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Brussels, May 12. N. S.

Letters from Spain, of the 22d of the last Month, confirm the Account we received of the Imprisonment of the Duke of Medina Celi, who was arrested on the 15th, in the Office of the Secretary of State, by Monsieur Idiaquez, Major of the Guards, who conducted him to Torre de Lodones, five Leagues from Madrid, from whence he was conveyed to the Castle of Segovia, by Mr. Patrick Norris. The Duke of Anjou will not permit any of his Domesticks to attend him, or give his Friends Leave to visit him. Since the Confinement of this great Minister, it is said that eighteen Couriers have been dispatched to several Parts of the Kingdom, and Guards have been planted about the City to prevent any Persons going from Court. It is reported the Duke of Anjou resolved on these Measures, after having read a Letter of the late Marquis de Aftorga, who was persuaded by his Confessor, on his Death-Bed, to discover to the Duke whatever had been transacted which might be prejudicial to his Interests. That Prince hath delayed his Departure for Arragon on this Occasion, and expects an Account of the Posture of Affairs on that Frontier from the Marquis de Villadarias, who left Madrid on the 15th, in order to assemble the Army, before he sets out for the Field. These Letters add, that the Council of Madrid have invited several of the chief Merchants to Court, that they might concert with them the proper Establishments for restoring their Navigation on the ancient Establishment, and for maintaining six Men of War, two Frigates and four Gallies, for the Security of their Trade. These Letters add, that they received an Account of the Arrival of the English Fleet at Port Mahon, from whence nine Men of War, with twelve Merchantmen, were to continue their Voyage to Barcelona, whilst three others that were damaged by a Storm, refitted in that Port. Eight English and Dutch Men of War, which wintered in that Harbour, were preparing to sail for the Straights.

From the Camp before Douay, May 5. N. S. On the 5th at Night we were employed in finishing the Batteries that were drawn the Night before. On the 6th we advanced two new Parallels, that on the Left of eight hundred, and that on the Right of five hundred Paces, with very little Loss, though the Besieged have brought a great number of Cannon and Mortars against our Works, with which they make a continual Fire. The same Night we ran a Trench towards a Redoubt on the Right of the Prince of Anhalt's Attack, in order to raise a Battery against it, and made a Work on the Left of the Prince of Nassau Frizeland's Attack, to cover our Approaches on that Side from the Fire of the Fort d'Escarpe. Last Night between nine and ten the Besieged made a Sally upon our Left Attack, with one thousand Foot and two hundred Dragoons, commanded by the Duke de Montemart, a Brigadier, which put our Workmen into some Disorder, and overthrew some Pieces of our Parallel. Colonel Sutton's Regiment, which was the first of the Besieged that were in the Trenches, and repulsed the Enemy: We also repaired the Damage they had done our Works, finished the Parallels, and began a Communication between them, which will not be perfected till this Night. At the same time we finished a Battery of eight Pieces of Cannon against the Redoubt on the Right, which began to fire this Morning at break of Day. The greatest part of our heavy Artillery and Ammunition that is to be employed in the Siege is arrived at Tournay; and for its more convenient Transportation from thence by

Water to the Camp, a sufficient number of armed Boats are provided to secure them against the Gallies the Enemy have at Condé; and we are weighing up the Boats they sunk at Marchienne to obstruct the Navigation of the Scarpe. On the 6th Instant the Duke of Marlborough and the Prince of Savoy viewed the Camp between Lens and Vitry, which our Army is to take, if the Enemy shall assemble their Forces on that Side during the Siege. We have an Account from Arras, that the Marschal de Villars is not expected there before the 12th Instant. A Drummer is just now come out of the Town, to enquire after several Officers and Soldiers who are missing since last Night's Action. Lieutenant Colonel Gledhill, of Colonel Sutton's Regiment, was dangerously wounded, and is now a Prisoner in the Town.

From the Camp before Douay, May 12. N. S. The greatest part of our heavy Artillery for the Siege arrived in the Camp on the 9th; and that no time might be lost while we are clearing the Passage of the Scarpe, several hundreds of the Waggons of the Army have been employed for three days past in bringing the Ammunition forward from Tournay, whence the rest of our Artillery is expected in a day or two; in the mean time we have advanced our Approaches to the first Ditch, and finished a Battery of twenty four Pieces of Cannon, and eight Mortars at each Attack, which will be ready to fire to Morrow Morning, in order to dismount the Enemy's Guns, and ruin their Defences. On Saturday all the Quarter-Masters were ordered to go and mark the Ground appointed for ranging our Army in order of Battle, from the Right at Montigny, near Henin Lietard, to the Left at Vitry, and three thousand Workmen are likewise ordered thither to be employed in such Places as will be necessary for making Batteries, or otherwise improving the Ground to the best Advantage. The Enemy's Troops continue to assemble in different Bodies, but do not yet begin to draw together: It is said the Marschal de Villars is expected on these Frontiers to Morrow.

Hague, May 9. N. S. The French Ministers have signified to the Council of State, that they had received no new Instructions by the last Courier who returned from Versailles, and desired that what the Deputies had declared to them at the last Conference might be sent to them in Writing; but it was resolved, that the Answers to this Request should be made by Monsieur Perecum, who is instructed to inform them, that the Principals were of the same Opinion with their Deputies, that all further Conferences would be useless, if they had nothing new to offer; at the same time he is authorized to acquaint those Ministers that they were at Liberty to return to the Court of France. Pursuant to these Instructions, Monsieur Perecum hath this Day dispatched an Express to Gertruydenberg, Messieurs Buys and Vanier-Duflen arrived here Yesterday, the one from Amsterdam, and the other from Tergou. The same Evening they had a Conference with the Penitentiary Henfius, at which Count Zinzedorf and the Lord Townsend assisted. It is reported that some Millions of Florins will be speedily raised by another Lottery.

Hague, May 13. N. S. The French Ministers at Gertruydenberg have, in Answer to what Monsieur Perecum signified to them by the Order of the Council of State, desired the Resident to inform them that they were preparing to return to Paris; that their heavy Luggage was to set out this Day or to Morrow, and that they themselves designed to follow on the 14th or 15th Instant. Monsieur Buys is returned to Amsterdam, and Monsieur Vander-Duflen to Gouda. The Duke of Wolfenbuttle is speedily expected here, in his way to Aix-la-Chapelle. The Prince Hereditary, his Son, is going to Solemize his Marriage with the Princess-Dowager of Holstein-Polen.