

Army is before Tournay, and that Place is so far invested, that the Post from thence, which should have come Yesterday, does not appear, so it is taken for granted all Communication is stopt. There has been firing heard there, and one, who says he came from the Town Yesterday, assures it was from the Town upon some of the French Troops who approach'd too near, and that he saw three French Soldiers kill'd by one Shot; but the French had not begun to work, or even taken their Posts regularly, tho' they had their Tools ready. As to their Numbers, it is said they have about 15,000 on one Side of the Town, and 40,000 on the other.

Brussels, April 30, N. S. We march this Minute to Halle; Tournay is now invested.

Ostend, April 29. A Battalion of French Militia at Ypres having been used ill by their Officers, as they were exercising a few Days ago and firing a Volley, some of the Men loaded with Ball, and killed the Major, another Officer, and wounded two more.

Ostend, May 2. It is reported here, that the French having sent the Regiment of Normandie into one of the Suburbs of Tournay to destroy it, the Garrison made a Sally and cut off 500 of them, wounded many others, and received little harm themselves. It was this Day reported by a Peasant who came from that Quarter, that the French had taken a reconnoitring Party of the Garrison of Oudenarde, consisting of 100 Hussars, and sent them to Lisle. The Town of Tournay fired on the Enemy from Eleven o'Clock last Night till Four this Morning, which was very plainly heard here.

Hambourg, April 30, N. S. Upon the King of Prussia's having order'd a Camp of Observation to be formed at Magdebourg, the Regiments of which are to be assembled there by the 1st of next Month, the King of Poland has thought proper to order the Saxon Troops, which his Majesty has in his Country, to encamp upon his Frontiers between Leipfick and Merseburgh, and in Upper Lusatia. And the Duke of Weissenfeldts has received Orders to make the necessary Dispositions for the said Encampment, before his Serene Highness sets out in order to put himself at the Head of the Auxiliary Army in Bohemia. The Duke was to arrive at Dresden as upon the 25th.

From the Camp at Soignies, May 2, N. S. On the 29th it was resolved in a Council of War, that the Army should march next Day to Halle.

Accordingly the 30th, the whole Army marched to the Camp at Halle in two Columns, the Right extending beyond Halle, and the Left at Tubise, leaving the great Chaussée which leads from Brussels to Mons in the Rear. One Battalion of Hanoverians (that of Bork) went into Brussels to remain in Garrison there.

To Day the Army marched from the Camp at Halle to that here, in two Columns. It required a good deal of Time to pass the Defilés, so that it was late before the Troops got to their Ground. This and the Badness of the Weather will prevent the Army's marching To-morrow. It is proposed to make the next March to Aeth.

The French have possessed themselves of Fort St. Antonie, and made Prisoners 60 Men and three Officers. His Royal Highness has sent a Trumpeter to demand them upon the Cartel of Ransom. By the Deserters Report, the Household Troops and the heavy Artillery were to arrive as Yesterday at the French Camp; and one of those come in To-day, says, the Batteries began to fire last Night. It is said also, that the Enemy have a Camp of 400 Horse at Lense

To-Day six Battalions and five Squadrons, under the Command of the Prince of Hesse Phillippsdahl, from Mons, have joined the Army here.

His Royal Highness is in perfect Health.

Hague, May 4. General Ginckel is fallen ill at Utrecht; and the States have appointed Brigadier Burmania to perform the Office of Quartermaster General to their Troops this Year, as he did the last. The Definitive Treaty of Peace between the Queen of Hungary and the Elector of Bavaria, was signed, as we hear, the 22d past, at Fueslen.

St. James's, April 24.

This Day was held a Chapter of the most Noble Order of the Garter with the usual Ceremonies, when the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Salisbury, Chancellor of the Order, by His Majesty's Command, declared the Duke of Saxe Weissenfeldts a Knight Companion of the said Order.

Admiralty Office, April 23.

This Day, in Pursuance of his Majesty's Pleasure, the following Promotions were made of Flag Officers by the Lords of the Admiralty, viz.

Edward Vernon, Esq; to be *Admiral of the White.*

James Steuart, Thomas Davers, and the Honourable George Clinton, Esqrs. to be *Vice-Admirals of the Red.*

William Rowley, and William Martin, Esqrs. to be *Vice-Admirals of the White.*

Isaac Towntend, and Henry Medley, Esqrs. to be *Vice-Admirals of the Blue.*

The Right Honourable Lord Vere Beauclerk, to be *Rear-Admiral of the Red.*

George Anson, Esq; to be *Rear-Admiral of the White.*

Perry Mayne, Esq; to be *Rear-Admiral of the Blue.*

Whitehall, April 16, 1745.

Whereas an anonymous Letter, dated the 6th of this Instant April, and directed, To William Sheppard, was found at the Door of the said Mr. William Sheppard's Dwelling-house in Froome in the County of Somerset, on Monday the 8th of this Instant April, threatening to burn and destroy the Houses and Goods of him the said William Sheppard and his Brother, and also the Lives of several Hundred Persons, who are not named in the said Letter, unless three Persons, who had been lately committed to Prison for their riotous and disorderly Behaviour, were immediately released: And whereas the Life of the Right Honourable Thomas Lord Viscount Weymouth, who committed them, was threatened in the said Letter to be taken away before Easter next; His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Person or Persons concerned in sending or writing the abovementioned Letter, is graciously pleased to promise his Pardon to any one of them who shall discover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices, so as he, she or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

HARRINGTON.

And as a farther Encouragement, The Right Hon the Lord Viscount Weymouth does hereby promise a Reward of One Hundred Pounds to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, to be paid upon the Conviction of the Offender or Offenders.

WEYMOUTH.

And the Church Wardens of Froome in the County of Somerset aforesaid, for the Time being, do also promise to pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds, upon Conviction, to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as is abovementioned.

William Barton, }
Joseph Clevey, } *Church-Wardens.*