

of Powder, which blew up part of the Castle, killed above 300 of the Garrison, and dismounted all their Cannon; and of the besiegers above 40 were killed or wounded by the peices of Timber, Stones, &c. that fell into the Trenches. This Misfortune obliged the Governor to Capitulate, and on the 2d the Articles were Signed, by which it was agreed, that one of the Gates of the Castle should be delivered up on the 4th, and that the Garrison should march out on the 5th, with Arms and Baggage, Colours flying, 4 peices of Cannon, and be conducted to *Ostiglia*, which was accordingly performed.

We hear from *Brest*. That notwithstanding all the Diligence that has been used, our Fleet is not yet ready, and that they are in a very great want of Seamen to Man their Ships.

As the Mistrusts and Jealousies this Court has of the new Converts increase daily, so do the Rigours with which they are Treated: In *Langueadoc* several Gentlemen have of late been seized, and sent to the Gallies, on pretence of their having had private Meetings for the Exercise of their Religion, and many others upon bare Suspicion thereof are committed to Prison, where they languish with Misery. The Intendant of that Province has likewise seized upon several Protestants, who formerly fled out of this Kingdom to avoid the Persecution, and were returned upon hopes of a better Treatment, which now to their cost they find themselves deceived in: And we are assured, that the like Orders are sent to the Intendants of all the other Provinces.

Brussels, April 18. The Prince de *Bergue*, the late Governor of *Mons* came hither on the 14th instant, the Garrison having quarters of Refreshment assigned them in the Country of *Wes*: It is owned by every Body, that the place could have held out several days longer; but the French had made a party in the Town, who terrified the rest of the Inhabitants, and obliged the Governor, by threatening otherwise to Treat for themselves, and leave the Garrison to be Prisoners of War, to consent to the Capitulation, according to which one of the Gates of the Town was delivered up on the 9th, and the Garrison marched out the 10th. The French Army is since separated; a Detachment of about 2000 Men is gone back to *Germany*, 12000 are put into *Mons*, where they have already disarmed the Burgers, and required of them to provide divers Things for the use of the Garrison, (which they never furnished before) and to repair the Fortifications at their own Charge, with several other Exactions, which shew already what they are to expect from their new Masters. Another part of the French Troops are employed to demolish the Lines and Works about *Mons*, and the rest are gone into Quarters. The Confederate Army is likewise broke up from *Hall*, and the Troops are put into several Garrisons, from whence they may in a short time be drawn together again. There remains a good Garrison in *Hall*. The French King and the Dauphin are returned to *Versailles*.

Hague, April 20. On Tuesday last the Duke of *Zell* returned hither from the Camp in *Flanders*, and the next day was privately performed the Ceremony of his Investiture with the Garter and George. About four in the Afternoon his Highness came to Court, attended by his principal Ministers, and was conducted into the Kings Bed-Chamber, His Majesty with the three Knights of the Order then at the *Hague*, viz. the Duke of *Norfolk*, the Duke of *Ormond*, and the Earl of *Devonshire*, being in the Closet. The Duke of *Zell* having rested a while, was introduced into the Closet by the Duke of *Norfolk*; The King received his Highness very affectionately, and put the Garter about his Leg with his own Royal Hands, the Duke of *Norfolk* assisting to Buckle it; then the King put on the Blue Ribbon with the George, Garter King at Arms, Reading the usual Admonitions upon the putting on each of the said Ensigns; which done, his Highness returned his humble Thanks to His Majesty for the Honour he had received, and having Saluted the Knights Companions then present, was likewise Complimented by them. The next Morning, pursuant to the Kings Directions, Garter King at Arms, presented to his Highness the rest of the Ensigns, with the whole Habit and Ornaments of the Order, and received the same day a Noble Present from his Highness; all the Company and Retinue which the Kings at Arms brought over with him on this occasion, being likewise Nobly Presented by his Highness. Prince *Ferdinand Augustus*, Son of the Elector of *Saxony*, who passed lately through this place in his way to *Flanders*, is returned hither: We are assured that his Electoral Highness has ordered 12000 Men of his Troops to march to the *Rhin*. The Minister of *Dantzick* has this Week given to another Memorial about the Danish Ships (as usual to *Dantzick*) that have been brought in to *Zedrich*.

The Wind being on the King will embark to-morrow in the Afternoon, and will be the best of our Men of War that lie

at *Helvoetsluyce* are appointed to attend His Majesty, and they will be joined by others from the *Texel*.

