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St. James's, May 15.

This Day Count Cyllenberg, the King of Sweden's Minister, introduced by the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary Boyle, had a private Audience of her Majesty.

Vienna, May 10. N. S. On the 5th Instant Marshal Thun began his Journey for Italy, in order to put the Troops in motion, and begin the Operations of the Campaign. That General is to receive one hundred thousand Pistoles upon his Arrival at Milan, and a further Sum of thirty thousand within three Months after, which the Duke of Modena obliges himself to remit according to the Agreement made for the Dutchy of Mirandola. On the 7th the Imperial Court returned from Hunting at Luxembourg, where they had been some Days; and are now gone back again to pursue the same Diversions. Letters from Hungary, by an Express from the Imperial Army, advise, that General Heister having finished the Bridges that were laid over the Danube, had passed that River with his Army at Gran, and was gone towards Tirnau. Count Caroli having Intelligence of these Motions of the Imperialists, marched from Newhausel with the greatest part of the Troops under his Command, in order to join Prince Ragotski; but General Hockberg attacked his Rear-Guard in passing the River Gran, killed several of his Men, and took a great number of Horses. Prince Ragotski hath given Orders to form a Camp near Zolnock, and to fortify that Place for the Security of a Bridge he hath built over the Tibisch, on which River Zolnock is situated, being about six Hungarian Leagues from Buda, and at the same distance from Great Waradin. In the mean time considerable Quantities of Warlike Stores are daily sent from Austria and Bohemia into Hungary. Eighty thousand Palisades are preparing in these Districts to block up Neubausel, and distress the Place, while the Imperial Army marches against the Malecontents, or lays Siege to Erla. General Erlach, who has been some time at this Court, with a Commission from the Canton of Berne, to solicit the Payment of the Arrears due to the Swiss Regiments quartered in the Forest Towns, is returned to Bern, having received a considerable Sum of Money on that account, and a Promise that the rest shall be speedily discharged.

From the Camp before Douay, May 19. N. S. On the 17th, about three in the Morning, the Besieged made a Sally with nine Companies of Granadiers, and a Detachment of Dragoons towards the Left of our Left Attack; but Colonel Preston who had his Post there was so well prepared to receive them, that upon the first Fire of his, and the Granadiers of Schmidt, a Swiss Regiment, they retired in great haste, their Men leaving a considerable number of their Arms behind them. The same Night we began to make our Galleries over the outer Ditch of the Counterscarp, four at each Attack are now almost finished, and it is intended to pass over this Night, and make Lodgments on the Glacis of the first Counterscarp.

From the Camp before Douay, May 22. N. S. The Bridges over the outer Ditch of the Counterscarp have been some time finished at both Attacks; but as they were very much exposed to the Enemy's Fire, it was thought fit to defer passing over, 'till we had thrown up some Banks to cover our Men, which being perfected last

Night, we began our Lodgments on the Glacis of the first Counterscarp, to which we shall carry on our Approaches by Sappe. On Monday Night Count Felz, General of the Imperial Horse, and Lieutenant-General Cadogan, with four thousand Horse, were ordered to go and view the Ground and Posts about Arras; they returned the next Evening to the Camp, and brought Advice, that the Foot of the Garrison marched out at three in the Morning towards Deurleus; they saw about twenty Squadrons of Horse drawn out, but they lay under the Cannon of the Town 'till our Troops retired. It is said these Troops are ordered to continue their March to Peronne, to join the Army that is assembling near that Place. We have an Account from Cambray, that the Marschals Villars, Berwick, d'Arcoi, Bezins and Montesquieu are come thither to hold a Council of War. The Earl of Stairs arrived here this Morning.

Brussels, May 22. N. S. On the 16th a Detachment of six hundred Men came to this Place for Provisions for the Hessian Troops, and the next Day they rejoined them at Soignies. The Duke of Marlborough having sent to the General that Commands these Forces, to hasten their March, it is believed they will arrive at the Camp before Douay this Day, or to Morrow. On the 17th Monsieur Gerstof, a Danish Lieutenant-General, proceeded for the Army from Lille, with one thousand Horses, and Cloaths for the Troops of that Nation; and at the same time the Regiment of Floor marched from that City towards the Camp of the Allies. On the 18th six Regiments of Palatine Troops arrived at Maestricht, and are ordered to march with the greatest Expedition towards the Army. The Marschal de Villars hath sent Expresses to the Reinforcements that are commanded to join him from the Upper Rhine, to advance with the utmost Diligence. The Enemy continue to give out, that they will attempt the Relief of Douay as soon as their Army is formed; and the Besiegers have made the proper Dispositions to receive them. Letters from Madrid say, that the Duke of Anjou set out on the 3d Instant for Arragon; that the Occasion of the Imprisonment of the Duke de Medina Celi was kept very Secret. Some Conjecture that the Duke held a Correspondence with King Charles; but others say, that he is confined for Mismanagement of that Treasure which was appointed for erecting Magazines in Arragon, whereby the Preparations for the Campaign are very much retarded.

Hague, May 20. N. S. On the 14th Instant the French Ministers sent a Courier to Versailles, with the last Resolution of the Allies, concerning the Conferences held at Gertruydenberg. On the 15th in the Evening a Courier from the Cabinet arrived thither, with further Instructions for those Ministers, which they signified to this State the next Morning, and desired another Conference. Hereupon Orders were sent to the Pensionaries Buys and Vander-Dussen to repair thither. Monsieur Vander-Dussen is already arrived, and had yesterday a Conference with the Count Zinzendorf, the Lord Townshend, and the Pensionary Heinsius; and this day these Ministers had another Conference in the Chamber of Treves. We are advised from the Frontiers, that the Enemy had designed to have assembled their Army at Mont St. Eloy, in the Neighbourhood of Arras; but that they had altered their Measures on the Arrival of Marschal Villars, and had appointed Mont St. Quentin near Peronne to be the General Rendezvous. They write from Spain, that since the Imprisonment of the Duke de Medina Celi, the Duke de Medina