

to the Admiral commanded by the *Sieur de Martel*: in the dispute, the *Sieur d'Almeras* giving language of provocation, the Marquis returned it with a blow of his Canes, and has sent to complain to His Majesty of the affront offered to him by the said *Sieur d'Almeras*.

His Majesty has advanced 100000 Crowns for several Masts for his ships, growing in the *Pyreneans*, from whence they pretend to be furnished with as good serviceable ones as any are brought from the Northern parts. An offer being made to supply His Majesty with 60000 Crowns worth more, and for convenience of Transportation, a way is found by *Sucez* to convey them to the *Garonne*.

The Venetian Ambassador to this Court has three days since dispatched a Courier to inform that Republicke that His Majesty has consented that 4000 Lorainers employ'd in his service shall immediately after the publication of the peace between the two Crowns be sent to assist them in their wars, and 'tis believed some other of his French forces may be also joyned with them. The Duke of *Lorain* has by his Deputies treated with the said Ambassador, and 'tis said those forces will be ordered to march by *Alsacia* and *Tirol*, under the Command of the Count de *Vaudemont*.

Letters from *Zanse* say, that General *Morofini* with 24 Gallies and 6 Galeasses, had engaged 50 Gallies of the Turks with 100 Saiques, that the Captain *Bassa* and General *Morofini* were both killed, but the Turks were in the end defeated with much slaughter, and 'tis said, the Visier thereupon has raised his Sieges: the confirmation with the particulars we may suddenly expect.

The Swisses have since the separation of their Assembly at *Baen*, drawn their forces together in two distinct bodies to the number of 60 thousand able fighting men, but as yet have not resolved upon action.

From the Frontiers we have notice that a party drawn out of *Cambrai*, marched lately towards *Chuslelet*, near which place they set fire to three Villages; and from *Luxemburg* they write that a considerable party marching out from *Arlon* had surpris'd 120 of the French horse as they were foraging in the Countrey, of which the Duke of *Luxemburg* having intelligence, was with a thousand men marched with an intention to recover them.

The Here *Van Beuninghen*, Ambassador from the States of the *United Provinces*, presses hard for the disbanding of several of His Majesties forces.

'Tis said the Hollanders are endeavouring at an Alliance with the Cantons of *Switzerland*, offering them considerable Pensions, and designing to entertain 16 thousand men of that Nation in their Garisons.

Paris, May 22. All his Majesties Guards, Light-Horsemen, Men at-Arms, and Musketeers on Horseback, are returned hither; and about three or four dayes Refreshment in their Quarters, are to be drawn cut and encamped in the *Plain D'Quille*, for the space of a fortnight, where his Majesty intends to see them Exercise, for the Divertisement of the Court.

There is now no longer doubt but that his Majesty intends suddenly to Reform and Disband his Forces; and the better to oblige his Officers to forbear seeking Employment abroad, his Majesty intends to give Pensions of 1000. Livres a-piece to his Captains of Horse, and 500. to the Lieutenantes; but intends to suppress for the future all Cornets and Quartermasters.

'Tis said that a considerable part of the Forces new upon the Frontiers, may be entertained in the Bishop of *Munster* Service, and the *Electors of Cologne's*; and that part of the Insurgers may march to the assistance of the Duke of *Savoy*, who ('tis given out) is resolved to oblige the Republick of *Geneva* to permit the free Exercise of the *Roman Religion* in their City; and hopes by his Majesties assistance to carry on his Design, although the *Swisses* their Allyes should oppose their Interest.

Some few days since the Cantons of *Switzerland* sent a Letter to his Majesty, the Contents whereof are not yet

known, his Majesty refusing to receive it as being dissatisfied with their proceeding in their Assembly since the taking of *Franche Comte*.

His Majesty intends of all his Army to Reform 500 Companies of Foot, each of them to be commanded by 4. Captains, with 25. men in each Division, and 40. Troops of Horse.

Bruges, May 23. Notwithstanding the great progress which is made in the Treaty of Peace between the two Crowns, these Countries remain still very jealous and apprehensive of the intentions of the French; They continuing still their Leaguer at *Bellinck*, between this City and *Ghent*, and keeping guard upon the two Bridges which they lately made upon the River; but have not of late exercised any acts of hostility; their Army is within two or three dayes increased by the accession of three or four thousand men from *Lille* and *Tournay*. The Duke of *Greguy* commands in the Leaguer; to whom are lately come several great Officers from *France*. Great numbers of Carriage-horses are provided at *Lille*, and some hundreds of Malons and Carpenters are come down to *Dryse*; so that they are every way provided for the carrying on of the war, if the timely arrival of the Ratification from *Spain* prevent them not.

An Express this day arriving here from *Brussels*, seems to assure us that the Peace will be proclaimed there the 25th or 26th of this present month.

Yesterday arrived at *Ostend* three ships in five dayes from *St. Sebastian*, having aboard them 11 or 1200 men; and one other Vessel with 250 dismounted Horsemen, with a Major General; insomuch that *D. n. Juan* was at their departure ready to embark upon the same employment.

From *Metz* we are told that the French Army designed to be commanded by the Prince de *Conte*, is divided into two bodies, one of them commanded by the Duke of *Luxemburg* consisting of 12000 men, is marched into *Limbourg* where they demand large Contributions; the other of 800. men, continues about *Luxemburg* making all the Countrey tributaries to them.

Deale, May 15. Yesterday in the afternoon sailed out of the *Downes* to the Westwards, the whole Fleet of Merchant ships which were riding there, consisting of about 55. Sails, all of them outwards bound.

Portsmouth, May 14. The *Tork*, *Revenge* and *Ruby* are still here expecting a fair wind. The *Dragon* which had the misfortune to have her Mast disabled by the accidental firing of one of her Guns, has already set a new Mast in the room of it, and may by the next week be ready to sail. The *Milford* is now riding at *Spirithead*; the *Roe-buck* yesterday set sail for the *Isle of Guernsey*.

Advertisements.

Mr. Ogilby's Lottery of Books opens on Monday the 25th instant, at the Old Theater, between *Lincolns-Inn-Fields* and *Vere-street*; where all persons concerned may repair on Monday May 18. and see the Volumes, and put in their Money.

These are to give notice that the *Mart* at *Kingston upon Hull* will begin on the Tenth day of July 1668, and continue six dayes; and that the next *Mart* there will begin on the Tenth day of December next following, and continue also six dayes; and at the same dayes every year. And all Merchants and Tradesmen who intend to traffick and trade there, may be furnished with Shops and Ware-houses ready prepared, if they please to repair to Mr. Humphrey Duncalfe an Alderman of the same Town.