Deal, April 12. By the *Bonsadventure* who is come in from *Offstead*, we hear that the three English Regiments that lately failed out of the *Downs* are landed there.

Whitehall, April 13. The King arrived here this Evening. His Majesty came out of the *Maeje* yesterday Morning, and this Morning made the River, attended by part of the Dutch Squadron, being Ships of the First and Second Rank; The rest are expected in few days to join likewise their Majesties Fleet, which lies now, completely fitted and Mann'd at the *Bay of the Noze*.

As His Majesty passed by the Fleet, He was Saluted with a Discharge of all the Cannon from the Ships, and the repeated Huzzas of the Seamen expressing their Joy and Duty in a particular and extraordinary Manner: All the way His Majesty came up the River, He was received with the firing of Guns, and the Acclamations of the People, who filled the Shore; and in *London* and *Westminster*, Bonfires, Illuminations, and Ringing of Bells, Demonstrated the general Joy for His Majesties safe Return.

Advertisements.

** A large Sheet Map of the Spanish Netherlands, commonly called *Flanders*; wherein are delineated the Towns as they are Fortified, Roads, &c. It is so divided that you may see readily what is in the Possession of the King of Spain, the French King, and the States General. Sold by Phil. Lea Glebemaker at the Atlas and Hercules in Cheapside, and H. Moll in Vardys Court in Blackfryers, London.

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** At the new Auction Room next Bedford-gate in Charles-street Covent-Garden, (where the Comfort of Musick is held every Thursday) to-morrow and Saturday, and Friday and Saturday the Week following, at two after Noon, will be the great Sale of Original Paintings. Catalogues may be had at Mr. Manships in Cornhill, Mr. Richard Parkers under the Royal Exchange, Mr. Ropers by Temple Barr, and Mr. Nots in the Pall-Mall.

** At Smyther's Coffee-house in Thames-street, on Thursday the 23d instant, at 9 before Noon will be a Sale by Lash of Candle, the following Goods, viz. Sugars, Cotton-Wool, Ginger, Pimenta, Indico, Torris-shell, Molasses, Beaver, Oyl of Ambricel, Tobacco, and Logwood. Bills of Sale may be had at the said place, and the Goods to be viewed on Monday, &c. before the Sale.

Lost at *Whitehall* about Friday last, one Wooden Trunk, wherein was a Tapestry-Bed, and 12 Chairs, with a white Sattin Lining, the greatest part embroidered with Silk and Worsted. Also a Bundle, wherein was six Chairs and a Coach-Bed made of Point of Hungary Red and Green. Likewise a great Chest full of Purflen: A Leather Trunk full of Linnen, and several other things. Whoever gives information of the things to the Lord Land-downe's Gentleman of the Horse, against the Green Dragon in the Pall-Mall, shall have three Guinea's.

Lost the 12th instant between the Bowling-green on Blackheath and Crayford in Kent upon Dover Road, a middle sized silver Pendulum minute Watch, a black flag-green Case, with two rows of pins and a Cipher of J. E. in the middle with the hours, up a the Dyal-plate engraved Danese; made by J. H. senius, and hanging to it in a Real Chain and swivel a green stone Seal set in Gold, a Sayer and a Goat cut upon it. Whoever brings it to Job. Austin Esq; near Crayford in Kent, or Mr. Haffman's Shop in Kings-street, Westminster, shall have two Guinea's.

Stolen the 10th instant out of the Rack, from Mr. John Cole of Dordrige near Stroud in Gloucester-shire, a Crimson piece of Spanish Cloth, 25 yard longer, marked John Cole, with a yellow forel, and a white L. H. Whoever gives Notice of it to Mr. Cole afore-said, or to Mr. William Skynner, Salter, at the Bell in Walling Street, London, so as it may be had again, shall have two Guinea's Reward.

Taken the 5th Instant out of Mr. William Dean's Lodging 79 h. 10 s. and a similar Clock lined with blew, by one Stephen Stafford, a lusty well-set Man, aged about 25, born in Newmarket in Cambridg-shire, and formerly led in the Lord Rivers's Troop of Guards. Whoever takes him, at 10 shillings New to Mr. Creggs at the Sunning-House in the Savoy, or to Mr. Stoddard in Surrey-street in the Strand, London, shall have 20 shillings Reward.