

and began to be very dubious. M. De Boufflers failed from Marseilles with several Transports, was attacked by some English Ships of War; some of the Transports and Part of his Equipage were taken, and the Ship he was in is supposed to be got into Monaco, or one of the Ports of the State of Genoa. The Brest and Rochelle Fleets are not yet failed. M. de Noailles is arrived at Brussels; and it is said that the Abbe de La Ville is along with him. The last Advices they had at Paris from Genoa were of the 3d, and the Siege was then upon the Point of beginning, as the Difficulties for bringing forward the heavy Train were removed. The Quarter Masters were sent last Monday from Brussels to mark out a Camp between Louvain and Mechlin. The French Troops were still cantooned, as also the Corps under Count Clermont in the Neighbourhood of Maestricht. The Prince of Orange set out Yesterday from hence for Zealand, by Way of Rotterdam, when he went on board his Yacht, and was followed by several others of the States General, and the States of Zealand.

*Hague, May 23, N. S.* Yesterday's Letters from Brussels inform us, that the French Troops were getting in Motion, in order to encamp between Louvain and Mechlin: Count Lowendahl was continuing without Intermission to augment and improve the Fortifications of Antwerp, where his Garrison camps in the Outworks. The Garrisons of Ostend and Bruges are marched out towards Sas van Ghent. By an Order of Battle of the French Army in the Netherlands, publish'd at Ghent, and including Garrisons and all, the same amounts to 247 Battalions, and 284 Squadrons, without any Mention of the Number of Men in each Battalion and Squadron. They write from Rochelle on the 11th, that a Fleet of 35 Sail, several of which were Ships of Force, went out to Sea the Day before from that Port; and that some Ships, which arrived there two Days before the Departure of this Fleet, had seen, about twelve Leagues from the Coast, in one Place, four British Men of War, and at a small Distance from them seven more. Advices from Genoa by the Paris Letters of the 19th say, that M. Boufflers was arrived safe there, though with no more than five Persons in his Company. And according to Accounts from Turin of the 8th, by the same Way, the Austrians had made themselves Masters of the Height called the Two Brothers, by which the Siege would be very much shorten'd. There was no Army yet assembling in Provence. Every Thing was ready on the 9th for the Attack of Fort St. Marguerite, which was to be attempted with four Gallies, two Galliot, two Bomb Vessels, two armed Barks, forty Feluccas, fifty Transports, two Fire Ships, and two hundred Boats. This numerous Armament was got together in the Port of Cannes; and five British Men of War were within Sight of the Coast waiting for them.

*Flushing, May 21; N. S.* Upon the 19th Instant His Highness the Prince of Orange arrived at Campveer. The same Day he went to Middlebourg, and Yesterday took the usual Oaths and his Seat in the Assembly of the States, and

is now hourly issuing Orders. The Joy of People of all Ranks is inexpressible. Yesterday Commodore Mitchel was introduced to his Highness, and received with extraordinary Distinction. It is not known how long his Highness will remain here. By all Accounts the French are continuing with Diligence their Preparations for the Invasion of this Province, but our Preparations for Defence keep Pace with theirs to invade us. The Garrison of Axel, and the Troops that were in that Island, are arrived in South Beveland, where there are now said to be above 10,000 Men under the Command of Lieutenant General Smiffaert. Brigadier Douglass commands the English in the Place of Major General Fuller.

*Flushing, May 23, N. S.* General Huske arrived this Afternoon with the Battalion of the Guards, and immediately waited upon the Prince. Orders are given to raise Batteries in South Beveland. To-morrow, or next Day, Admiral Mitchell will go further up the River, with Admiral Welschut of Zealand, and Vice-Admiral Schryver of Holland, who is just arrived. Nothing certain is come from our Army; and no News from the Enemy's Quarters.

*Flushing, May 24, N. S.* Major General Huske, with the Transports, anchored in this Harbour Yesterday in the Afternoon; and the Prince of Orange being arrived here, Major General Huske immediately waited on his Highness, who received him very graciously. The Dutch Admiral, Schryver, with Commodore Mitchel, is to go To-morrow to take a View of the opposite Coast, in order to station their several Ships. The Battalions of the Royal's, Braggs, and the Highland Regiment, continue cantoon'd in South Beveland, under the Command of Brigadier General Douglas.

Whitehall, May 16, 1747.

*Whereas on Saturday Night, the 18th of April last, his Majesty's Warehouse at Shoreham, in the County of Sussex, was broke open by Persons unknown, who stole thereout 22 Oil skin Bags, containing Five hundred and forty four Pounds Weight of Tea (which Robbery was effected by the said Persons getting over a Wall ten Feet high into the Collector's Garden) and who left a large Club and a Horse-whip at the said Warehouse: His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the said Robbery, 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.*

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*And as a further Encouragement, the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs do 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, by the Receiver General and Cashier of the Customs; and if any one of the Persons who were concerned in the said Robbery, will discover his Accomplices, so as any one or more of them may be apprehended and convicted thereof, he will be entitled to and receive the like Reward of One Hundred Pounds, to be paid upon the Conviction of the Offender or Offenders.*

Admiralty-Office, April 30, 1747.

*His Majesty having been graciously pleased, by his Warrant under his Royal Sign Manual, dated the 10th of*