

at *Constantinople*, partly because of the false Five solz pieces, whose value being lately decayed, and little other Money found amongst them; has occasioned great complaints and tumults amongst the people, both there and in other parts of the Turkish Empire, but more from the disorder of the Janisaries, who still counsel at the ill management of the publick affairs, and the long absence of the Grand Signior, threatening to chuse another to succeed in his room.

By the same ship we are advised, that the Turkish Fleet lye ready to sail at *Negrspore* for the relief of the Wisiers Army, and that the Venetian Fleet lay attending their motions at *Millo*, and other Islands in the *Archipelago*, with intentions (if possible) to engage them on the way.

They farther tell us, that four Privateers of *Malta* were put in at *Argentiera*, having taken two Saichs richly laden from *Alessandria*; and that Captain *Cardi* with some other Christian Privateers, were cruising about those seas, and had seized a Saich laden with Biscuit, intended for *Canea*.

This last week arrived here the Companies of Foot from *Bavaria*, all of them old experienced soldiers, with some other German Companies, to the number of above 2000 men, who were disposed of into convenient Quarters, and were yesterday mustered and paid, and may in few days be embarked upon the Convoy designed and near fitted up for *Candia*.

*Hague, May 20.* A Copy of the Letter which was lately written to the States by the Dutchess of *East-Friesland*, acquainting them with the Bishop of *Munster*s threats, has been sent to the Admiralty of *Harlingen*, who are to inform themselves more fully of the pretensions and intentions of the said Bishop, and in the mean time, some forces are ordered to march towards the frontiers of *Westphalia* to reinforce the Garrisons there, and to secure those parts from any sudden violence or invasion.

The *Sir Pool* a Secretary from *Sweden* is lately arrived here to assist with the other Ministers sent thither in the negotiation and contentments of that Crown.

Vice Admiral *Van Ghent* is putting to sea with a considerable Squadron under his Command to attend the ships designed for the *East-Indies*, and to conduct and secure some part of their voyage, and to pass afterwards into the *Straits* to attend the motion of the Corsairs of *Barbary*, and to secure the Trade of our Merchant ships in those seas.

We are lately informed of the loss of three ships of the Fleet from *St. Hubert*, which have been cast away about the *Cape St. Vincent*.

From *Hulsting* we are told of the arrival there of several ships from the French Islands in *America* but without their lading; the French West-India Company having it seems ordered that none but French ships shall be permitted to Trade to or from these their Plantations.

Neither our Letters from the Coasts of *Spain* or *Portugal* mentioning a second engagement of Captain *Swaers* with the Corsairs of *Algiers*, we as yet suspend our belief of that report.

*Paris, May 22.* By the way of *Vienna* are lately arrived Letters from *Monheur de la Haye* His most Christian Majesty's Ambassador at the Court of the Grand Signior at *Iuriss*, bearing date the 6th of the last month; informing his said Majesty of what has pass in his negotiation there, desiring His Majesty's farther Orders; his Letters making no mention at all of the Grand Signior's hurt by a fall, gives us occasion to suspect the truth of that report.

From *Venice* our Letters confirm to us the news of the great Assault made by the Turks upon *Candia*, with their extraordinary loss, but without any farther particulars of that action: moreover, telling us that from *Zante* they are advised of the safe arrival at *Candia* of the 2500 *Hunenbutgers*, which 'tis hoped will enable them to defend that place till the arrival of a more considerable succor; but that the chief Visier had been lately recruited with 7000 soldiers which were landed at *Spina longa*, besides 2000 Janisaries which were joyned with his Army some time before; and from *Dalmatia*, that the Turks are drawn

together in a body of an Army, consisting of Twenty five thousand men, and were marching towards the City of *Candia*, to divert the Republick of *Venice* from the defence of *Candia*.

*Monseigneur de Louvoy* is gone to take a view of His Majesty's late Conquests in the *Netherlands*, he has in a late Letter to *Don Quignouet*, testified much dissatisfaction at the delays used by the Constable of *Castille* in not permitting the free passage of the Coal-boats to *Conde*; adding, that if justice were not speedily done in that point His most Christian Majesty would be forced to obtain it some other way.

This week by His Majesty's Order, several Waggons were sent hence under a good Convoy for *Arras*, with a considerable summe of Moneys to pay off the Workmen employed in the fortifications of His Majesty's Garrisons in the *Netherlands*.

From *Brussels* we are informed, that the Constable of *Castille* and Count *Marcin* intend to take a view of all their frontiers, and to put them into a posture of defence, and that the Nobility and Gentry press hard for the revocation of the *Placards* for Confiscation of such persons as live from their Estate, which lye within the French jurisdiction, and which are already put in execution upon the Prince de *Ligne*. The Constable of *Castille* has also received fresh Orders from the Queen Regent of *Spain*, to insist upon their suppression, as being published contrary to the agreement made by the Treaty of *Aix*.

The Officers of the Army have Orders to reinforce their Companies, taking in such persons as shall freely offer themselves to His Majesty's service.

His Majesty being informed that the Timber of *Canada* may be useful to him for the building of ships, has ordered 800 workmen to be sent thither to be employ'd in felling Trees and building ships upon the place, intending to have a considerable quantity of the same Timber transported to *Thoulon* for the same sort of employment. The 20th instant about 4 or 500 young Women were sent away from hence, who are to be embarked with some Companies of Foot designed for *Canada*.

From *Nancy* we are informed that the Commissioners of the Prince Elector Palatine and Duke of *Lorraine* having spent much time in conference at *Wiesenberg* for the composition of the differences between them, but not able to adjust them, both Princes are again preparing for their defence, but intend to dispatch thither their Deputies to acquaint His Majesty with their respective pretensions.

*Lime, May 12.* A ship lately arriving from *Virginia* informs us of the good condition of that Colony, and that the Governour thereof Sir *William Berkeley* intended some time this month to employ 3 or 400 of his ablest men in a voyage to the southwards of that Continent, with intentions to make some discovery of a passage by the south sea.

#### Advertisements.

The Officers of the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer are come in course to the payment of the 112<sup>d</sup> Order in number, Registered on the Act for 125000*l.* and shall proceed to the payment of the ensuing Orders in that number, as the remain of the Money of that Taxe and the remain of the first Month of the Eleven Moneths Taxe shall be brought in.

Also the said Officers are come to the payment of the 766<sup>th</sup> Order on the Eleven Moneths Taxe, and so shall proceed to the payment of the subsequent Orders as the Money shall come in.

Lost on Tuesday last from the half-way-House, between London and Kingstone, a white hound bitch of His Majesty's, with a reddish head, and red upon the buttocks, some black spots on the body, and a tick in the right Ear. If any one can give notice of her to Jervale Price Esq<sup>r</sup> at his Lodge in St. James's Park, he shall be well rewarded for their pains.