

Whitehall, May 29. 1696.

Advices by Two Mails from Holland, which came in
this Morning.

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Breda, June 4. N. S.

THE King left *Loo* on Sunday, and came hither in the Evening; To morrow his Majesty goes hence to *Merxhem*, a mile on this side *Antwerp*, where the Elector of *Bavaria* and the Prince *de Vaudemont* will meet His Majesty, and the day following his Majesty intends to be with the Army near *Ghent*. The other Army Commanded by the Elector of *Bavaria* is removed from *Park-Abbey* to *Neer Ische*, about 4 miles beyond *Louvain*, and within one of *Wavre*. The French continue in the Camps mentioned in our last, viz. the Marechal *de Villeroi* at *Mechlen* near *Dynse*, and the Marechal *de Boufflers* near *Flerus*.

The Forces commanded by the Landgrave of *Hesse Cassel*, with those of *Lunenburg* and Duke of *Holstein*, that were first designed for the Middle *Rhine*, are now marching toward the *Meuse*.

Hamburg, June 1. Two thousand Foot and Five hundred Dragoons of the Troops of the Duke of *Holstein*, are on their march towards the *Meuse*, having passed the *Elbe* two days ago. We have Advice from the Coast of *Norway*, that *Du Bart* is Cruizing in those Parts.

Francfort, May 31. The Army of the Allies commanded by Prince *Lewis* of *Baden*, continues near *Eppingen*, the Head Quarters being at *Step-pach*, which is a very advantageous Camp, and the rest of the Confederate Forces that are yet behind, are marching with all diligence to joyn them. The French Army, under the Marechal *de Choiseul*, is marched from *Bruchsal* to *Sickingen*, where he still was by our last Advice, the two Armies not being above 2 or 3 Leagues asunder. Lieutenant-General *Thungen* returning some days ago in his Coach from the Confederate Army towards *Mentz*, was surpris'd by a Party of 15 French, and carried Prisoner to *Philipsburgh*. The Forces of *Hesse* and *Lunenburg* continue their march towards the *Rhine*.

Vienna, May 23. The Elector of *Saxony* having taken his leave of the Emperor at *Laxemburg*, set out yesterday Morning for *Hungary*, to Command the Imperial Army, which Rendezvous near *Pest*, and where all the Troops are to be together by the 25th of this Month. The Additional Forces, which his Electoral Highness sends to *Hungary*, are coming by Water from *Linz*; and we hear that his Electoral Highness will likewise send a Body of 3000 Men to the *Rhine*. The Emperor has given the Government of *Transylvania* to General *Rabutin*.

Turin, May 22. The French Troops began to Enter into the Plains the 20th instant, and Encamped at *la Veillane*, where they continue to assemble, and some of their Parties are come farther. The Duke of *Savoy* has sent two Battalions to reinforce the Garison of *Coni*; 9 Battalions are Posted on the Glacis of the Counterscarp of this City; and the rest of our Forces, that lay about *Carignan*, have passed the *Po* here and at *Moncalier*, and are now Encamped between this Place and *Moncalier*: They are very fine Troops, and in a good Condition; and his Royal Highness and the General Officers have chosen this Camp, as the most convenient, to oppose the Enemy's Designs.

Venice, May 18. The Great Convoy bound to the *Levant*, is flopt by contrary Winds in *Istria*: Several other Ships are sitting out, which will be ready to follow in a short time, with further Supplies for the Fleet and Army.

Legborne, May 14. We have advice that two French Men of War are sailed from *Thoulon* to Convoy several French Merchant Ships to the *Levant*: Capt. *Broom* has lately taken on the Coast of *Barbary* a French Ship laden with Allom, Wool, and Hides from *Constantinople*, and sent her to Port *Farino*; and Capt. *Pickering* has taken a French Bark laden with Corn.

Paris, June 1. The Letters from *Brest* say, they are disarming a third part of the Fleet, and that the rest continued under the command of Monsieur *Chasteaurenaut*; That the English and Dutch Fleet had appeared off *Brest*, which greatly alarm'd all that Coast. The Soldiers that were on board the French Men of War, are come ashore, and formed in two Battalions, and the Marechal *d'Estree* had posted several Troops of the *Marine*, to defend the Coasts of *Brittany* against the Insults of the Enemy. They write from *Pignerol* of the 25th instant, That the Marechal *de Catinat* had been encamped several days at *La Veillane*, and when these Letters came away, was marching towards *Turin*. We are told from *Catalonia*, that the Duke *de Vendosme* assembled the French Forces near *Gironne*, and the Spanish Forces commanded by the Landgrave of *Darmstat* were at *Ostalricke*. The news of the Death of the Queen Mother of *Spain* is confirmed.

Hague, June 5. The last Letters from *Germany* say, The French Army under the Command of the Marechal *de Choiseul* was marched back several Miles from Prince *Lewis's* Camp; and 'twas reported they intended to send a Detachment towards *Flanders*. The Pensionary *Heinsius*, with several Deputies of the States, went hence some days ago to wait upon his Majesty at *Breda*.

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