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Madrid, April 6. N. S.

THE new Levies in this Kingdom are continued with great Application, and it is said above 14,000 Men are already raised; besides which the King of Spain expects that each Village of his Kingdom shall fit out and maintain one Soldier for his Service. Orders are given for paying divers Sums of Money, to be employed in fortifying *Corunna*, and several other Ports in the Provinces of *Galicia* and *Andalusia*. Remittances are also made to the Governor of *Milan*, and the Duke of *Bedmar* in the Low Countries, for paying the Spanish Forces in those Parts, as also to the Elector of *Brandenburg*. In the mean time the Dissatisfaction of the Spanish Grandees is not to be expressed, who, instead of having their Grievances redressed, and of being restored to the Credit they formerly had at Court, meet daily with new Mortifications from this Government. A French Vessel was lately seized at *Corunna* by the Officers of the Customs there, which had on board 16000 Pieces of Eight, that were brought from the *West-Indies* in the Fleet which was destroyed last Summer at *Vigo*, and were never registred; And this Court is not without a Suspicion that there is more of this Money in private hands.

Ratisbona, April 25. A Body of 3000 Bavarian Foot advanced on the 21st Instant into the neighbourhood of this Place, and marched this day towards *Donauwert*. They are shortly to be followed by a Body of Horse; and it is said most of that Elector's Forces are to move the same way, in hopes of joining with the French Forces under the Marshal de Villars. We hear, that the Elector is now at *Munich*, somewhat indisposed. The Count de *Sirum* continues encamped before *Amberg*, and the Count de *Schlick* near *Passau*.

From the Imperial Camp at *Stollhofen*, April 23. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* having received Advice on the 17th Instant, at night, That the Marshal de Villars was marching with his whole Army to attack our Lines, he caused most of the Troops which were on the other side of the *Rhine*, particularly the Dutch Auxiliaries, to pass the next day over the Bridge at *Lauterbourg*, and to march into the Lines; The Enemy advanced at the same time towards us, and the next day having raised several Batteries, they began to Cannonade us, though with little Effect. On the 20th the Enemy preparing to attack us on the side of the Plain of *Biehl*, Major-General *Goor*, with the Dutch Battalions, was sent thither, and prevented the Enemy, by posting himself on a rising Ground, whereto they designed to possess themselves: This obliged the Enemy to alter the Disposition of their Attack; yet after all they found our Men in so good a Posture, that they did not think fit to attempt a Passage that way. The 21st we were reinforced by the Count de *Leiningen*, with 5 Squadrons of Horse of the Elector Palatine's Forces. Yesterday about 3 in the morning General *Zungen* arrived here with several Troops of Dragoons, and about 7 the Enemy began to ply us very warmly with their Cannon. We have received Advice, That Count *Prosper* of *Furstenberg*, who commands the Forces which are employed to guard the Passes of the *Black Forest*, has charged some Troops which were in the Enemy's Rear, and obliged them to retire to the main Body of their Army.

Heidelberg, April 24. According to the freshest Accounts from our Army near *Stollhofen*, the French were Cannonading our Lines; and the two Armies were so near, that we expect every moment to hear of an Engagement.

Frankfort, April 26. Yesterday we had Advice, That the Marshal de Villars's Army was advanced into the Valley of *Kinzig*, and had endeavoured to possess himself of some advantageous Posts there, but was attacked by the Forces commanded by the Count of *Furstenberg*, and obliged to retire with the Loss of many of his Men, and 4 Pieces of Cannon; And last night an Express brought us the welcome News, That the French Army commanded by the Marshal de Villars having several times attempted to storm our Lines, was beat back with considerable Loss; and it is said they are retired towards the Fort of *Kehl*.

Hamburg, April 27. The Troops of *Holstein* which are to enter into the Service of the States General, will begin their March the 10th of the next Month. Letters from *Marienbourg* give an Account, That the King of *Poland* had caused the *seur Beuchling*, his Chancellor for the Electorate of *Saxony*, and several other of his Ministers, to be imprisoned; but the reason was not yet known. The King of *Sweden* came to *Warsaw* the 14th Instant, and has since been several times in Conference with the Cardinal Primate, and the Princes *Sapieha*; and the Swedish Forces were advancing towards *Thorn*. However, if we may credit the Advices from *Dantzick*, they were not yet without hopes of a Peace between *Sweden* and *Poland*.

From the Camp of the Allies before *Bon*, April 27. The Town of *Bon* and the Fort on the other side of the *Rhine* were invested the 17th Instant, by about 40 Squadrons of Horse, under the Command of Lieutenant-General *Buleau*, part whereof had been cantoned some weeks in the neighbouring Villages, in order to hinder the Excursions of the Garrison. The next day his Grace the Duke of *Marborough* having dined at *Cologne* with the Bishop of *Raas*, who conducted him some distance out of the City, came hither in the evening, being accompanied by Monsieur d'*Obdam*, General of the Horse. Most of the Foot which is to be employed in the Siege was arrived some hours before. General *Coeboorn* is likewise here, and the great Artillery from *Holland* is hastening up the *Rhine*; so that we expect to open the Trenches in 3 or 4 days. The Town has fired very little since our being here; but they have burnt some Houses near their Outworks, as they attempted yesterday to do a small Village, wherein a Party of our Men was posted, who obliged the Enemy to retire with the Loss of their commanding Officer and two of the Men. The Elector Palatine is expected this evening or to-morrow at a Seat his Electoral Highness has at *Stegberg*, about two Leagues off, on the other side of the River, where he designs to continue during the Siege. Letters just now come in by Express from Prince *Lewis's* Army near *Biehl*, dated the 25th Instant, tell us, That the Marshal de Villars, after having attempted for 6 days together to force his Highness's Lines, and after several sharp Attacks, had been obliged to retire, and was then drawing off his Cannon.

Paris, April 27. A Letter from the French Army, dated near *Biehl* the 21st Instant, said to be writ by the Marshal de Villars himself, gives an Account, That they had been ever since the 19th in sight of the Prince of *Baden's* Army, which continued in their Lines, being very well intrenched with impassable Fens on their Right, and inaccessible Mountains on their Left, whereto they had posted some Troops; That in hopes of getting into the German Lines by the way of those Mountains, the Marquis de *Blainville* was sent with 25 Battalions, to post himself on another Mountain higher than those whereon the German Forces stood; but it was found impracticable to advance from thence to the Germans without exposing the French Forces to too great a Hazard; That the Marshal de *Tallard* was marching with the Army under his Command towards *Stollhofen* and *Lichtenau*; with intent to oblige the Prince of *Baden* to detach part of his Forces, in order to make head against him; That in the mean time the two Armies were Cannonading each other; and that the German Army was 20000 strong, and daily received fresh Reinforcements. Other Advices from our Army, and from *Strasbourg*, represent the Enemy to be 25000 strong, provided with a vast Train of Artillery, and their Intrenchments so well covered with Redoubts and other Works, that it was impossible to come at them; and by all the Judgment which several old Officers who have served in those Parts are able to make, this Attempt is full of Danger and Difficulty, and the Success very dubious, which puts us in great Expectations of Letters from thence.

Hague, May 1. N. S. On the 29th past an Officer arrived here from Prince *Lewis* of *Baden's* Camp near *Biehl*, being sent Express by Major-General *Goor*, Commander in Chief of the Dutch Forces there, with the