

On Monday last the Senate elected the Noble *Francisco Duodo* to command the Convoy which is fitting up, and will in few dayes be ready to put to sea, laden with great quantities of Ammunition and other Necessaries for *Gandia*; upon which are to be embarked the Bavarian and other German and Italian forces designed for that service, which lie ready to be sent on board; with a considerable summe of Moneys for the Pay and Encouragement of the Garrison.

*Paris, May 28.* On Friday last the Premier President went with severall of the Deputies of Parliament to attend His Majesty at *St. Germain's*, where in the name of the whole body he made a large and full discourse containing their Remonstrance against the late Edict of His Majesty in prejudice of their priviledges, insisting largely,

1. Upon the impossibility of executing the Code in all its points.

2. Shewing the inconveniencies and ill consequences of his prohibition of all alliances between the Ministers of Justice.

3. Touching upon the priviledges which His Majesty by the said Edict would take from them, and

4. Upon the other point of it, prescribing the age of such persons as were to be admitted to the Robes, to which His Majesty only answered, that he would take a little time to consider of this Remonstrance, and would in little time signify his farther pleasure; His Majesty was pleased alio the next day to give Order to the Premier President, not to make his Report (according to custom) to the Parliament, but to defer it till Wednesday, when they should also farther know His pleasure upon their Remonstrance.

A ship lately arriving at *La Rochelle* from the Islands of *America*, makes no mention of any attempt made by the Vice-Admiral the Count d'Espre upon *Santo Domingo*, which sufficiently convinces us of the falsity of that Report. Letters from the said Count inform us, that upon his arrival at *Martinego* he seized upon a Dutch ship which he found laden there, as Trading without permission. They having ordered that no foreign ships shall be suffer'd to Trade to any of the French Plantations without leave.

From *Thoulon* we are told, that the 25th instant the Popes Standard was set upon the French Admirals ship designed for the *Levant*, with much Ceremony and several volleys of Cannons, that the Duke de Navailles has taken a view of all the forces designed for that Expedition, which he finds to consist of about 8000 able soldiers, and that the Gallies endeavouring to put to sea, were for some days hindered by tempestuous weather, their Rendezvous being appointed at *Corsou*, further telling us, that the men of War would be in readiness to follow them by the end of this month.

Other Letters advise us, that the Pope has sent three Briefs to the Count de Vivonne, one of them impowring him to Command all the Auxiliary forces in the absence of *Don Vincenzo Rospigliosi*, and the Duke de Beaufort; a second giving him Order for the distribution of his indulgences and Medals according to merit; and a third, giving him power to fill up all vacant Charges in case he should arrive at the Highest Command.

The Prince of Denmark has been lately visiting the great Work of the Channel in *Languedoc* for an enterprise between the Mediterranean sea and the Ocean, which is much advanced, and about 6000 men daily employ'd in it.

The Council has been pleased to permit the French to transport Corn out of the Kingdom till *September* next ensuing, without paying the late imposition set upon it in all the Ports, and hath exempted the Port of *Marseilles* from all sorts of Impositions, the better to encourage the Trade between that place and the several Ports of *Italy*.

*Paris, June 1.* The Court seems not to be much pleased with the Parliaments Remonstrances, and the liberty taken by the Premier President in his Speech to His Majesty upon that subject, the King has not yet signify'd his farther pleasure to them, but 'tis believed will in few days appear in person at the Parliament to let them know his mind upon that and several other Edicts which are preparing.

From *Thoulon* we are informed that the Gallies are put out to sea, but meeting with ill weather were forced to put into the *Isle d'Hieres*; the men of War may in few days be in readiness to put to sea; the Cardinal Duke de Vendosme is lately arriv'd there to be present at the imbarcation of the vessels.

From *Switzerland* we are advised, that the Cantons are not yet unanimously resolv'd to adhere to the interest of this Crown, but to quicken them, on Tuesday last the summe of 100 hundred Crowns was sent to Monsieur de Molier our Resident there for the payment of their Pensions.

Our Ministers have earnestly pressed the Constable of *Castille* to dismiss the Boats with Coals; but have as yet not been able to obtain any other answer, than the promise of one by Monsieur *Iurietta*, who may within a fortnight be expected here, to succeed in the room of *Don Hieronimo Quignones*, who is to be recalled. In the mean time our Officers in the *Netherlands* are now proceeding to put in execution the Placards for Confiscation, and have already begun to cut down Woods growing upon the Estates of the Count de Henin, the Duke de Bourbonville; and the Governour of *St. Omers*.

*Brussels, May 31.* The Marquis de Louvois is by Order from His most Christian Majesty visiting the Garrisons of his late Conquest with the Magazines. On Wednesday last he arriv'd at *Aeth*, from whence he by his Letters has invited the best Engineers to attend him, to morrow he is expected at *Charleroy*.

On Monday last were sent under a Convoy from hence 26 Waggon's laden with Powder, Bullets, Match and other Martial Provisions for the supply of our Garrisons of *Cambrai*, *Bouchain*, and *Valenciennes*.

Seven Walloon Captains are ordered to draw out each of them 100 men out of the Walloon Regiments, and to embark with them for *Spain*; upon some of those ships which arriv'd the last year with forces from that Kingdom.

The Constable of *Castille* having been informed of the ill condition of the Harbot of *Ostend*, by reason of the large quantity of sand which has in some measure choaked it up, has lately consulted about the cleansing thereof, and has ordered a considerable sum of moneys to be advanced for that Work, whereof the care will be committed to *Sir Mark Ognae*.

This next week the Constable intends to depart hence for *Antwerp* and to begin his Progress for the visiting all the principal Parts of his Government.

Yesterday arriv'd here a Courier from *Spain*, informing, that the Design of raising a New Regiment of Guards is still carried on, though with some opposition from the Grands. That as yet the affairs of *Don Juan* are hotly settled, and that the Queen Regent has made choice of the Marquis de *Castel Rodrigue* with some other persons of the Council of State, to consider of the affairs of highest consequence, in relation to the *Netherlands*, and to advise her of the best method of defending them.

The Elector of *Cologne* being informed and much incensed against the people of *St. Tron* who had affronted his authority, in a malicious tumult killing some of the Magistrates of the Town, and committed several other insolencies; on Friday last drew out of several of his neighboring Garrisons a body of about 6000 men, and marching in the night, appeared early in the morning before the Town, and by a Trumpet summon'd them to open the Gates and return to their obedience; otherwise threatening them with force, and to make his way into the Town with his Cannon; whereupon they immediately submitted themselves, opening their Ports and receiving a strong Garrison; some of the principal offenders were immediately apprehended, who may in few days receive a punishment equal to their demerits.

*Portsmouth, May 25.* Here are put in by contrary winds two Gallions from *Burdeaux* laden with Wine; one of them bound for *Hambourgh*, the other for *Amsterdam*, and one ship from *Lisbonne*, laden with Salt and Sugars.