

advancing his Majesties service in those Countreys; that at present he is wholly intent upon giving all necessary directions for the raising of several sums of Money imposed upon those people, by way of Contribution. It is said that the King hath given directions for the encreasing the soldiers pay, especially those that work at the Fortifications, to 15 Solz a day: all things are making ready for the Kings journey against the 23 of April.

It is now confidently said, that Monsieur Villars is nominated by the King to succeed the Archbishop of Tholouze as Ambassador Extraordinary in the Court of Spain, and that his dispatches are accordingly preparing for him. The King hath been pleased to bestow the Lieutenantcy and Government of Chasteau Trompette, lately void, on Monsieur de Montegut, the present Governor of Rocroy, by whose removal that Government being become vacant, his Majesty hath given it to the Chevalier de la Hilliere Lieutenant of the Guards du Corps. Great endeavors are here made to advance by all possible means the Equipage of our Fleet at Thoulon, besides what are sitting out in other Ports, we are assured that in Two months time they may have 30 men of War, carrying from 70 to 40 Guns apiece in readines to put to Sea, but that they are in great want of Seamen to Man them; for the supplying of which, they pres all they meet with, not excepting Masters of Barques, Fishermen, or any others whom they think capable of serving at Sea; and we are farther told, that Monsieur de Beçons Intendant in Languedoc, as likewise the Premier President of Provence, have directions to pres all the Seamen they can find along those Coasts for the Kings Service.

Some speak of an Envoy to be suddainly sent from hence to the Czar of Muscovy, to endeavor the establishing a Trade for Wines and Brandy with those people.

Vienna, March 21. The Emperor hath lately caused an Order to be Published, requiring all Jews at present living or trafficking within his hereditary Dominions, immediately to depart, and that none presume to remain in any of his said Dominions after the last day of Easter-week, under very severe penalties; together with Corporal punishment to be inflicted with all rigor, upon such as shall be found delinquent.

From Presburgh we are informed, that things are there carried on with better success than some at first expected; that the Count Paratzki accused to have very much contributed to the late Rebellion in Hungary, had rendered himself in order to his Vindication; and that most of the Hungarian Nobility had consented to the raising of the several Sums of Money demanded of them by the Emperor, for the maintaining his Troops in that Kingdom, and especially the Count Nicolas Palfi, who besides the payment of his part of that Contribution, hath farther promised to supply them with a considerable quantity of Corn out of his own Stores. The difference which hath for some time depended between the Duke of Guastalla of the House of Gonzague, and some of his Relations, about that Dutchy, being a Fief of the Empire, hath been finally determined by the Emperor in favor of the said Duke, who accordingly the Tenth instant by his Plenipotentiary received here the Investiture of it with the usual Formalities, together with a Grant of the succession of it to his Heirs Male and Female; which it is thought will very much accelerate the Marriage, which hath been so long concluding between the Duke of Mantoua and the Princess Guastalla, Daughter to the said Duke of that Name.

Hague, April 7. The States General have, as is said, sent instructions to their Ministers, residing with the Dukes of Lunenburg, and the Bishop of Munster, to desire leave to raise some Troops in their Territories, though it is thought those Princes will scarce consent to it. To morrow the States of Holland meet again for the concluding of several matters which are at present before them, and which the Holidays forced them to leave unfinished.

From Munster our last Letters bring us little of news, so that we know not yet what to think of the present state of affairs in those parts; at Amsterdam and all other Port Towns, they daily beat the Drums for Seamen for the service of the Fleet, which is said, will in a very short time be ready to put to sea, several of the great ships being already fallen down to the Texel. From Cleve they write, that Prince Maurice of Nassaw, and the General Spaen were gone from thence, as was said, for Berlin; but as others more confidently reported, towards Lipsadt, to cause all hands to be set on work at the fortifications of that place, and to see every thing else put into a good posture of defence.

From Lunenburg our last Letters tell us, that those Princes finding how unsuccessful their endeavors were, for an accommodation of the present differences between them and the Bishop of Munster, by reason of the many difficulties framed by that Bishop in the matter of the Preliminary Treaty, have sent instructions to their Envoyes at Munster, to acquaint such Ministers of forreign Princes, as are at present residing there, with it, and to return home with the first conveniency.

From Brussels we have advice, that the Magistrates have finally consented to the raising of the sum of 20000 Crowns, towards the extraordinary fortifying of that place; that his Excellency the Count de Monterey was gone with his Lady for Antwerp, intending to stay there some short time, and from thence to goe and visit the places under the obedience of his most Catholick Majesty in the Province of Gelderland; that Count Garcia, sent by his Excellency to take possession of the Castle of Argenteau, situated on the River Meuse, and belonging to the Marquis de Treslon, one of the Captains of his Excellencies Guards, upon a suspicion that the said Marquis was Treating underhand with some foreign Prince, for the putting the said Castle into their hands, was returned again, having fully executed his Excellencies Orders in that particular; That Garcia, and those other persons lately imprisoned by his Excellencies Order upon a discovery, as was said, of some evil practices against the Government, are released again; nothing having been proved of what was so warmly reported to be charged against them.

Whitehall, April 2. Friday the 21. past, between the hours of Two and Three in the afternoon, Her Royal Highness Ann Dutchess of York, died at St. James's, after a long indisposition of Health, to the great affliction of His Royal Highness, and the grief of their Majesties and the whole Court.

Yesterday in the afternoon His Majesty returned from Newmarket, accompanied with His Highness Prince Rupert, and attended by His Grace the Duke of Monmouth, and the rest of the Court that had waited upon His Majesty thither.

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THE Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer, are now come to the payment of the 210th Order, the Number Registered on the Act for His Majesties Revenue of the Fire-Hearths, and shall proceed to the payment of the subsequent Orders to that Number in course, as the Money of that Revenue shall be brought into His Majesties Exchequer.