

people here, in this juncture of time, when they so much want moneys to carry on the War with the Portugals, who are already in the Field with 18000 Foot, and 6000 Horse. Against whom the Marquess de Caracene is appointed General, who is now on his journey to *Badajoz* with a much larger salary then formerly, which is not a little wondered at.

The *Militia's* in *Gallicia* are commanded likewise into the Field, Eight Men of War, most of them *Ostenders*, are ordered from *Cadix* to infect the Coasts of *Portugal*; and 'tis said, that the whole Fleet of *Spain* will be suddenly fitted to Sea, in all about thirty sail.

*Hamburg*, May 14. Letters of the eighth Instant from *Dantzick* tell us, that after much dispute about the relevation of *Lubomirski* to his Ancient Charge and Honor, the King would not hearken to the Proposal, and has given the Charge and Dignity of Marshal to *Schowinski*: that the Diet is broken up with much discontent and confusion; and *Lubomirski* returned to the Confederates: They say moreover that the *Turks* and *Moscovites* are marched near the Frontiers of *Poland*, that *Lithuania* is already in arms against the King, and that the King is gone thither with great speed to reduce them; that the Queen is on her journey for *Marientburgh* in *Prussia*, with 1000 *Cossacks*; and that a general rising over all *Poland* is very much feared.

*Paris*, May 22. There was published here an Arrest of Parliament, prohibiting all Commerce, either with *England* or *Flanders*, by reason of the Contagion in those parts; and that no persons or Merchandizes whatsoever, whether brought by Sea or Land, shall be received, till they have first made their full Quarantine in places assigned them for that purpose; and that none be received into any Towns on the Frontiers under the French Government, without a Certificate of Health, from the Officers of the places from whence they come; and that Councils of Health be established in *Bologne*, *Montreuil*, *Ardes*, *Calais*, *Graveline*, *Arras*, *St. Quintin*, *Amiens*, and some other places, to order all affairs of this nature.

*Ditto*, May 26. The King has bought 4000 of the Bishop of *Munster's* forces, and the Emperor a considerable part of the rest, which some report he designs for the assistance of *Lubomirski*; and 'tis likewise said, the King intends to adde the French forces now in *Holland* to his 4000 *Munsterians*, and to send them with 6000 *Swedes* that are to joyn with them, to assist the King of *Poland* against the designs of the Confederates; but of this, we expect a farther account.

We are told that the Marquess de *Casfel Rodrigo* is fortifying all places about *Cambray*, and has drawn 2000 *Crosses* into those parts.

The Dutchess of *Savoy* is now brought to Bed of a young Prince, which the Duke to show the contentment he receives by it, has wrote very obliging Letters to the Duke and Dutchess of *Vendosme*, and made very rich presents to *Madamoiselle Robinet*, the Queens Midwife, that brought the Dutchess to Bed, and presented the Duke with the young Prince.

*Monseur*, the Duke de *Chaulnes*, has taken his leave of the Court, and all his Relations, and intends suddenly for *Rome*, where his principal business is said to be, to sollicite the Pope for the full execution of the Treaty at *Piac*.

We are now upon a project for an Imposition upon the Lands of all persons, a Land-Tax, which upon computation will amount to Fifty Millions of *Livres* yearly; which Tax, as is pretended, is to last during the War, and no longer.

Provisions are also made for the forces in *Picardy*, whether are lately sent six Loads of Shovels, Spades, and Mattocks, with all such kinde of Tools, which are made in great quantities in the *Arsenal* here.

*Hague*, May 23. Yesterday arrived here the Prince of *Orange*, the Elector of *Brandenburgh* having parted with him at *Amsterdam*, is gone for *Cleves*: On Wednesday next we expect here the return of the States of *Holland* and *West Friesland*, who are to consult about the Forces they intend for *Holstein*, whither 'tis said they design four Regiments of Horse, and one of Foot, in all about 3000.

They are also consulting about the readiest way for advancing money, for continuing the War against *England*, to which purpose, a Proposition has been made for the two hundred penny for the year 1667, which they would have paid in this of 1666; but 'tis said, that several of the Towns intend vigorously to oppose that motion; and indeed whatsoever people discourse, money doth not so much abound with us, as is imagined.

*Ditto*, May 29. After all diligence possible, still our Fleet sticks at the want of men; and if no better will be, the *Sieur Huygens*, the Pensionary de *Witte*, and *Vander Hulji*, who are going hence with the last Orders for the Fleets, are directed to hasten by all means possible, their putting out to Sea, and at least as far as the men we have will go, to man out as many ships as they can, and the rest to follow. In which we are the more pressed, from the late affront done in the very face of our Fleet, by six English Fregats, who unhappily met with Seven or eight of our Merchants coming from the East and North, and took them in the view of the *Texel*.

The *Zealand* Squadron consisting of 14 Men of War, and some Fire-ships, set out from *Zealand* on Sunday the thirteenth, but the wind coming short upon them off of *Scheveling*, they were forced to put back, and are yet in the *Goreede*.

Five or six of the best of the *Frische*-Squadron are yet upon the *Ulieter*, very backward, and idle.

There's no more talk of any Deputies to go upon our Fleet, onely enquiry is making after a French Secretary for de *Ruiter*; which makes us believe, either a conjunction or very close correspondence is to be between our Fleet, and that of *France*. But the whole of that matter is kept a great Secret, and so is the Resolution, what ever it be, taken by the Deputies of the several Admiralties, who are now parted under an Oath of Secrecy.

From aboard the *Royal Charles*, in the Bay of the *Nore*, May 20. On Monday the fourteenth instant, Capt. *Clark* with his Squadron of six sail, fell into his Station between the *Uly* and the *Texel*. On Tuesday he espied 12 sail to the N. East, whom he immediately chased, and took seven of them, laden with *Oaken* and *Fir* Balks, most of them about 3 or 400 Tun: Two of them pretend to be *Swedes*, but as appears by their Papers and Examination, bound for *Amsterdam*. Six of these Prizes are sent with the *Diamond* to *Harwich*: The *Hunter*, a Merchant ship, a little before taken by the Dutch, is likewise recovered by Captain *Hubbert* of the *Centurion*, laden with *Sherries* and *Raisins*, and is sent to the Commissioners for Prizes for *London*.

Yesterday the *Fountain* lent in hither a French prize laden with French Wines, which is also ordered to the Commissioners; and even now, another prize is brought in hither, taken by the *Dover*, laden with *Linnen Cloth* and *Pot-ashes*, bound for *Amsterdam*.

This morning passed by a Swedish Man of War, with the Swedish Ambassadors, who saluted us first with two, and afterwards with nine Guns, and were answered by three and five.

*Portsmouth*, May 22. The *Guiny* and *Paradox* are both come hither into Harbor; the latter hath taken a prize which he hath sent into *Cowes*.

*Hull*, May 20. Yesterday arrived here a *Swede* laden with *Flax* and *Pot-ashes*, who came in company with their Man of War that brought over their Ambassadors, with four English Merchants more in company, laden with *Iron* and *Hemp*, &c. She left the *Pearl* Fregat about *Gottenburgh*, who had taken a *Hollander* with *Corn* of 200 Tun, and another a *Danish* Vessel.

*Whitchall*, May 23. Munday morning an account was brought of the arrival of the two Swedish Ambassadors, who are come up the River as far as *Eriffe*, where they remain some days on board the Vessel that brought them, till their Equipage be fitted for their entry.

The Account of this Weeks Bill runs thus. The Total 203. Of the Plague 31. Decreased in all 33. Of the Plague 27.