

for two Moneths pay, which was not to have been given them till their arrival upon the Venetian Territories.

Brussels, April 26. From *Combray* we are told, that the French Forces both of Horse and Foot, marching frequently in little distance from that place, keeps them upon their Guard, the greatest part of those forces coming fromwards *Amiens*, and amongst others, the Regiment of the *Marchal de Turenne*.

The French forces are grown very numerous of late in all the Garrisons of their late Conquests; and preparations are said to be making at *Marinoni* with all diligence for the Reception of their Most Christian Majesties, with whom is expected a Guard of no less then 20000 men, which gives these Countreys no small jealousy of their intentions.

On Thursday last we were advised that the *Marquis de Louvois* Post-Master General of *France* had put a stop to the Spanish Courier, upon pretence that the French Male had been refused passage through our Territories, but being satisfied in this particular, was in little time dismissed.

On Saturday last arrived here from *France* Monsieur de *Panteler* of the Bed-chamber to His most Christian Majesty, bringing with him a Letter from His Majesty, with an enclosed from the Queen Regent of *Spain* to the Constable of *Castille* in order to suppression of those Imposts charged upon Goods and Merchandises passing into or exported from any of the places of the late French Conquests; to which the Constable returned a dilatory answer, that he would appoint Commissioners to Treat with him upon that subject, but desires that in lieu of it, the King his Master will take off the Confiscation of such persons as live from their Estates, which lie within their power.

On Friday the *Baron de Bergeick* returned hither from *Lille* to take care of his private affairs, but withal, to confer with the Constable about his and the rest of the Commissioners Negotiation with the French, with whom they are not as yet (after so much time spent) come to any resolution.

From *Paris* we are told, that above 16000 men are encamped near *Paris*, all of them expert and well Trained soldiers, in readiness to march upon the first Orders to attend His Majesty into the *Netherlands*. We are also informed that 1000 French of the old body of the Militia had lately passed the River of *Somme*, with Two thousand Regiments of Horse, with other smaller Troops and Companies intended as recruits; that about 1500 men formerly designed for sea service, were also marched the same way, and 6 or 7000 more were in few days expected to follow, and that a great Train of Artillery and other necessaries lie in readiness at *Doway* and *Arras*.

The Count de *Marin* has lately received from the Queen Regent his re-establishment in his former Charge and employment, as Camp-Master General of the Armies belonging to His Catholick Majesty in the *Netherlands*, with all the profits and priviledges which he formerly enjoyed.

Hague, April 27. The Swedish Ministers are in daily conference about the conclusion of the Treaty of Garranty, for confirmation whereof, they daily expect the arrival of a Courier from *Stockholme* with some farther instructions.

Some Commissioners are lately dispatched hence for *Mastricht* to assist at the forming a Process against those persons that are prisoners there, as having had their hands in the death of Monsieur *Iversum*.

The States having some time since sent a Letter to the Queen Regent of *Spain*, desiring the payment of a summe of Moneys due to the Prince of *Orange* from that Crown, by vertue of the peace made at *Munster*, the Queen has been pleased to return an answer, advising the States of the payment thereof as soon as conveniently it can be done.

The States have lately published a Decree, forbidding all persons whatsoever, Inhabitants in the United Provinces, to serve any strangers in their fishing for Herrings or Whales; or to sell or lend out to them any Vessels, or

any materials belonging thereunto, under the penalty of confiscation and such other punishment as they shall think fit to inflict upon them.

The rest of the Provinces, have at length agreed with this of *Holland* for the recruit of our forces, the fitting out a Fleet for the Summer Guard, and the forming of a flying Army to be in readiness upon any occasion.

On Monday last marched in here Captain *Corps* Troop of Horse, which is to continue here in Garrison in the room of the young Count de *Dona*'s lately sent from hence to *Swoll*.

Paris, May 1. The 19th past His Majesty went hence to *St. Germain en laye*, where he intends to pass some days.

From *Switzerland* we are told, that the greatest part of those Cantons have agreed to maintain their ancient alliance with the Crown of *France*, and have received Moneys for the payment of their Penions, resolving not to contract any other to its prejudice; but with this reserve, that if the Crown of *Spain* shall happen to be invaded by *France*, the Spaniards shall have the liberty of raising men within their Cantons for their defence.

By His Majesties order, several new ships are building for the encrease of his Fleet, but no Guns are sent aboard any of them but those which have been lately cast, which are observed to be of more use, and will be better preserved from Rust then any of the older.

The Drums are both here and in other Cities beating up for Voluntiers, which is given out are to serve onely as recruits for the old Regiments, which are to be kept up complete.

From *Lorraine* we are told of the late arrival of a Courier from Prince *Charles* of *Lorraine*, assuring the Duke of the Emperours good intentions of promoting his Interest at the Election of a Successor to the Crown of *Poland*.

From the *Rhine* we are told, that the Prince *Adolph* *John* having lately caused a French Tradesman, suspected to be a Bankerout, and of dishonest principles, to be Arrested within the Dutchy of *Deux-Ponts*; the Governour of *Philipsbourg* having notice thereof, sent out a party of Horse, who forcibly entered the Castle to which he was committed prisoner, and delivered him; upon which information, Monsieur de *Vaubrun Nogent*, designed Envoye to his Highness the Elector of *Brandenbourg*, was ordered immediately to set forwards, and on his way to endeavour to settle a right understanding between the Prince *Adolph* and those other persons with whom he has had disputes.

Tarmouth, April 21. Yesterday sailed hence about 20 ships bound for *Sunderland* and *Newcastle*. This day arrived a ship of this place from *Gallipoli*, laden with Oyls, and is now at Anchor in these Roads, where is also riding the *Forrester* Fregat, one ship of this Town bound for the *Streights*, and some Colliers.

Avertisements.

The Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer are come to the payment of the 1137th Order Registered on the Act for 1250000*l.* and shall proceed to the payment of the ensuing Orders, as the remaining Money of that Act and the remain of the first Moneth of the Eleven Moneths Taxe shall be brought in.

Also the said Officers are come to the payment of part of the 703 Order in number Registered on the Act for Eleven Moneths Taxe, and shall go on to the payment of the subsequent Orders to that number as the Money shall come in.

These are to give notice, That any persons who are desirous to farm any of the Counties within the Kingdom of England or Dominion of Wales, in order to the setting up of a Plate Lottery or any other Lottery whatsoever; may repair to the Lottery Office at Mr. Philips's House in Mermaid-Court over against the Mews; where they may contract with the Trustees commissioned by His Majesties Letters Patents for the Management of the said Patent, on the behaf of the Truly Loyal Indigent Officers.