

ry; they exact great sums of money for contribution, having for their method of raising Moneys, divided the whole Country into five parts, charging 20 or 200 Liures up on each of them; but the Rhinczrawe Governour of *Maeſtricht*, has sent some of his Officers to their General with a Trumpet, to excuse the Lands which are under the Obedience of the States General of the *United-Provinces*.

Yesterday a party of 800 French Horse were sent from their Leaguer into *Guelderland* upon the same account of raising moneys. The same day was sent out a Convoy with 200 Waggonns from the Leaguer, most of them laden with plundered Goods to *Liege*; which were to return back again with provisions and other necessaries for the Army. Yesterday, and the day before 10000 weight of Bread and Meal was sent from this City to the French Camp, with a small Guard, which were on the way set upon by 15 or 16 Spaniards only, and in the Dispute a French Colonel of *Dragoons*, who was a Kinsman of the Duke of *Lunenburg*, killed; whereupon a party of 3 or 400 French were sent out to their rescue, who seized upon 3 or 4 of the Spaniards, the rest saving themselves by flight. The French in this pursuit entering into a Village called *Vaels*, took prisoners some few Horse belonging to the States, and placed there for a Guard to the Inhabitants; for whose release a Trumpeter was sent to the Duke of *Luxembourg*, but as yet no Order is given for their dismissal, the French pretending they had too much interested themselves on the behalf of the Spaniards.

The Differences between his Highness the Elector of *Cologne* and that City, are said to be in a fair way of composition, Commissioners being ordered to confer thereupon with several Deputies sent from the said City of *Cologne*; neither party being over-zealous to engage the French within their Country.

Monsieur *Colbert* as yet continues here, but his Train and Equipage in a readiness, which gives us cause to believe he will suddenly depart hence to *Cologne*, as he was obliged to do by the King his Master; the Magistrates of that City having made preparations to receive him with much civility, hoping for some advantages by his address in the business now in debate with that Elector.

A Letter is lately brought to the Magistrates of this Town from the Lieutenant General of the French Army, requiring, that all the Inhabitants of *Limbourg* may be sent home to reside at their own Houses.

*Hague*, June 1. On Wednesday morning last arrived here a Courier sent from the Heer *Van Beuninghen* at *Paris*, with Letters to the States, bearing date the 28th past, informing them of the arrival from *Spain* of the Ratification of the Treaty lately concluded at *Aix la Chapelle*; which was to be mutually exchanged, and the Peace solemnly proclaimed there and in all other parts of the Dominions of His Most Christian Majesty.

The Field-Marshal *Wurtz* is by Order from the States to depart from hence to *Bergen-op-zoom*, to take a view of the forces which are drawn together about those parts, and afterwards to dispose of them into convenient Quarters: his Highness the Prince of *Orange* intending likewise to be present there, to see them exercise. The Heer *Van Noortwijck* Master of the Ordnance to whom the care of the Army has been hitherto committed, is suddenly expected here.

The 26th past arrived here the Heer *Amerongen* from his Employment to the Bishop of *Munster*, who has given the States an account of his Negotiations there, and of the state of the Army about *Hardenberg*.

Several Commissioners are sent by the States to the *Texel*, to take a view of our Fleet, and to give order for their speedy putting out to sea. Several of the Deputies of the Admiralty are also arrived here, to take farther Directions concerning the Fleet, and to state the form and manner of salutations at sea upon all occasions.

From the *Texel* we are told that one ship from *Alicant*, and four from *Malaga*, are safely arrived there, and that the *Streights* Fleet are daily expected, having been seen entering the Channel; but have been since stopped by contrary winds.

*Brussels*, June 1. The Marquis *de Castel Rodrigo* having intelligence that the French began to appear with a body of 8000 men about *Alost*, and had summoned 50 villages on the other side of the Channel to contribute large sums to them, timely ordered 4000 of his Soldiers to take up their posts along the River, between this and *Antwerp*, which seasonably preserves that Country from those inconveniences which would otherwise have fallen upon them, if the enemy had found the way open.

The 30th past, about Noon, according to the Marquis *de Castel Rodrigo's* Order, was solemnly proclaimed here the Peace between the two Crowns of *Spain* and *France*, the Magistrates being Assembled for that purpose, before whom the Proclamation was read by one of the Greffiers of the City, attended by two kings at Arms, the Trumpets sounding, and all other Ceremonies passing, as is usual on the like occasion. We now expect the retirement of the Enemy from our Quarters.

*Bruges*, June 3. On Thursday last arrived here an Express from *Brussels*, giving an account to the Governour, that the Peace was solemnly published there on Wednesday with the Ceremonies usually practiced on the like occasions.

A like Express being also sent to the Duke of *Cregy*, the French Army was immediately withdrawn within the limits of their own Garrisons, and all hostilities ceased.

Yesterday the Peace was also proclaimed at *Ghent*, and in a day or two the same solemnity will be performed here.

On Thursday last arrived at *Ostend* five more ships from the Spanish Ports, and in them about 8000 Spaniards, whose number encreasing, begins to be troublesome to the Country: but to ease them, on Friday Orders were sent to them to march for *Mexlin*, towards which place they began yesterday to set forwards.

On Wednesday last some Soldiers entering an house in *Ostend*, with an intention to rob, happened to give fire to a barrel of Powder, which blew up the house, with two others adjoining; by which accident 6 or 7 persons were found to have been blown a considerable distance from the place, and several others buried in the ruins.

*Weymouth*, May 23. The 21th instant arrived here a Vessel of this place from *Rotterdam*, from whence she came the 15th instant, and reports that the Dutch Fleet consisting of about 60 sail, would in few dayes put to sea. The 20th instant a Fleet of 40 sail were seen passing up the Channel, most of them great ships.

*Bristol*, May 23. Several ships are lately put into this Port, particularly the *Sarah*, and the *John and Henry* from *Lisbonne*; the *William* from *Barbado's*, and one other ship from *Majorca* laden with Oiles. The wind hath been lately favourable for our Fleet outwards bound, and we suppose has ere this carried them out of our Channel.

#### Advertisements.

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 Duncalf* an Alderman of the same Town.

Mr. *Ogilby's* Lottery of Books (Adventurers coming in so fast that they cannot in so short time be methodically registered) opens not till Tuesday the 2d of June; then not failing to draw: at the Old Theater between *Lincolns-Inne* Fields and *Vere-street*.