

An Ambassador Extraordinary from the Court of France hath acquainted her Majesty with his intentions of leaving this Court, in order to his return home, about the latter end of this Month, in pursuance of the order he hath received from his Master, and that they might within a short time after expect the arrival of Monsieur *Vilars*, whom his most Christian Majesty hath appointed to succeed him in his employment in this Court.

From *Palermo* we have advice, That the Prince *de Ligny*, Vice Roy of *Sicily*, was perfectly recovered again of his late Indisposition; and that that Kingdom had been of late very much alarmed, as if the Turks had some design of attacking them this Summer; for the preventing of which, they fail not to make what provision they can, and seem not now to apprehend any great danger from that side this year.

*Lisle*, May 24. On the 26th instant their most Christian Majesties are expected with the Court at *Armentiers*, and the Tuesday or Wednesday following in this place; for whose reception all necessary preparations are in the interim making; what stay the King may make here is not certainly known, though it is generally thought it will not be many days.

*Brussels*, May 24. On Friday last according to the Advice we had from *Bruges*, we expected here our Governour the Count *de Monterey*, but since find that his Excellency for some particular reasons, had thought fit to defer his intentions of leaving that place, for some few days at least.

It is said, that the Countess *de Monterey*, hath sent to return her humble thanks to her most Christian Majesty, for her kind invitation to come and see her at *Aeth*, and to excuse her not being able to wait upon her Majesty there, by reason of her late indisposition.

The Prince *de Mazines* hath not yet received his final orders for his departure, but seeing his intentions are of meeting the French Court at *Aeth*, there seems to be no need of his making any great haste from hence. The Count *Marcin* hath been lately surpris'd with a sudden illness, but is said to be at present a little better.

*Osford*, May 27. From *Dunkirk* they write, that the French Court went thence the 25. instant, together with the Army, excepting 5 or 6 thousand men that are left there to pursue the work of the Fortifications: That night their Majesties were to lodge at *Wattou*, and to be the next day at *Armentiers*, and on Wednesday at *Lisle*, where they intended to stay but 3 or 4 dayes, and then to remove to *Aeth*, with intentions to pass there three weeks or a month. Don *Francisco de Velasco* hath taken possession of his Command of the Spanish Regiment in Garrison here.

*Ghent*, May 28. The 26. in the Evening arrived here our Governour the Count *de Monterey* from *Bruges*, accompanied by Count *Marcin*, who is perfectly well again and several other persons of quality: And yesterday his Excellency went to visit all the new Fortifications of this place, on which they work daily with 1200 men; and which, when finished, will be a very great strength to the Town. His Excellency will stay here some few dayes, and then return for *Brussels*.

*Hague*, 29. May. The Lieutenant Admiral *de Ruyter*, with other of the principal Officers, is finally gone from hence to the Fleet, with orders to put immediately to Sea: The *Amsterdam* Squadron is quite ready, that Admiralty having to make up their number appointed an other Ship of the same force, which is seems was ready fitted, instead of that,

which, as was said, run lately on ground near *Enchuyzen*, so that they may sail out of the *Texell* with the first fair wind, consisting of 12 Men of war, and 6 Frigats, with as many Fire-ships, to joyn with those of *Rotterdam*, *Zealand*, and *Friesland*: It is said the Fleet will continue during the time of their being abroad, in the *Wielingen*, and on the Coast of *Zealand*, to avoid the giving of any jealousy to our Neighbours.

Monsieur *de Groot*, Ambassador from this State in the Court of France, having desired leave to make a step hither for some short time, in order to the looking after his particular concerns; the States have accordingly granted his desire in this particular, and ordered a Vessel to attend him at *Sluyse* for his Transportation.

Here are lately returned from *Dunkirk* several persons of Quality, who wen hither out of curiosity to see the French Court; they tell us, amongst other things, that the Fortifications of that place are very much advanced, and almost finished;

Mr. *Des* went from thence on Monday the 25. instant to *Lisle*; that it was reported, they would not stay long there, but proceed in few days for *Tournay*, and the other conquered places, to be back again at *Paris* about the later end of June.

The four Deputies which are at present at *Bilveelt*, on the part of this State, having as is said, represented, that the presence of them all there seems not to be so very necessary, but that two of them may have permission to return home, and more particularly we are told, That the Heer *d' Ameronghen* hath desired leave of the States to return from thence.

From *Munster* our Letters tell us, that the Bishop hath promised the States of his Country to disband all his Forces in a Months time, unless any thing extraordinary happen to hinder it; though in the mean time the Princes of *Lunenburg*, show not as yet, the least intention of dismissing their Troops.

From *Cologne* they write, of the great hopes they have of an accommodation with that Elector; that Colonel *Bampfild* who had raised a Regiment there for the service of this State, hath since passed into that of the City, and hath accordingly, together with the other chief Officers, taken the oath of Fidelity, before the Marquis *de Grana*, and the Magistrates of that place.

*Whisehal*, May 4. His Majesty having been pleased upon the removal of my Lord chief Baron *Hales* to be Chief Justice of the Court of Kings Bench, to make choice of Sir *Edward Turner* Knight, his Majesties Solicitor General, to succeed in that place, On Tuesday last the 23. instant, in obedience to His Majesties Writ, commanding him to take his Degree of Sergeant at Law, he appeared at the Chancery Bar, and according to custom, took the usual Oath before the Right Honourable the Lord Keeper; which being done, he went before the Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, where having performed the Ceremonies belonging to that Degree, he was called by my Lord Keeper, to the Exchequer Bar, and being there sworn Lord Chief Baron of that Court, he took his place on the Bench accordingly.

His Majesty hath likewise been pleased to make choice of *Francis North* Esquire, Son to the Lord *North*, to succeed the said Sir *Edward Turner*, as his Solicitor General; and accordingly having some dayes before received the honor of Knighthood from his Majesty, on Tuesday the 23. aforesaid he was sworn into the Place.