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Brussels, May 28, N. S.

THE Whole of the French Infantry, which was in their Cantoonments, marched this Day in order to encamp near Louvain. The Marshal's Quarters are to be at Mechlin. The French King is expected here upon Wednesday next.

Head Quarters at Bouwel, the 30th of May, N. S.

The Army march'd to this Camp the 26th Instant, in eight Columns, from the Camp of Schilde; the Right extends to Lier, and the Left beyond Herenthout, Herenthals being in the Rear of the Left Wing: The Corps de-Reserve under the Command of Prince Wolfenbottle encamps at Neer Vierfel: By this Situation he is at hand to sustain General Trips, who, with one Corps of Irregulars, has taken Post at Duffel on the Side of Antwerp, whilst General Baronai on the Left secures our Communication with Maestricht, and occupies several Posts along the Demar. The Enemy were so firmly persuaded, that our Intention on the 26th was to invest the Town of Antwerp, that they gave the Signal by lighting a Beacon in the Steeple of the Great Church to the Troops that were cantoon'd all over the Country, to inform them of it, the Garrison, which consisted of 24 or 25 Battalions, was kept under Arms, and every possible Precaution taken, to prevent a Surprise. In order to be the better informed if the Investiture of that Town was really our Intention, they sent out strong Patroles towards our Camp to reconnoitre our March, but they were quickly obliged, by our advanced Posts, to retire with Precipitation into the Town, and with some Loss. The Rear-Guard, commanded by Count Daun, did not move from the old Camp till near Noon, but the Enemy did not think fit to shew themselves. Prince Saxe Hildburghausen is detached from the main Army with a Corps of about 10,000 Men, to keep open the Communication with the Frontier of the Republick, and to secure the Convoys, &c. coming to the Army. He is encamped for the present at Westwessel; the advanced Posts of his Body had a smart Skirmish the 28th Instant with the Enemy, in which the Hussars of Frangipani were obliged to retire from their Posts, but which were retaken the same Day, by the Comte de Hordt, though not without Loss on both Sides. His Royal Highness the Duke has thrown a Number of

Bridges over the Nethe in our Front, and has also made Routes for the March of the Army towards the Demar. Part of the Enemy are encamped behind the Dyle, the Irish and Swiss Brigades being at St. Catherine near the Rupel, in order to sustain the Troops at the Pont de Wallem. Quarters are mark'd for the French King's Household at Mechlin, and the Camp for their Army is traced between Louvain and Mechlin, the Causeway between the two Lines. It is imagined, this Day or To-morrow the whole of their Force will be encamp'd, as it will not be safe for them to remain much longer separate in their Cantoonments. To-morrow we are to have a general Forage between the Nethe and the Dyle, to be commanded by General Palfi, and General Druchleben under him.

Hague, May 30, N. S. Yesterday an Augmentation of 30,000 Men was resolved by the States General; as was this Morning the immediate Recall of M. Van Hoey from Paris, who is ordered to return to give an Account of the State of his Embassy, leaving to his Secretary the Management of Affairs there. All the Letters from Paris agree, that the French King was to set out for the Army the Day before Yesterday. The Letters received To-day from the Army mention, that the French have thrown some Bombs over the River into Lillo. The Prince Stadtholder is expected back here by Friday next at latest. All the General Officers belonging to M. de Belleisle's Army are set out; that Army was to assemble the 25th, and Marshal de Belleisle was expected the 26th at Cannes. The 16th they continued throwing Bombs into the Island of St. Honorat, and the Descent was to be executed on the 18th, unless the English Men of War, which had been seen for some Days, put a Stop to that Operation. From Brussels we learn, that the March of the Allied Army to the Great Nethe has brought the French out of their Quarters. By Advices from Paris of the 26th Instant, the City of Genoa was in the utmost Consternation upon the Approach of the Austrian and Sardinian Armies; they compute the Troops in that City at 10500 Men; 3500 of whom are French and Spanish, and 7000 regular Troops of the Republick.

Whitehall, May 23.

The King has been pleased to order Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the Kingdom of Ireland, containing his Majesty's

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