

some other considerable employment. The Elector of *Bavaria* with his Consort, are expected suddenly here, accompanied with above two hundred persons in their train, to view the rarities of this City.

*Ostend*, May 9. *S. N.* Here are every day three or four Sloops upon flowing waters, in sight of this Town, who make Prize of any Vessels of this place that come from *England*, and it grows a business of very great difficulty to receive any thing that is once seized on, what Vessels are taken by one party, being immediately sent into the Country of the other for condemnation; so that when the Reclaimers appear in *Holland*, they send them away with appeals to *Paris*, and so from *Paris* to *Holland*: but to prevent a great part of our trouble, since the taking of our last two Vessels, our Governor hath ordered a small Man of War, to ly in the road to prevent the injuries of those small Vessels that are so busie upon these Coasts.

*Bruxells*, May 7. Our Governor the Marquis de *Castel Rodrigo* returned from *Gant* the fourth instant, having there with the usual Solemnities and Oathes, received that Town into subjection of the King of *Spain*, the States and Members of that Province swearing obedience to him, and he confirming their Privileges to them: The next day he went for *Gemboux-Abby*, three Leagues from *Namur*, to confer with the Prince Elector of *Cologne*, and the Bishop of *Strasbourg*; who were designed to meet him there.

*Copenhagen*, April 20. We are busie in these parts; reviewing our forces, and considering how to put our Country into a good posture, orders having been sent to the same purpose into all places belonging to this Kingdom; our main design is to raise an Army, which may upon occasion defend us, if we should be attacked either by the English or Swedes, the latter having already forces upon our Frontiers: Order is sent to the Governor of *Cronembourg*, to proceed effectually in the well fortifying of that place, whither several pieces of Cannon are already sent.

*Middlebourg*, May 6. Several Merchantmen are arrived at *Flushing*, with six sail of ships from the *Texel*, which are to be altered into Fireships; three thousand Soldiers are already come into this Island, and as many more expected to secure us against the attempts of the English.

*Stockholm*, April 11. This day one of the Two Ambassadors designed hence for *England*, is set forward for *Gottenburgh*, the other is to follow the next week, so as both together, may embark there in ten days.

*Mallines*, May 9. Monsieur *Habem*, the Swedish Resident, labors very much the reconciliation of the two Princes Electors of *Mayence* and *Palatine*, standing equally ballanc'd between both interests: He is now gone for *Heidelberg*, to try what impression he can make upon his Highness the Elector *Palatine*; Instructions being framing for the Envoyé, who is designed for *Swedenland*, to sollicite for a speedy arbitration.

*Hague*, May 7. The *Sieur Isbrandts* tells us in his last Letters from *Stockholm*, That he had bargained for 300 pieces of Cannon to be forthwith shipped off there, for complementing our present Equipage (which indeed is in as great a want of that, as of any other sort of Ammunition) But that the Regency having notice of it, gave peremptory orders to the contrary; so as he feared he should not be able to provide us with any thereof. Upon which, order is sent him to make all instance possible for promoting that Provision.

Upon the report of the *Sieur Kant*, concerning the Muster of *Oostfrieze*, *Holland* proposed that 1200 men might be forthwith sent towards *Emden*, and that the Duke of *Lunenburg* might be required to withdraw his men, and to employ 2000 foot and 1000 horse to the assistance of *Denmark*.

At the same time the Bishops Ratification is to be delivered here, a Secretary is dispatched hence to make that on our part at *Cleve*.

A Private Man of War of this Country, having forced a French Merchant man a ground, upon a mistake for an Englishman, the French Ambassador here hath demanded a reparation of 20000 Francks, which is referred to the Admiralty to consider of.

The fifteenth is appointed a meeting of all the Admiralties, to consult about the Instructions to be given our Fleet, which is fitting with all the haste we can make in the want we are under of two such necessary provisions, as Men and Money. In the mean time, a contest arises about the command of it, or leastly in case the Lieutenant Admiral General *Ruiter* should miscarry. *Zealand* pretends to succeed into the chief command *à la vice*, which is it only contested by the Admiralty of the *Maes*, as their right. To-morrow the point is to be resumed again.

*Utrecht* hath concurred to the admission of the Prince, into the Council of State.

This day we are told, the Ratification from the Bishop will be delivered here, by a Secretary sent for that end from *Munster*. But we hear, in the mean time, that his Master delays to Evacuate *Borclo*, till we on our part have evacuated the Castle of *Weert*, belonging to the Count de *Waldecke*, which that Count acknowledges indeed to be a Fief of *Munster*, but that the property is perfectly his own.

We are still expecting how the Bishops forces will be disposed of, 3 or 4000 are to take service in the Spanish *Neckerlands*, others under *Sweden*, *Newburgh*, and *France*; but to what intents, and on what conditions, is not said.

*Ostend*, May 9. Much care is now taken to fortifie *Mardike*, which they intend to make a place of considerable strength. Several Capes are lately set out from *Calais* and *Dunkirk*, one of them returning with booty, all ships being counted prize, of what Country soever, that are either going to, or coming from *England*; besides those that went out the last week, here are three or four newly fitted for these Seas, who intend to go out with the first opportunity.

*Madrid*, April 24. All things are now preparing for the *Infanta's* voyage, Order being taken for her accommodation, and lodging by the ways, which is not as was formerly designed by *Barcelona*, but by *Denia*; to which place, the Navy has order to repair for her reception. The preparations for War are very great, yet no more then necessary, considering the force and activity of the *Portugals*, who with at least 15000 foot are marcht into the Country.

*Flushing*, May 10. A French Sloop is come in here, and hath brought with her the English Pacquet Boat, taken the fifth instant, in her passage between *Dover* and *Calais*, and in her the *Sieur de Ruytelles*, Brother to the Marquis de *Saudé*, late Ambassador in *England* from *Portugal*, whom, it seems, they used very rudely, stripping and rifling him and his company to their shirts; taking from him several Chests of Plate, and other rich commodities belonging to the said Ambassador, to the value of Six or seven thousand pounds sterling. Which having been remonstrated to the Count de *Charoff*, Governor of *Calais*, it is said a peremptory Message is this day arrived here for the immediate releasing the said *Sieur de Ruytelles*, with restitution to be made him of all his goods, and the liberty of the Vessel and Marriners.

*Harwich*, May 3. Captain *Eliot* with his Squadron, returned yesterday to *Cusley Bay*, and are saild away to the *Rendezvous*, having in their Voyage despoiled five or six *Hollanders*, but were obstructed from the pursuit of them by a great Fog.

The *Galliot Hoy* belonging to this Town, being employed to *Tarmouth*, in her return had sight of a French Sloop, which had newly forced a *Tarmouth* Man, with a Ketch laden with Coals, to run ashore, and getting her off, stood with her to the Flemish Coast; but the *Galliot* smartly pursuing, the Sloop was constrained to quit her prize in haste, leaving a Frenchman in her, that durst not adventure to make his escape, and so got away, the *Galliot* returning with the redeemed Ketch. Another small prize is also brought in this day by one of our little Vessels.

*Whitchal*, May 6. Thursday, the third instant, early in the morning, His Majesty, and his Royal Highness, went down to the Fleet, at the *Brooy* of the *Nore*, where they remained Friday and Saturday, to view the state and readiness of the present equipage; and are this morning returned thence, infinitely satisfied with the care and vigilance of the Generals; by which, the whole Fleet within a few days will be perfectly compleat, and in a Body.