

From *Westphalia*, since the conclusion of the Preliminary Treaty between the Dukes of *Lunenburgh* and the Bishop of *Munster*, we have had here uncertain reports as if the Bishops Troops were to pass over into the service of the Elector of *Cologne*; it is certain that the *Lunenburgh* Troops are retired to their old quarters again, those Princes intending not to disband one man, till they see some more of the Summer past.

*Brussels, May 18.* Our Governour the Count de *Monterey* is still at *Bruges*, whither it is said His Excellency hath drawn together from several places, a Body of eight thousand Foot, and two thousand Horse: Wee hear not as yet any thing of his returne hither, but it is generally believed, it may be about the end of the next week.

At *Gron*t they continue to work on the Fortifications of that place, with all the diligence imaginable, inasmuch as it is thought a short time will perfect them.

From *Dunkirke* wee hear not as yet of the French Court's removal from thence, but expect we may by our next letters from that place.

*Hague, May 19.* The Heer van *Zeuender*, and the Heer van *Hoogen*, are deputed out of the Council of State to go for *Mastrecht*, and take an account of the present condition of that place, to the end nothing may be wanting, for the security of a place of so great importance.

Our Fleet may now within few days put to Sea, the Lieutenant Admiral de *Ruyter* having received the necessary orders from the States to that purpose; it is thought they will remain in the *Wielingen*, and upon those Coasts the whole time of their being abroad, unless something extraordinary should happen.

From *Cleve* of the 16th instant they write, that the day before the *Lorrain* Troops which have been in the service of the Bishop of *Munster* this Winter, had passed at *Dullingen* the River *Isip*, on their march towards *Cologne*; from whence we have at present nothing of news, those Inhabitants continuing under a perplexed expectation, of what the end of all this noise may be, and whither these frequent alarms will at length tend.

From *Ratisbonne* of the 7th *May*, we receive the news of the death of the Count de *Papenheim* Hereditary Marschal of the Empire, a person who for his great abilities, and the long experience he hath had in the affairs of the Empire, had acquired a general esteem; in which charge he was immediately succeeded by his Brother, according to the antient practice of the Empire; having in the usual form been cited thereunto by the Elector of *Saxony*, Grand Marshal of the Empire. The Baron d' *Iffala* is gone from hence for *Cologne*, to confer with the Marquis de *Grana*, concerning the present State of that place.

*Amsterdam, May 19.* Some passengers arrived here from *Munster*, tell us, that the Fire which lately happened there, was much more considerable, then was reported, it having consumed the best part of the Town, and ruined most of the ablest Inhabitants; That the day before their coming from thence, the Bishop had received advice, that the Duke of *Wolfemburgell* had withdrawne his Garrison out of *Hoxter*, according to what had been agreed on in the Preliminary Treaty: That thereupon he had ordered his Deputies, whom he had detained there, till such time as that point of the said Treaty was first made good, immediately to depart for *Bilevelt*, where the Mediators, and those for *Lunenburgh*, are said to be already met, in order to the concluding of the

principal Treaty: They likewise assure us, That the *Lunenburgh* Troops are marched to their respective Quarters, & remain there till they receive further Orders.

By some Gentlemen returned from *Dunkirke*, where they had been to visit the French Court and Camps we are told, That his most Christian Majesty intended, as was said, to remove from thence the 25 instant, the necessary preparations being making there to that purpose.

*Whitehall, May 14.* On Tuesday the 9 instant dyed in Town Sir *John Keyling* Knight, Lord Chief Justice of His Majesties Court of Kings Bench, after a long Weakness and decay of strength, much aged for his great Integrity and Worth.

His Majesty having been lately informed of the Death of the Right Honourable the Earl of *Manchester*, late Lord Chamberlain of His Household, to make choice of the Right Honourable *Henry* Earl of *St. Alban*, to succeed in that Charge, Yesterday His Majesty was pleased to deliver him the Staffe, and immediately his Lordship entered upon the execution of the Office accordingly.

The twelfth instant His Majesty was pleased to give directions for the issuing His Royal Proclamation to this effect; That whereas His Majesty out of His Princely care and compassion of all His Subjects Trading by Sea, hath for their better protection and security, ordained and appointed several ships of War, to be unto them as Guards, and Convoyes through their several Voyages, and yet nevertheless, some persons neglecting their own safeties, and being desirous to make more then ordinary hast unto the Forreign Markets, do frequently put to Sea without staying for their appointed Convoyes, and that either singly, or in such small Numbers, that they very easily and very often become a prey to Turks and Moores; who by such advantages are encouraged to hold out, and not to yield to Peace upon reasonable terms, to the great dammage of the Kingdom in general, and the utter ruine of the particular persons thus needlessly exposing themselves, That for remedy hereof, His Majesty doth strictly Charge and Command all Masters and Owners of Ships, which are or shall be bound for any voyage, for which any Guard or Convoy is or shall be appointed, that they presume not to depart from the Port, or set out to Sea, without having their appointed Convoy in Company: and as His Majesty will cause all his Officers to be severely punished, if by their negligence or default, any of his good Subjects shall be delayed or hindered of their voyages; so His Majesty doth likewise declare, that if any of his Subjects shall presume to adventure out to Sea, without and before the appointed Convoy, and shall afterwards be taken Captives, His Majesty will leave them under such their misfortunes, nor shall any part of the charitable contribution for Redemption of Captives, be at any time hereafter applyed to the relief of such persons, who shall be found to have broken and contemned these His Majesties Royal Commands; and hereof His Majesty requires all His Subjects whom it may concern, to take notice at their utmost perils..

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