

The same Letters advise us, that one *Schirko*, a soldier of much fame amongst the Cossacks, was with his party lately returned from *Tartary*, where he had made an incursion with much success returning with a great number of Arms, Horses and Cattle, having in several Encounters killed a great number of the *Tatars*.

Venice, April 16. By the way of *Rome* came several advices from *Corsu*, affirming that the Grand Segnior had put out his shoulder by a fall from his Horse in hunting, of which he lay much indisposed, but of his death, which was with much confidence reported, we have no confirmation, and therefore suspect the truth of it.

From *Candia* we are assured that the Visier fearing a sudden disturbance in his Siege from the United forces of the Christian Princes, continues his Siege with much eagerness, but his people having been very sensible of the great valour of the besieged in all open encounters, were not easily to be persuaded to attempt it again by assault, and the Visier not being yet reinforced with those recruits he has often petitioned for, and with impatience expects, is resolved for the present not to engage them in any hazardous attempts, but rather to expect the issue and success of his Mines, by which he has not yet got any considerable advantages by reason of the great vigilancy and care of the besieged, who by their Countermines and Gallies, have much disturbed them in their endeavors. In the mean time the besieged are much heightened in their courage, by the promises of a speedy assistance and delivery, which will notwithstanding all the preparations made for it, prove a matter of some difficulty without a considerable Army to take the Field and force the Enemy from their Trenches.

Brussels, May 10. The Commons of this City have had severall Assemblies this week, wherein they have debated the Imposition of the 8th part of a peny upon every pot of Beer, which they are willing to have continued, upon condition they may be complied with in their demands, and have the Customs upon all Merchandises coming or going out, reduced to their ancient Method and Rate, which their Requests with the Concordals have been sent to the Constable of *Castile*.

The difference between the City of *Bruges* and *Ostend* about the passage of Foreign ships, has been argued before the Privy Council, and at last determined in favour of the Chamber of Commerce of *Bruges*; and 'tis declared that all ships bound upon the account of Trade either to *Bruges* or other parts, shall have free liberty to pass by *Ostend* without any Obligation to unlade there, which decree of theirs has been communicated to the Council of State, and Finances, whereupon the Constable has ordered his Letters to be written to the Governour of *Ostend*, commanding his obedience to the said Decree.

From *Paris* we are told, that His most Christian Majesty has offered to renounce his pretensions to *Condé*, the sluices of *Neuport* and the Fort of *Lincque*, and in lieu thereof to accept of *Oudenard* and its *Chasteleneys*, as likewise to demolish *Charle-Roy*, upon condition *Spain* will surrender to him the Town of *Tyre* with its *Chasteleneys*, and that he has sent these propositions to his Commissioners at *Lille*, with Order to require a Categorical and positive answer to them within the space of 15 days.

The Duke of *Aerschot* having intelligence that some of the French force, were upon their march towards *Mons*, ordered a Bridge within a League of that City upon the way to *Valenciennes* to be broken down.

On Wednesday arrived here an express from the Count de *Salazar* Governour of *Bruges*, informing the Constable, that upon intelligence given him that a considerable party of the French forces were upon their march between *Graveling* and *Dunkirk*, he had ordered the Count de *Rache* to march with his Regiment to *St. Omer* for the security of that place. On Sunday last the Constable was pleased to dispatch away a Courier extraordinary to the Court of *Spain* to inform the Queen Regent of the present state of affairs of these Provinces, and has deferred his intended journey to *Antwerp*, expecting here some farther

light into the intentions of *France*, what they designe by these motions of their forces.

The French proceed still in their confiscations of such as live from their Estates lying within their jurisdiction, and have lately commanded the Officers of *Bet Oeil* belonging to the Prince de *Ligne* near *Aeth*, to bring in a particular under Oath of the true Value and Revenue of that Estate within 15 days, threatening upon default to proceed to some more severe course: which proceeding of theirs, occasioned the 8th instant an Assembly of several of the Nobility with the Counsell of State; and the Baron de *Berg-rick* is Ordered to returne with all speed for *Lille* to acquaint the Commissioners with their Resolution upon this subject.

We have late advice that a Convoy of 8 Waggonns laden at *Antwerp* with ammunition and intended for *Valenciennes*, hath been seized by the way and carried into *Aeth*, upon pretence that they passed without leave over the lands belonging to that place.

Paris, May 15. Here is newly arrived a Courier extraordinary with Letters to the Venetian Ambassador, informing him that the Grand Segnior is dangerously ill of the fall he received from his Horse in hunting, which had occasioned a Gangrene, from which 'twas not believed he could easily be recovered.

From *Constantinople* by Letters of *Mart*. 20 we are told that the Janisaries as well as the rest of the people were much discontented at the long absence of the Grand Segnior from that City, and at the great damage they receive by the great quantity of five Shill pieces, imported by the French and other Nations, which are made with so bad alloy that they cannot now pass them without great loss: that these things with the concernments the Janisaries seem to have in the preservation of the Grand Segnior's three Brethren, whose heads he had sent for, has drawn them into an insurrection, where above 40 thousand men are gotten into Arms, setting a strong Guard upon the Seraglio, and are holding Councils amongst themselves, of which they expect in few days to see the effects.

That the French men of war lying at *Constantinople* had nor foreseen the necessity of the Caymacian for their departure, but that during their abode, two of the French Captains with some Volunteers and their Janisaries in their long boat going on shoar to walk for their diversion, were abused by the *Bastanga*, which obliged the French to draw their swords and hurt some of them, but the Turks entreating were forced to recover their Boat and to hasten to their ships, but the Turks waking after them with a Boat better manned and provided, overtook them, and with Stones and Cudgels engaged them, in which dispute Monsieur de *Texas* one of the Captains, with another French Gentleman were killed, the rest being in much danger of running the same fate, had not the *Bastanga* Bassa himself come in timely to their rescue.

From *Smirna* we are told that above 6000 people are there in Arms highly incensed against the Government, for their new and great impositions, but that the Bassa of that place was endeavouring to reduce them to obedience.

We have also advise, that the Visier has made a furious assault upon *Candia*, who in the lost great numbers of his men, in which the besieged defended themselves with infinite courage, but with the loss of several of their principal Officers, of which we may expect the particulars.

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The Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer are come to the payment of the 1142 Order Registered on the Act for 1250000*l*. and shall proceed to the payment of the subsequent Orders, to that number as the remaining Money of that Act, and the remain of the first Month of the Eleven Months Taxe shall be brought in.

Also the said Officers are come to the payment of the 7401b Order in number Registered on the Act for the Eleven Months Taxe, and shall go on to the payment of the ensuing Orders to that number as the Money shall come in.