

axing their addressees contrary to this Order, and to set a guard upon the offending Officers in their own Lodgings; expressly prohibiting all Solicitors or other Agents of the Court to present any petition from them: but upon all Grievances or other occasions which shall require it, the Infantry are to make their Addesses to the Count de Marcin, and the Cavalry to the Prince de Ligne.

On Sunday last we had news that about 15 thousand French were lately entered into Picardy, intending to march forwards towards their late new Conquests. Their fortifications are every where very considerably advanced, and particularly the Cittadelle at Tournay will in less than three Months be in a good posture of defence. The Marquis de Louvois arrived at Tournay the 21th instant, and from thence intends for Lille, from whence he passes on to take a View of all the late Conquests. At Douay were cast this last week 25 pieces of Cannon.

The Duke d'Aerschot has by his Letters lately informed the Constable of Castille, that the French Garrisons of Aethand Tournay have forbidden the Countrey Villages about Conde to pay any Taxes or Gabels to His Catholick Majesty.

'Tis said the Constable of Castille has also desired, and obtained leave from the Queen Regent of Spain to retire himself from the Government of the Countries; but as yet 'tis not known who may succeed him in this Charge.

On Friday last the Commons met in the usual place for their Assembly, to consider of the Imposts required, but came not to any resolution. On Sunday the States of Brabant assembled in the Town-House, to consult of the best method and means of satisfying the Commons, and obtaining from them such things as have been required of them. The next day the Commons being again assembled, a Demand was made of 50 thousand Florins payable to the Constable of Castille, to which they returned for answer, that they well understood not the title the Constable had to it; but that the Demand ought to have been made in the Name of His Catholick Majesty.

Monsieur de Bergeick being returned to Lille, the Sieur Houines another of our Commissioners employed there to consult about the limits, returned hither by the Constables permission for the settlement and ordering of his private affairs and concernment.

The last Courier from Spain arriving without disturbance by the way of France, informs us, that the design of raising a new Regiment of Guards for the defence of the Kings Person, has been much opposed by several of the Grands, and their establishment (for that reason) as yet suspended. That the Queen has lately nominated Don Paul Paradis, Don Louis Ferrer, and Don Francesco de Gusman to be members of the Council of War, to which she intends to add several others; and that Don Juan having for some days visited the Abbey of St. Bartholomew de Lupiana, is returned again to Guadalaxara, from whence he has complemented their Majesties upon the late Festival.

'Tis also said, that the Council appointed for the redress of the peoples Grievances, have made several Addresses to the Queen upon that subject, and that on the 3d instant was to be published an Edict for reformation of the Fees of Officers, and 'twas believed another would speedily follow for the taking off part of the Subsidies and Tributes imposed on the people.

Hague, May 24. The apprehensions we have of the intentions of the Bishop of Munster, whose Garrisons are more then usually filled with soldiers, gives the States an occasion to have an Eye to his motion, and a good Guard upon the frontiers. 'Tis also said that the Marquis of Brandenburg has been moved to revive his pretensions to Westel and some other places long possessed by us. It is therefore thought convenient to make some addition to the forces already on foot, by admitting 25 men to every Company.

The Heer Heinsius, formerly designed to be sent into Muscovy to mediate, together with the Envoye from His Majesty of Great Brittain, and interpose their good Offices for the comp'sure of all differences between Sweden and Muscovy, is countermanded, and some other will be speedily named for the employment.

Paris, May 25. Letters from Thoulon inform us of the arrival there of the Duke de Navailles, who was ready with the Duke de Beaufort to embark themselves upon the Fleet upon His Majesties first Orders, all their forces being in readines, as are also the ships, to the number of 21, designed for that Expedition. The Gallies are already arrived there from Marseilles, among whom are three Gallions, to supply the room of so many Gallies, which were left behind for want of slaves to manage the Oars. About the end of this month they may begin their Voyage.

The 17th instant their Majesties with the Duke d'Enguyen and other persons of the Court, went in a Galley followed by a great number of Boats towards the Camp or Fort of St. Sebastien about two leagues distant from St. Germain, from whence they were saluted with several Volleys of Cannon and Musquets. The 20th instant their Majesties came again to view the Camp, where the King ordered all the forces to be drawn up in Battaille and exercised.

The 19th the Baron de Cruiffhaudem appeared before His Majesty to justify himself from the imputation of which he stood charged or suspected by his Enemies of giving advices to the Spanish Ambassadour prejudicial to the interest of this Crown; of which His Majesty was soon inclined to acquit him. He is since returned with satisfaction to Flanders in company with the Sieur Talon the Intendant of Oudenard.

Monsieur de la Haye our Ambassadour in the Ottoman Court, has by his Letters of the 25th past informed the Court, that the Grand Segnior had given him his last Audience, with free liberty to return home; for which he is furnished with all necessary Pass-Ports, and has been heard with much favour in all his Demands: that he was then in readines to return from Larissa to Constantinople, where he intended to embark himself and his Family on board the French Men of War which there attend for his Transportation, under the Command of the Sieur de Almeras.

Some few Horse employ'd for that purpose to wait between Franche Comte and the Swiss Cantons of Borne seized on a French man, called Monsieur le Roux, suspected to have been active in carrying on the Spanish interest amongst the Cantons, whom yesterday they brought to this City, and secured him in the Bastille, which is still retained by the Cantons; in the mean time the Count de Grammont is there pressing them to compleat the Levies, to which he pleads they are obliged by the Treaty of 1666, and for which he has advanced a considerable summe of Moneys, with a promise of more as soon as they have made any advance into that work.

A Courier lately arriving here from Warsaw (from whence he departed the 5th instant) informs us that the Diet in order to the Election began the 2 instant, but that the Ministers of the Duke of Neuburg had rendered the Bishop of Peshiers incapable of giving the Duke their Master the assistance he intended in preferring his interest and pretensions in the Election; that the Prince of Lorrain's party daily increased as did his hopes to prevail in the said Election, and that his Envoy had demanded the precedence of the Envoyes from Brandenburg and Neuburg, which was not then determined.

His Majesty has ordered 10 men to be added to every company of Foot in all his Regiments. The Governour of this City has lately ordered the raising of men to be sent to the Camp near St. Germain, offering a pistol to each man for advance, to new cloath them, to secure them 10 solz a day for their pay, and assuring them they shall have leave to quit the service at the end of this Campagne.

The Members of Parliament went yesterday in a body to St. Germain, to present their Remonstrances (or Supplications, as the King is pleased to have them called) against the Edict passed in pt justice of their priviledges.

London, May 19. This morning His Royal Highness was present at Hyde park, where were drawn out several Companies of His Majesties Regiment of Guards, with two Troops of the Horse-Guards, whom His said Royal Highness was pleased there to exercise.