

Months, but the Commons being wholly averse to the said proposal, the Magistrate was obliged on Saturday last to publish, that no impost should be paid upon Beer for the three Months going on.

Here is lately brought in a French Officer arrested at Limberg by Order from the Prince de Nassau, being the person that sometimes since assassinated the Chevalier de Hornes, in Spain, whilst he was engaged in a Duel with the Count de Lorraine, for which Fact he will receive a speedy Trial.

On Saturday last were brought hither five hundred horses of the 2000 lately bought for the remounting of our Cavalry, which were immediately distributed by the Officers.

Upon information brought that 7 or 8000 French were upon their march towards Flanders, Orders were immediately dispatched to all the Towns and Garrisons under the Spanish jurisdiction on that side, that they should be careful upon their Guards, so as not to lay a temptation before the French to invite them to attempt a surprize, and the Count de Salazar is to morrow to depart hence to take care of his Government of *Fruges*.

Yesterday arrived here the Duke de Arschot from Mons: 'tis believed the Prince de Aremberg may be suddenly recalled from his Government of the County of Burgundy, and the Commander Ville Neufue a Bourguignon sent Governour in his place, the better to comply with the humors of that people, in committing the care of them to a person of their own Country.

The report which has for some time been received in France for current, that the Duke of Lorraine had some intentions to resign his Government in favour to His most Christian Majesty, proves but an empty rumour without any foundation. The Prince de Vaudemont has concluded a Marriage with Mademoiselle d'Elboeuf, and intends to solemnize it at Nancy where he now is, and from whence Father Nicholas Richard departed the 26th past with the summe of Two hundred thousand Crowns for the Prince Charles of Lorraine for the advancement of his pretensions to the Crown of Poland; greater summes being promised upon his Election; the Duke of Lorraine has sent hither an Agent whom he formerly employed in his affairs at Ratisbonne, but the business of his negotiation he is not yet made publick.

Brugs, April 7. The many Convoys which daily arrive from France, at Douay, and other places of their late Conquests, with their great provisions of all sorts of necessaries for the War, keeps us every where on our Guards, and gives us jealousies lest the French may have some design on foot to our prejudice; for prevention whereof, we are using all the care we may. The last night arrived here our Governour the Count Salazar from Brussels, and is sending away some Horse and Foot to reinforce the Garrison at Ipre, to prevent any attempts that may be made on the place; Five hundred more are sent to strengthen the Garrison at Lixmauld, and provisions of all sorts put into Neuort.

Hague, April 8. The States are yet assembled, and have under their Consideration how to separate the charge of Governour of Hol'and, which they intend totally to support that of General by Land and Admiral at sea, which were formerly all of them united in the same person.

The Heer de Groot is designed to be sent to the Court of France, and the Heer Van Ruyning into Swedeland, from whence is here arrived the Swedes Minister the Heer Mareffel, by whom are to be ended all debates upon the Triple Alliance.

The Deputies or directors of the Company of the West-Indy merchants have lately made their Complaints that the Heer de Groensteyn the new Danish Commander in Guiny, has endeavoured privately to exasperate the Natives and Inhabitants of that Countrey against the Hollanders.

Paris, April 10. By the way of Marseilles we have Letters from Constantinople which advise us, that the Sicur

d'Almeras arriving before the City with three stout men of war, had cast anchor at the point of the *Seraglio* without entering farther, where he continued some dayes, though with some difficulty and hazard, the Current being there very violent, inasmuch that several of their Cables broke, and the ships fell foul one of another with some damages; that upon his arrival, the Sieur de la Haye the French Ambassador sent his compliments to him, inviting him on shoar with his Officers, which he refused, informing the said Ambassador that his Orders would not permit him to leave his ship till he had first delivered him his dispatches, which he desired he would receive from his own hand aboard his ship, which the Ambassador after some farther messages past between them complied with: after some private conferences and the receipt of His Majesties Orders, the Ambassador returned again to his house, and immediately gave Order for the Imbarking of his Family, himself coming privately aboard, and set sail the 16th of February on his return homewards.

The Duke de Noailles has taken his leave of his Majesty in Order to his voyage for the Levant, and this day or to morrow sets forwards for Thoulon, but intends to pass by his own Estate in Guienne, which will somewhat lengthen his journey.

His Majesty has lately written to the Great Master of Malta, desiring him that the Chevalier de Vendosme, in regard of his Birth, Dignity and Merit, might succeed in the charge of Great Prior of France, after the decease of the Commander de Loure; the Count de St. Paul was much satisfied with his reception and entertainment he found at Malta, from whence he was attended into Sicily by two of their Gallies.

From Nancy we are told, that the Duke of Lorraine having ordered the Contract of marriage to be drawn up between the Prince de Vaudemont his Natural Son, and Mademoiselle d'Elboeuf, had himself signed it, desiring also the Prince François his Brother, and Father to Prince Charles, to do the like; which he refusing because of the great advantages given by it to the Prince de Vaudemont, the Duke has so much repented it, that he has written into Germany to Countermand those returns of Moneys which were ordered and sent by him for the advancement of the interest and pretensions of Prince Charles to his Election as successor to the Crown of Poland.

Salisbury, April 2. The 27th past, His Highness the Prince of Tuscany left Plymouth, and lay the next night at Exeter, where he was complimented and attended by the Mayor and his Brethren, from thence he went the 29th to Exminster, the 30th to Georgeington, and the next day to Dorchester; yesterday he arrived here, where he was attended by the Earl of Pembroke, with the Mayor and Aldermen in their habits. This day the Earl of Pembroke entertains him at his house, and to morrow His Highness intends for Basing-stoke on his way for London, where he may arrive on Monday night.

Whitehal, April 4. His Majesty has been pleased lately to declare, that by reason of the approaching heat, he shall continue to touch onely till the end of this present Month of April, it being his pleasure that no persons after that time apply themselves to him upon that occasion till October next.

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The Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer are come to the payment of the 1234th Order Registered on the Act for 1250000*l.* And so shall proceed to the payment of the ensuing Orders to that number as the remains of that Tax and the remain of the first Month of the Eleven Months Tax shall come in.

Also the said Officers are come in course to the payment of the 692 Order Registered on the Act for the Eleven Months Tax, and shall proceed to the payment of the subsequent Orders as the Money shall be brought in.

And they do hereby give notice, That all persons who are concerned in the preceding Orders to that number of 692, may receive their Money at the Exchequer upon producing their Orders.