a great body, using much violence in the Country. Yesterday in the Evening we had intelligence that they had passed the Channel of

*Bruges*; but this morning we are informed that they are again retreated.

The Archbishoprick of *Malines* having been for some time vacant, is now conferred upon Monsieur *Jean de Wachtendonck*, of the Family of the Barons of that Name in the Duchy of *Guelderland*; who some dayes since arrived here from *Namur*, where he has received the Compliments of the Nobility.

*Bruges*, May 14. Since the 2d. of this month a Body of between 10 or 12000 French, with their Cannon, Bridges, and great store of Provisions and Ammunition, have kept together between this City and *Ghent*; having made two Bridges over the River, passed over a great part of their Horse and Foot into the East Country, sending to the Lord of this City, and demanding a great summe; otherwise threatening the firing and spoil of that Country: for prevention whereof, the Lord at the last agreed with them for the payment of 50000 Florins, whereof 20000 to be immediately paid, and the rest within eight dayes; upon which agreement the French yesterday began to return homewards, freeing the Country from their fears. Even now about 20 of the French taken by the Country people, are brought in prisoners, several other stragglers have been killed and taken by them.

On Friday night last arrived at *Ostend* a ship with 500 soldiers from *Corunna*, with letters bearing date *April* 28. informing that Don *Juan* was the going to embark himself for this place; so that we are in daily expectation of further news from him, yesterday Marquis *Salazar*, with several Grandees, went hence to *Ostend*, in expectation of him.

We have for these five or six dayes together had great storms. On Thursday last a ship belonging to *Middleburgh* of 150 Tuns, laden with Wine and Brandy, having lost all her Anchors and Cables, made in for *Ostend*; but for want of water, struck upon the sands within the mouth of the Harbour, and the men leaving her, immediately, having all her sails up, broke in pieces: the men had also unavailably perished, no Boat being willing to adventure out, had not 9 or 10 English Sailors hand in hand put themselves into the Sea, and with much danger to themselves preserved them.

*Tarmouth*, May 4. On Friday in the afternoon happened a great storm, which forced several ships to change their course, intended for the Northwards, whereof four are said to be cast away between *Hasbrough* and this place, one of them a vessel of *Hull* from *Nants* with Wine and Brandy; and another of *Lin*, a new Ketch laden with Oats and Oyl, the men all saved; of the other two we have not yet any farther account, then that two of their men only are saved about *Hasbrough*.

*Portsmouth*, May 5. The *Montagne* and *Roebuck* are now riding at *Spithead*. The *Monk*, *Bristol* and *Tygers* sailed to the place appointed for the Rendezvous of the Fleet. The *Dragon* and *Rub* will go out with the first fair wind, and be speedily followed by the *York* and *Cambridge*.

*Whitehall*, May 6. The 25th past, His Grace the Duke of *Ormond* safely landed at *Holyhead*, and on Tuesday the 28th, arrived at *Chester*, the next day he came to Sir *Thomas Delues* his house, from whence he departed the day following to *Lichfield*, and on Friday came to *Bratley* to the Earl of *Chesterfield*'s house, where he continued till Monday the 4th instant, on which day he went thence to *Coventry* accompanied by the Earl of *Chesterfield*, the Lord *Duncan*, and divers other persons of quality, and was met upon the way by the Lord Viscount *Conway*, with several Gentlemen of the Country. The next day he went thence to *Dunstable*, and this day in the afternoon, his Grace arrived here, having been met some miles from hence by several persons of quality, and stended into *Town* by a Train of divers Coaches with six horses, where after his arrival he waited upon both their Majesties by whom he was very Graciously received.