

From *Ratisbonne* we are told, that the proposition has been again under debate for the raising an Army of 30000 men to be an establish'd standing Force of the whole Empire, to be leav'd and paid upon the account of the 7 Cities of the Empire, who should contribute their proportions for that purpose, but hitherto little progress has been made into it, many difficulties arising which are not yet cleared.

From *Stockholm*, Letters of the 14th past assure us, that the Earl of *Gustave*, Ambassador from His Majesty of *Great Britain* to the Crown of *Sweden*, came the 7th of the last Month to an Anchor off the Coast of *Sweden* within 20 miles of *Stockholm*, the ill weather obliging him to keep at sea till the 10th when he transported himself over the Snow and Ice to that City.

We are farther advic'd, that several Commissioners have been nominated and appointed to receive the propositions from the Envoye from *Tartary*, but that the Minister of State of that Kingdom being retir'd into the Country for some time, he has deferr'd the delivery of his said proposals till their return.

*Paris*, May 11. The Encampment of His Majesties forces near *Constance* is for some time deserted, that so a good order may be taken for their Entertainment, and to secure them from that Infection, which 'tis feared may again increase with the heats of the Summer.

'Tis said His Majesty has given Order for Bills of Exchange for the summe of 400 thousand Crowns, to be sent to the Bishop of *Besiers* his Ambassador in *Poland*, to be employ'd for the advantage of the French Interest in that Election.

From *Thoulon* we are inform'd of the late arrival in that Road of a ship from *Candia*, which came thence on the 7th of the last moneth, the Master of the Vessel giving this account of the affairs of the Siege; that the Town continues to defend itself with extraordinary courage and valour against the Turks, so which they are encouraged by the Example and Conduct of the Marquis *de St. Andre Manbrun*, who is perfectly recovered from his wounds; that the Garrison within the Town consists of about 8000 able soldiers, and that the Venetians Fleet was able upon any occasion to assist them with 6000 more, without any great prejudice to themselves; and that the whole Army of the Turks before the Town is not conceived to exceed the number of twenty thousand men, that those lay well fortified in their Trenches, but made their most considerable attempts upon the Bulwark *St. Andre*, against which they had with much labour rais'd a high Mount, on the top whereof they had made a Battery, on which they had plant'd two Guns of extraordinary bigness, with which and their small shot they fired continually upon the Town; by vertue whereof they were encouraged to make frequent assaults upon the Bulwark, wherein they had made a considerable breach, on which they had twice lodg'd themselves: but by the Mines and Valour of the besieged, were beaten off with great slaughter; farther affirming that the besieged being infinitely annoy'd by the said Mount, had with much labour and diligence made two Mines under it, springing the first of them of 110 Barrels of Powder, with such success, that the two Guns were buried in the ruins of the Battery; in which were also killed 800 Turks, and about 400 wourded; after which, the Turks endeavour'd to restore and repair again their Battery, and had plant'd more Guns upon it; but then the besieged firing the second Mine, wholly ruin'd the Mount, and freed themselves from that great annoyance, with a loss of a great number of the Turks.

He farther confirms to us the news, that the Venetian Ambassador having displeas'd the Visier, utterly refusing upon any Terms or Proposals for a Peace, to give up the Town, was confin'd to his Lodging in *Canea*, and had a strict Guard set upon him.

From *Marsilles* they tell us of the arrival of the three ships belonging to the lately establish'd *Levans-Company*, richly laden, who came from *Smirna* in company with one Genoese Merchant ship, and under the Conduct of one of His Majesties Men of War, commanded by Captain *Lar-*

son; and that upon their way they were met by 7 Corsairs of *Tripoly*, who prepar'd to attempt them, but the Man of War coming up, and making ready to oppose them, they desist'd from their purpose, and left them to pursue their Voyage: the Man of War having conducted them out of all dangers, is sail'd for *Smirna* to secure some other of our Merchant ships on their return.

From *Thoulon* we are farther advis'd, that the Duke *de Beaufort* continuing his diligence to battering out the Fleet, has put an Embargo upon all the French Merchant ships in that and other Ports of *Provence*, pressing them to take aboard them Provisions and Ammunition, and to attend the Fleet in their Expedition for *Candia*; that the Gallies will be suddenly fitted up and ready to put to sea; the great want of Slaves being supplied by sea-men, who freely offer themselves to the service, so that only one Gally remains now to be Equipp'd and furnished.

From the *Netherlands* they write, that near 40000 Labourers are in several parts of his Majesties New Conquests employ'd in the Fortifications, to whom a Proposition has been lately made by His Majesties Order, that such of them as shall offer themselves to his service in case of a War, shall be assur'd of the same pay as is now given, which is much more then what is usually allow'd to the ordinary soldiers; and that care shall be taken to pay them weekly; nor shall they be oblig'd to continue in the service longer then for one Summer, which proposal 'tis said is accepted by the greatest part of them.

*Hull*, May 2. This last week sail'd hence one ship of *Rossterdam* laden with Lead, and Cloth homewards bound.

On Friday last put to sea the *George* and the *Merchants* adventure of this place laden with Cloth, intending for *Hamburgh*. Several Danish ships are here arriv'd from *Norway*, and many ships plying up and down upon the Coasts.

*Weymouth*, May 3. The first instant arriv'd here two ships of this Port from *Auciro* in *Portugal*, which ran much hazard in passing the Barre their coming out.

Here yet there is great preparations made for the sea service, many s'esmen taken up to be employ'd aboard the Fleet, and severe punishment to be inflict'd upon such as desert the service.

*Tarmouth*, May 2. Yesterday came into this Road three ships belonging to this place from the *Straitts*, two of them from *Gallipolis* laden with Oyls, one of which is sail'd for *Amsterdam*. This day came in here two other ships of this place from *Lisbone*, and one French ship from *Rochele* laden with Salt; a Fleet of about 60 ships, most of them light, northwards bound, are now at Anchor in these roads.

*Oxford*, May 4. This last Night about 12 of the Clock arriv'd here his Highness the Prince of *Tuscany*, and is this morning to be attend'd and complemented by the University and City, and in the afternoon to be receiv'd by the University at the Schools.

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