

we not doubt to see the Ambassadors themselves here in a very short time. The Treaty concluded between the most Christian King and the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, is now made publick by both parties, so that it is now clear that the Dutch will be persuaded of the truth of what hath been so long reported concerning this Treaty. The Imperial Troops, under the Command of the Duke of *Bourbonville*, not having been able to obtain of any of the Princes or States of the Empire, to quarter in their Territories, have been forced to return for *Bohemia*, where they at present are; and though the Letters we receive from the Court at *Vienna* do not make any mention of their intending to remove as yet from thence, yet those we receive from *Holland* will assure us, that they are on their march this way again; It is said here, that the most Christian King hath by his Minister at *Vienna*, represented to his Imperial Majesty, that in case he should cause his Troops, to march to the assistance of the States General, during his being in a War with them, he should be obliged to take his measures accordingly. From *Soest* we are from time to time told, that Monsieur de *Tarvenne* will come down the *Rhine* again towards *Maastricht*, but at the coming away of our last Letters, he was not yet broke up from thence. Yesterday the Duke de *Chaulnes*, and the rest of the French Plenipotentiaries arrived at *Breuil* from *Aix La Chappelle*, so that they may now be here in a day or two at farthest. From *Westphalia* they write, that the Bishop of *Munster* continues still at *Caesvelt*, and that he has a very considerable Body of Men at present together, though as yet we hear of no action on that side.

*Swoll, May 26.* All along the Dyke from *Meppe* to *Wych* lies encamped 21 Troops of the Bishop of *Munster*'s Horse, and we are told of a considerable Body of Men that are likewise come to *Aelselt*, but are most Infantry: in like manner they are bringing their Forces on foot in other places, in order to their marching to the place appointed for the Rendezvous; we cannot yet certainly learn, what design those Troops will first take in hand, though the general opinion is, that they will fall into *Frisland*, which the Dutch seem very much to apprehend, and therefore have sent all the Force they could spare, to joyn with the Forces of that Province, for their better defence. Prince *Munrix*, to whom the States have committed the chief Command of their Forces there, is at present at *Leewaerden*, and omits no endeavors for the putting things in the best posture he can; though the generality of the Inhabitants seem mightily discouraged, and very diffident of their own strength.

*Higue, May 29.* Here is arrived an Envoy from the Duke of *Lorraine*, but not having as yet had Audience of the States, we are ignorant of his Errand. The Prince of *Orange* continues in the Leager, yet so, as to pass frequently from one place to another, to see all things be in good order; and it is said, that the several Posts on the Frontiers, are at present so well provided with all things necessary for their defence, that we do not much fear the Enemies attempting them. The French have used some endeavors to force us from our Post at *Neverssuis*, but hitherto, without any great effect, though in truth they have not as yet seemed to have been in earnest, having onely sent out small parties rather to alarme us, and discover the posture we were in, then with any farther design. The Count de *Montorey*, Governor of the Spanish Neatherlands, hath lately sent several Expresses hither, to acquaint the States with the Motions of the French Arm, and to desire them to assist him with what Force they can, to the end he may be in a condition of defence, if any thing extraordinary happen. It is still very confidently reported here, that the Imperialists, being 24000

Men, Horse and Foot, besides 3000 of the Duke of *Lorraine*'s Troops, and the like number of the Elector of *Saxony*'s, are on their march towards the *Rhine*.

*London, May 26.* The *Humphrey* and *Elizabeth*, Captain *Rob. Meisford* Commander, and the *Surrat* Merchant, Captain *Francis Johnson*, being arrived at *Plymouth* from *St. Helena*, bring advice, That the said Ship *Humphrey* and *Elizabeth*, which was sent forth in *July* last, by the *East India* Company, with Souldiers, Ordnance, and Ammunition, for the Fortifying of that Island, arrived there the 18 of *November*, and accordingly applied themselves to the planting of their Guns, and Fortifying of that Island, and putting it into a posture of Defence; And that on the 20 of *December* following, there arrived in the Road of *St. Helena*, four of the Dutch *East India* Companies Ships, with above 600 Men, viz. the *Frayhead*, the *Paulsbrooks*, and the *Gottenburgh*, and one small Ship, which went out from the *Netherlands* about *April* or *May* 1672. and coming to the usual place of Landing, engaged against the Fortifications and the Ship *Humphrey* and *Elizabeth* (that lay in the Road) for some hours together, but finding it too hot for them, declined that place, and attempted the Island in other places, and were beaten off several times, but on the 31 of *December*, and first of *January*; they Landing about 400 Men in an unusual place, our Men being spent with continual watching and labour, the Enemy gained the Hills, and posselt themselves of the Island, our Fort not being Tenable to the Landward; Whereupon the Governor of the Island, and People, Retreated on Board the Ship *Humphrey* and *Elizabeth*, and the *Surrat* Merchant, which during the dispute, came into the Road in a weak condition, and also a French Ship from *Quantum*, which set sail from *St. Helena* the first of *January* at night, and arrived at *Plymouth* the 22 of this instant.

*Yarmouth, May 26.* This afternoon came in here a Kerch, which attends upon the *Royal Charles*, the Master tells us, That he left His Majesties Fleet yesterday about two in the morning, in a very good condition; That the Dutch Fleet lay then at Anchor off of the *Weilings*, about four Leagues from the Shore; that His Majesties Fleet lay a League farther to Sea, in fight of them; and that they had had very bad weather since their being on that Coast.

#### Advertisements.

Whereas in *Swan's Almanack* for this present year 1672.

Printed at *Cambridge*, there has happened a mistake in setting down the time of the Commencement in that University: The Printer of the said University doth hereby give Notice to all who may be concerned therein, that the first of *July* next is Commencement Tuesday. This Advertisement was thought fit to be published, that no Persons may come too late, by relying upon the time set down in the said Almanack.

The Testimonial or Certificates in Parchment, of the Records, to be made in the Quarter Sessions for the several Counties, Cities, Burroughs, and places within the Realm of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, Town of *Weswick* upon *Tweed*, and the Islands of *Jersey* and *Guernsey*, (fit to be H A D and K E P T by all Persons, to manifest their performance of the matters enjoyned by the late Act made touching *Popish Recusants*,) being the most exact and authentick form) is Licenced and Entred according to Law, for *John Bellinger* and *Charles Harper*, and are to be Sold by them in *Cliffords Inn Lane*, next *St. Dunstons Church*, and at the *Flower de lace* over against the same *St. Dunstons Church* in *Fleetstreet*, and are all marked with a Bell, a *Flower de lace*, and *Crown* in the Margin. And at the same places are to be Sold the other Certificates in Parchment, of receiving the Sacrament, to which two Persons are to swear which the same is delivered into Court.

That all Justices of the Peace and other His Majesties Officers, whom it may concern, do take care that all Persons that present publickly any Plays, Shews, or Operations upon any Stage, &c. may produce their Licence under the Hand and Seal of *Thomas Killegreen* Esquire, now Master of the *Revels*, and in case they want such Licenses, that they be layd hold on, and the said Mr *K. Killegreen* certified of the same.