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St. James's, June 29.

THE Trustees and Receivers of the Charity to be Collected by vertue of Her Majesty's Letters Patents for the Relief of the Poor Palatines, are desired to meet on Saturday next, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, at the New Buildings adjoining to the Banqueting-House in Whitehall.

Lisbon, June 29. N. S. The Portugueze Army, under the Command of the Marquis de Frontera, is encamped at the Cancun, between Elvas and the Guadiana. The British Man of War called the Crown, with the Officers for the new Levies, is arrived here, after having been chased by three French Men of War, each of 70 Guns.

Berne, June 19. N. S. Six Deputies from the County of Tockenbourg, whereof three are Protestants and three Roman Catholics, are arrived at the General Dyet of the Cantons, and have given in their Answers as well in Writing as by verbal Declarations, to the several Complaints of the Abbot of St. Gall, but the Abbot having an Advocate to plead his Cause, they have thought it convenient to make use of one in their behalf, and have accepted of a Person recommended to them by the Magistracy of Zurich. The Cause has been opened before the Dyet, where it has been debated whether the whole Helvetick Body be the proper and competent Judge of this Affair, as the Popish Cantons assert; or that it ought to be decided by a Deputation of an equal Number of Protestants and Papiests, as is practised in all Controversies relating to Religion. In the mean time the Abbot is gone to the Abbey of Wettingen, a quarter of a League from Baden, to give his assistance in the Management of this Affair. Count Zinzendorf continues to favour the Pretensions of the Abbot, while the French Ambassador takes little notice of this Matter, but acts like a Person wholly unconcerned in the Dispute.

From the Camp before Tournay, July 1. N. S. The Duke of Marlborough and Prince Eugene having joined their Troops on the Plains of Lisse on the twenty third of the last Month, marched towards the Marschal de Villars, who lay encamped at Lens very strongly entrenched; the Disposition of their March was such, that the Enemy was fully perswaded the Princes designed to attack them, and accordingly drew great Reinforcements from all the neighbouring Towns. The Duke of Marlborough having received certain advice, that half the Garrison of Tournay was marched towards the Enemies Camp, moved towards that Place at six in the Evening of the twenty sixth in two Columns, one by Pont à Boevines, and the other by Pont à Tressin, with so great Expedition, that the next Day at seven in the Morning the Army was come up to the Town. The Prince of Nassau was immediately detached with thirty Squadrons and ten Battalions to take Post at Saint Amand and Mertagne, which was accordingly executed, the Enemy who were possessed of those Posts having desired leave to retire. The Town is Invested by three Bodies; the Duke of Marlborough is posted from Calonne on the Schelde, as far as the Causeway of Douay; Prince Eugene from that Causeway to Marquain, the whole Army lying in a kind of Half-Moon on the Lower Scheld. Lieutenant-General Lumley was detach'd with thirty Squadrons and ten Battalions to join General Dompere, who was posted between the two Schelds at the Head of a Body consisting of nine Squadrons and five Battalions. Yesterday a thousand of the Enemy's Horse, each Horseman carrying a Foot Soldier behind him, advanced with a design to throw themselves into the Town; but Lieutenant-General Lumley observing their approach, obliged them to retire towards Condé, to which Place they were pursued by a Detachment made by that General. The Disposition for

the Siege was formed yesterday, and sixty Battalions and seveny Squadrons appointed for that Service; which Troops have accordingly taken their proper Posts. According to the last Intelligence which we have received of the Enemies Designs, they intended to march to the Camp of Pont à Marque, in order to disturb the Siege, and interrupt our Communication with Lisse: If the Enemy shall think fit to make such a Movement, we shall lye so near, that in all probability it will lead to an Engagement.

Brussels, July 2. N. S. We hear that the Cannon and Ammunition which was sent to Menin hath been ordered to fall down the Lys, and come up the Schelde to Audenarde, from whence it is to be conveyed to the Camp of the Allies before Tournay. Thirty Vessels laden with Warlike Stores from Sas-van Ghent have also passed by Ghent for the same Service. The French are still at Lens, and continue to strengthen their Retrenchments, for which end the Marschal de Villars had called in a great number of Pioneers out of the Artois. Letters from Dauphiné say, that the Duke of Berwick, after having reviewed the Posts on the Frontiers of Savoy, was returned to Grenoble, and had ordered six thousand Pioneers to be in a readiness near Beaumont on the thirtieth of the last Month. It is believed that General designs to repair two old Forts on the Eminences of Briançon, in order to make a stand against the Duke of Savoy, and prevent his coming into the Plains to besiege that Place. There has fallen so much Rain in Dauphiné for fourteen Days without Interruption, that most of the Fruit of that Country is destroyed, which has very much increased the Misery of the People. Letters from the Upper Rhine say, the Marschal d' Harcourt had made a Detachment of eighteen Battalions and two thousand five hundred Horse, to serve in the Low-Countries under the Command of Marschal Villars. These Advices add, that after this Detachment was made, the French Army re-passed the Rhine; and that it was thought they would move towards the Moselle, leaving behind a sufficient Body to guard the Lines of Lauterbourg; but this movement is against the Opinion of the other Generals, who feared it would give the Imperialists an Opportunity to pass the Rhine, and enter into Alsaria. All Accounts from Spain agree, that the Court of Madrid is under great perplexity in settling the value of French Pieces of Money, which had passed for some time so far above the intrinick value, that upon lowering them to that Standard, there will necessarily be a Loss of twenty five per Cent. These Advices add, that the Portugueze had made a Detachment of five hundred Horse, and ravaged the Country near Cazeres and Las Brozas; and that the Marquis de Bay had detached a great Body of Horse to oppose them; but the Portugueze were retir'd, before the Spaniards could come to the Defence of that Frontier.

Ossend, July 3. N. S. Letters from Paris of the twenty eighth of the last Month say, that they had received an Account that the Allies had Invested Tournay, which gives great uneasiness to the Court; which at the same time received Advices, that the Garrison of that Place was very ill prepared for a Defence. The Marschal d' Harcourt had sent an Express to the King, to acquaint his Majesty, that he had detached three thousand Horse and eight thousand Foot, to reinforce the Army in Flanders, and had given orders to those Troops to March with such Diligence, that he hoped they would join the Marschal Villars on the eighth Instant. These Letters add, that Provisions began to be very scarce in their Camp in Flanders, which has obliged the Commanding Officers to direct the Governors of the neighbouring Parts to augment the quantities of Bread and Beer which were before ordered to be sent into the Camp. They say also, that that General will not permit the Cavalry to go out to Forage, being