

The *Sieur Prédice* having been complimented in the name of the States of the *Sieur Meris, Gramont,* and *Amurat*, is gone hence with great expressions of the love we have of his good services, and the intention there is to know more than ordinarily of him. In order to which, those three are appointed to be held the articles that shall be made him, and some of the principal Officers of the French Succession.

The great news the people here have had of late, was a better notice that some of great matters to be done, as it is a *Prise in Paris*, which is now worth question, by a Letter lately arrived from *Bravlersburg*; which though the States have understood it well, yet it has not spread; and among other things, we have of it, that as well the Spanish as Swedish Ministers at *Paris*, were very desirous to make the Negotiation military.

Our greatest care is to get well rid of the French Succession, for which end, a consultation hath been held in the Council of State with *Prince Maurice*, upon the terms and sale for their march homewards; in which, he is directed to be to the *Electors of Brandenburg*, upon whose Dignity of *Cleve* they must necessarily stand in their passage. Their first Rendezvous is said will be in *Mexembourg*, but that is not perfectly resolved. In the mean time they commit very great extravagancies where they are, having in two days killed five Dutch Soldiers in *Berlin*, where the other Nations that live in *Germany* they were never to have them upon; the French, but that the *German* State is of that Nation. They are certainly to watch in this Service, though they force great coming into the Field, as if an Enemy, that are Four Companies of French Foot in *Reigersberg* do not make fifty men.

The List of the *Thirteen Companies* to be sent to *Coff-Prize* is made, but the *Commander* is yet named.

The *Electors of Brandenburg* is arrived here *Intelligents*, having notified by his Minister here, that he desires to be left to his freedom, and that all *Ceremonies* and *Compliments of Reception*, and *Treatments* may be omitted. In which it was thought best to make no formal *Resolution*, but to pass it by. To-morrow he is to go the *Texel* to see the *Fleet*, being invited to dinner at the *Sieur Falkenbergers* at his house of *Berger in Egw*.

*Ditts, May 4.* The *Electors* intended to go this day towards the *Fleet*, but being the *Sieur de Wittens*, and the *Council of State* has watched on him in a *Bury*, the *States General* have desired liberty to do the like. Whereupon the *Sieurs Wynberg, Meris, de Witt, Reigersbergs, Rerswood, Adix, Palmar, and Nieuwez*, have been to compliment him this morning; so as his journey to the *Fleet* is deferred till to-morrow. And it is not certain, whether with intention to return hither, though it is believed he may, and to carry the *Princes Dowager* with him to *Cleve*.

Our last news from the *Frontiers* tell us, the *Bishop* continues still to hold *Berlis* and *Osmarsum*, under pretence of some errors of commission, which the *Courney* yet owns him.

*Hamburg, April 28.* The *Swedish Levies* for *Horse*, are still continued in their party, and amongst others, a *Lieutenant Colonel*, sometime belonging to *Lubomirski*, has offered him 600 *Horse* well appointed. The new raised *Yellow Regiment* is likewise completed and mustered: There is also a great sum of money come from *Sweden* for continuing the *Levies*; and yet the certainty of their designs not discovered.

The *Commissioners* for the *City of Bremen* were very scrupulous in advertising themselves to *Stras* to Treat with the *Swedes*, without full assurance of *Felds Wrangles* being present; and this said, they have received an *Express* Inhibition from the *Emperors*, not to enter into any further *Treaty*.

*May 8.* Letters from *Marseilles, May 4.* S. N. tells us, That the *French Fleet* under the command of *Duke de Beaufors* went to Sea from *Thoulon* on the 29 of *April*. That 23 *Gallies* are to follow them, having appointed the *Rendezvous* at the *Streights* mouth; whether afterward intended, is not yet known.

*Bristol, May 5.* This day arrived here a *Vessel* from *Cork*, who informs us that the *Saphire Fregat* hath brought into *Castletaven* four *Prizes*, two of them ships of burthen, the other two *Gallions* or *Hoyes*: leaving her *Prizes* secure,

She again went with *Company* and another *Man of War*, from whom she was parted by ill weather, and fell upon two more *Dutch Man of Wars*, each of them carrying fifty *Guns*, whom she engaged with much resolution and gallantry, leaving behind her very considerable marks of that *Engagement*, and returning with very little hurt to *England*.

