

MARYLAND GAZETTE.

Containing the freshest Advices Foreign and Domestic.

FRIDAY, September 13, 1745.

PRAGUE, June 8, O. S.

THEY write from Konigsgratz, that the Prussians were sending further into Silesia 6 Pieces of Cannon, taken from the Saxons at Friedberg, under the Escorte of 80 Grenadiers; but this Guard taking a contrary Rout than that they were ordered to take, brought the Cannon to the Quarters of Prince Charles, and desired themselves to enter into the Service of the Queen.

Vienna, June 9, O. S. By a Courier that arrived last Night from the Army in Bohemia, we hear, that Prince Charles of Lorraine had made some Motions forwards, in order to offer the Enemy Battle, in case they are resolv'd to stay in that Kingdom. As for our Army, it is considerably reinforced by the Garrisons drawn out of the Towns in Moravia, and by 11 Battalions of Saxon Troops who have actually joined it.

We hear from Dresden, that the Republic of Poland has given his Polish Majesty the strongest Assurances, that she will cause the Crown Army to march against the King of Prussia, in order to secure the Electorate of Saxony against any Attempts that Prince may make upon it.

Dresden, June 23. We are now credibly assured here, that the Prussians loit between 7 and 8000 Men in the late Action in Silesia.

From the Camp of the Allies at Lessines, June 1. There has a great Matter pass'd here since I wrote to you last, except at every Day there arrives here Numbers of French Deserters, who earnestly desire to take Service amongst our Troops; which has put our Generals on resolving to form them into Independent Companies, of which there are four actually on foot ready.

From the Camp of the Allies at Morbeck, June 7, N. S. The 24th of last Month the Army quitted the Camp at Lessines, and came hither: Next Day we received Advice, that the French Army was preparing to come and attack us; upon which a Council of War was called, wherein it was resolv'd to wait for the Enemy, and give them Battle.

The 2d Instant, at Break of Day, the Troops got under Arms; about 8 o'Clock the Prince of Waldeck made a false Motion with the Left Wing, in order to draw the Enemy that way; but towards Noon we learned that they were only a Detachment marching by Cambroon towards Soignies.

The 3d Instant, Brigadier Semple's Regiment was detached with 300 Dutch Troops, in order to reinforce the Garrison of Namur, escorted by 200 English, Hanoverian, and Dutch Horse, and arrived there without any Obstacle. The Scotch Highlanders and Hussars came to Blows with the French Pandours, and obliged them to retire.

The 5th the Enemy were in Motion on every Side; their Infantry defiled in 4 Lines, and all the Corps that lay before us drew up in Order of Battle: On our Side all the necessary Dispositions were made to give the Enemy a warm Reception. The English planted two Batteries, from which they fired all the Morning. In the Afternoon the Enemy continued sending away Detachments to the Right and Left, and about 6 o'Clock they quite disappeared.

This Morning we heard the Firing of Cannon: The Army is in Readiness to march, and this Moment Orders were given for the Cavalry to mount: The heavy Baggage is filing off towards Brussels: Our Generals are continually on Horseback; but the Duke of Cumberland has not been a-bed these 3 Nights, but continually ordering the necessary Dispositions for an Engagement.

Brussels, July 12, N. S. Yesterday in the Evening arrived here a Courier from the Grand Duke of Tuscany, with the important News, that his Royal Highness arrived in the combined Army of the Empire, and that the Election was fixed for Saturday the 17th Instant.

The Duke of Cumberland and the rest of the Generals of the allied Army have sent hither their Baggage, and have made the necessary Dispositions for giving the Enemy a warm Reception, after all the French Boasting. Our Army is in high Spirits to give them Battle, although superior. The Paris Post is stopp'd in order to hinder us from knowing what has already reach'd our Ears. The Corps consisting of 33 Battalions and 40 Squadrons, which was said Count Lewendahl had marched in order to form the Siege of Oudenarde, is in Fact gone to the Relief of the Prince of Conti; but we expect and hope it will be too late.

A private Letter from the Hague, July 12. "I fancy our Generals will hazard another Battle, in order to oblige the French to retreat from their Design to cut off Communication with the Allies from Ostend. Yesterday Morning it was confidently reported, that there had been a general Engagement between the combined Army of Count Traun and General Bathiani, and that of the Prince of Conti, in which the latter was entirely defeated, with the Loss of 15000 Men killed and wounded, and the Loss of almost all their Artillery. This Day arrived an Express with the Confirmation. The News of Ghent being taken is false; the French lost 1500 Men in the Attack and Retreat. Great Talk here, that 'tis still likely for a Peace between the Queen of Hungary and King of Prussia.

Hague, July 13. All the foreign Ministers are in a great Agitation; some tell us of Peace, others that the War will be more general. The last Express from the allied Army brought Advice.