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Berlin, May 2. N. S.

THE Kings Departure for Holland is fixt for the 20th Instant, tho' several Officers of the Court have been endeavouring to divert his Majesty from that Journey; alledging among other Reasons, the present state of his Health, to which the fatiguess of Travelling will be of ill Consequence, his Majesty having of late been subject to frequent Indispositions, and of which he is not yet perfectly recover'd. The King made no other Reply to these Representations, but that he had taken a Resolution, which he was not disposed to alter. There being some Difficulties between this Court, and that of Hanover, relating to the Ceremonial, his Majesty will for that reason decline going that way in his Journey to the Hague. The Deputies of the Chapter of Hildesheim are still here, and have omitted nothing that might induce this Court to espouse their Interest in opposition to the late Proceedings of the Elector of Hanover. They have been very much supported in their Negotiations by the Count d'Essen, the Elector Palatine's Minister here, he having receiv'd Orders from his Master to that purpose, notwithstanding which it does not appear, that the King is any ways inclin'd in their favour; but on the contrary, they have been advised by the Ministers to comply with the Demands of the Elector of Hanover, who they did not question wou'd recall all his Forces so soon as he had receiv'd any reasonable Satisfaction from the Chapter. Monsieur Westphal, his Polish Majesty's Resident, set out from hence some Days ago, in order to wait on the King his Master. Tho' that Minister had declared, that the Person of Monsieur Mardefeld, who was nominated his Majesty's Envoy to the Court at Dresden, wou'd be unacceptable to the King of Poland, it is still thought he will be appointed to that Employment; and that the Objections against him will not have that weight with his Polish Majesty with which they were at first represented.

Hanover, May 8. N. S. The first Instant Monsieur Frisendorf, who has resided here several Years in Quality of Envoy from the King of Sweden, set out from hence for Stockholm, to take upon him the Office of Privy-Counsellor, to which he has been lately promoted. The Gentleman that serv'd him as Secretary during his Residence at this Court, is declared his Swedish Majesty's Secretary, and is to act here in that Character. An Express from Vienna having been sent hither with a Notification of the Emperor's Death, the Court went into Mourning the 2d of this Month on that Occasion. The Death of that Prince has prevented his Electoral Highness's Journey to Veyhausen, where he was to have hunted the Stag, and where every thing was prepared for his Reception. His Czarih Majesty having given his Consent to the Match between his Son the Prince of Muscovy and the Princess of Wolfenbuttel, Sister to the Queen of Spain, the Nuptials are speedily to be Solemniz'd at Dresden, whither her Grandfather the Duke of

Wolfenbuttel, and his Court, are invited by the King of Poland. The Duke has excus'd himself on account of his great Age, as has his Son Prince Lewis by reason of his Indisposition, which still continues, but his Princess, the Bride's Mother, has promised to be present at the Wedding. The Bishop of Munster's Envoy, Monsieur de Pletenberg, who went through this Place lately in his way to Hildesheim, is return'd from thence without having been able to perswade the Chapter to redress the Grievances of which the House of Brunswick have so justly complain'd. He proposeth to set out from hence in a few Days, and acquaint his Master with the Success of his Negotiations; the Bishop having appeared very desirous of being instrumental in accommodating the Disputes in question, and perswading the Chapter to a reasonable Compliance. This Obstinacy has made our Elector resolve not to recall his Troops quartered in that Bishoprick and its Dependencies; but continue 'em there 'till the Chapter shall think fit to act in Conformity to the several Treaties they have concluded with him. The Princess of Anhalt Dessau is come hither in her way to Aix la Chapelle. Since her Arrival she has been complimented by a Gentleman in behalf of his Electoral Highness, and the Electress has sent to invite her to Court, where she has promised to appear this Evening. Upon the Instances of Mr. Alais, the Queen of Great Britain's Secretary here, our Elector has been pleas'd to take off the Duty formerly laid on all Foreign Cloth imported into his Dominions.

Cologne, May 10. N. S. They write from the Upper Rhine, that they are preparing every thing there for the opening of the Campaign earlier than was at first intended; and that the Enemy's Troops in Alsace were in motion. They have summon'd a great number of Peasants, who have Orders to attend their Camp in the nature of Pioneers. It was once thought their Intentions were to lay Siege to Landau; but that Garrison has lately received a great Reinforcement, and is so well provided with all things necessary for a Defence, that there is no likelihood the French will undertake any thing on that side. The Army of the Empire is forming behind the Lines of Erlingen, and they give out, that it is to be Commanded this Campaign by the Prince of Savoy. All the Forces of the late Emperor, that were garrison'd at Fribourg, Landau, and other Places on the Danube, have taken the Oath of Allegiance to Charles the Third, King of Spain, as Successor to his Imperial Majesty in all his Hereditary Dominions. The Elector of Mayence has represented by his Minister at Ratisbon, the Necessity there is of augmenting the Forces on the Upper Rhine, in order to defeat whatever Designs the Enemy may have form'd at this Conjunction. All the Ministers of the Princes, and Imperial Cities, are at present met, and they wait with impatience for Orders from the King of Poland and Elector Palatin, authorising a Continuation of the Assemblies of the Empire. They write from Berlin, that Monsieur Ilgen was set out suddenly from that Place; and that it was thought it was in order