

ther Progress since the taking of Sluys. Sas van Ghent has hitherto defended itself very well. Fort Phillippine continues still to make a gallant Defence; and General la Roque, who is at Hulst, has been join'd by the three English Battalions under the Command of General Fuller, who is now incamped at Axel. His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland's Quarters are now at West Mael, and the Right Wing of the Army extends itself to Breschaten, within a very small Distance of Antwerp. Some Letters from Paris mention, that by their last Advices from Italy, the Austrians were said to have attack'd and taken several Posts which lay in their Way to Genoa; and that it was reported that the French Troops had abandon'd St. Pierre d'Arena, the Austrians and Piemontese having begun the Operations of the Siege. They add, that that Capital was invested on the 7th or 8th, and that the Genoese had suffered extremely in a Sally which they made from the Town. A Confirmation of this News is impatiently expected.

Hague, May 3, N. S. This Morning about Eleven o'Clock, his most Serene Highness the Prince of Orange was proclaimed Stadtholder, Captain General, and Admiral General of the Province of Holland, and a Deputation of the States was order'd to repair to his Highness, to acquaint him therewith. We hear from Rotterdam, that the Society of the great Fishery have petitioned the Magistrates for Leave to put the Coast of Holland in a State of Defence at their own Cost, by raising Batteries at the Point of Goeree, and the opposite Shore near the Briel, and on the Point of Holland. General la Roque having been joined by the English Battalions from Zealand, gives great Hopes that he will be able to make an effectual Stand at Hulst. By Letters from Italy we are informed, that the English Men of War in those Seas, had fallen in with some more Transport Ships from the Coast of France, bound with Troops for Genoa, and had taken the whole Spanish Regiment call'd the Royal African, with 200 Men detached from other Regiments.

Flushing, May 4, N. S. It is reported, that Sas Van Ghent was taken on Sunday Night, though as yet no Person is arrived here from that Place. At Seven this Evening two Boats arrived here from Hulst. The Passengers bring an Account, that the French having last Night made an Attempt to cut off the Communication between the Garrison and Welsorden, where the Troops under Major General Fuller landed Yesterday Morning, a very bloody Action ensued, wherein the French were repulsed, and are said to have lost upwards of 1000 Men. The English came up Time enough to have a Share in the Action, and are at present encamped at a Place called Stoppeldyck. We also hear, that General La-Roque has found Means to cut a Dyke, whereby a great Number of the Enemy's Cannon are laid under Water; that a large Body of the Besiegers had been obliged to retire, and it was thought the Besieged were in a Condition to oblige the French to abandon the Place. We are assured, that a great Number of the French Troops, which were about Sluys and Yffendyke, and in the Isle of Cadzant, are filing off towards Ghent.

Whitehall, April 24, 1747.

Whereas it has been represented to his Majesty, that an Anonymous Letter was, between the 5th and 12th of March last, put into the Post-house at Bridgwater, in the County of Somerset, directed, For Andrew Croffe, at Broomfield, near Taunton, These, threatening him with Mischief to his Person; His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Person or Persons concerned in writing the said Letter, is pleased to promise his most gracious Pardon to any one of the Persons concerned therein, who shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices, so as he, she, or they, may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

And, as a further Encouragement, I do hereby promise a Reward of Twenty Pounds to any Person making such Discovery as aforesaid, to be paid upon the Conviction of the Offender or Offenders.

And. Croffe.

Whitehall, April 4, 1747.

Whereas it has been represented to the King, that the Colliery at Esherby near Bishop Auckland, in the County of Durham, was wilfully set on Fire, as is supposed, on or about the 28th of February last; His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in setting the said Colliery on Fire, is pleased to promise his most gracious Pardon to any one of them, who shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so as they, or any of them, may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

And, as a further Encouragement for making such Discovery as aforesaid, William Peirse, Esq; at Hutton, hereby promises a Reward of Fifty Pounds; and the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Durham, a further Reward of Twenty Pounds, to be paid on the Conviction of any one of the Offenders, by

Wm. Peirse.

E. Duresme, to be paid by Mr. Chr. Johnson, at the Castle of Durham.

London, April 22, 1747.

General Post-Office.

Whereas the Post-Boy, bringing the Chester Mail from St. Albans to Barnet, was, between Three and Four of the Clock this Morning, attacked on the Highway, about a Mile on this Side of St. Albans, in the County of Hertford, by three Highwaymen, who took, and carried off, all the Letters out of the following Bags, viz.

Holyhead,	Colehill,
Beaumaris,	Coventry,
Carnarvon,	Daventry,
Denbeigh,	Rugby,
Northop,	Lutterworth,
Ruthin,	Fenny Stratford,
Drayton,	Stony Stratford,
Macclesfield,	Dunstable,
Stockport,	St. Albans,
Holms Chappell,	Nottingham,
Stone,	Sheffield,
Warrington,	Chesterfield,
Wiggan,	Mansfield,
Leverpool,	Melton Mowbray,
Ormskirk,	Oakham,
Manchester,	Wooburn,
Stafford,	Newport Pagnell,
Uttoxeter,	Amphill,
Litchfield,	Luton,
Burton,	Bedford,
Tamworth,	Wellingborough.

Two of the Persons who committed this Robbery, were middle-sized Men, and one of them had on a black Waistcoat, a ruffled Shirt, a dark-colour'd loose Horseman's Coat, and a black, or dark brown Wigg, and