*Lyons, May 2.* Yesterday we had notice from hence a *Fleet* of forty or fifty *Sails* of *Sails*, but from the *Creeks*, and *Places* nearer than; would tell us they were a *Hundred*, others a *Hundred* and fifty *Sails*, coming to the *Streights*, though the fear of them grows in our *Side* is great.

*Weymouth, May 5.* The *Norfolk* *Crane* sailing upon the *Coasts*, bound in her way between *Portland*, and the *Isle of Wight*, a *Ship* was in a *grounding*, was unfortunately run upon the *Leage* of a *Rock*, to whom the *Captain* sent our his boat, to go aboard them, who found her to be a *Swedes* ship with *Wines* from *Bravlersburg*, bound for *London*; but with much care and industry, making use some of the *Wines*, and lighting her, they got her off without much damage, and brought her safe into the *Isle of Wight*.

*Exmouth, May 4.* Some small *Vessels* were on *Monday* last driven into *Ex*, by two *French* *Ships*, and the same day another *French* *Ship* seized on two small *Vessels* before *Dartmouth*, but the *Town* immediately manned our *Boats*, and gave it such a chase to the *French*, that they recovered the *Vessels*.

*Deal, May 6.* On *Thursday* last the *Lilly* brought into *Margaret-Road* a *French* *Prize* of *seventy* *Tons*, a new *Vessel* taken with *Bullets*. Yesterday came into the same *Road* an *Old* *Man of War*, bringing with him eighty three *English* *Seamen*, whom his *Majesty* has received. Three small *French* *Man of War* are said to have attempted the *Passage* *Deal*, which was designed to have transported them; several of their *Mariners* were taken in the *Chase*, and extremely wounded the *Savage* of their *Captain* in the last years fight. They tell us long stories of the great difficulties the *Dutch* are in the *Sea*; twenty or thirty *Captains*, *Lieutenants*, *Mathers*, &c. having been sent in chains to *prison*, for refusing to go to *Sea*.

*Bay of the North, May 7.* On *Thursday* the third *Infantry*, and *Council of War* on board the *Royal Charles*, a *Trial* was held in and concerning the behaviour of *Captain Richard Minors*, formerly *Lieutenant* of His *Majesties* ship the *Old James*, under the command of the late *Earl of Marlborough*, where the said *Captain Minors* was found *Not Guilty* of any *mis carriage*, through want of *Courage*, or other *non-performance* of *Duty* in the *Engagement* with the *Dutch*, the third day of *June* last: and it was further found upon proof, that *Osford* was blown up, before the *Earl of Marlborough* was killed.

*Plymouth, May 6.* Yesterday arrived here the *Tyger* *Fregat* who brought in with her 2 *Prizes*, being a ship of *Rotterdam*, of 150 *Tons* and 9 *Guns*, laden with *Wine*, *Brandy*, and *Prunes*. The next day after the making of this *Vessel*, she met with a *Zealand* *Caper* of 40 *Guns* well manned, with whom she fought three hours, *Captain Per*, *Commander* of the *Tyger*, being unfortunately shot at the first *Broad-side*: Notwithstanding his loss, the *Fregat* maintained the fight with much gallantry and resolution, which forced the *Caper* to trust rather to his *Sails* than *Guns*, and ran for it; the *Fregat* pursuing five or six hours; but their *Sails* and *Tackle* having received much damage, the *Caper* got away, and the *Tyger* returned with her *Prize*, having received in her *Hull* 52 shot, 5 men besides the *Captain* slain, and about 20 wounded.

*Hull, May 6.* We have news from *Osford*, that three ships of that *Town* who came lately from these parts, are seized by a *French* ship, and carried into *Flushing*.

*Weymouth, May 7.* Yesterday the *Paradox* *Fregat* brought into this *Reach*, a *French* *Vessel* laden with *Wines*, which she took off from the *West* of *Portland*.

*Portsmouth, May 8.* On *Sunday* last the *Mary Rose* came into *Spike-Head*, bringing with her a pretended *Swedes*, which she sent into *Crowes* where the *Prize* *Office* is.

The *Accounts* of this *Weeks* *Bill* runs thus. The *Total* 234. Of the *Plague* 53. Increased in all 21. Increased of the *Plague* 15.