

hence with a corps of 5000 men. It is given out that his intention was to surprize Louvain. Late this evening all the troops that were encamped received orders to march, without carrying any baggage with them.

Hague, May 10: By prince Waldeck's letters of yesterday, the Allied army was all ranged behind the Dyle, with it's left extending to Nynde, and it's right to Mechlin. The hussars and irregulars kept moving up and down between Arechot and Louvain; near which latter place a smart skirmish had just happened between a party of them and a detachment of the French hussars; to the disadvantage of the latter, who left behind them 60 men upon the spot. Marshal Bathiani has taken up his head quarters at the abbey of Rosendale. The French are also formed, and reach from the castle of Terveure to Vilvorde; and when the letters came away, they were said to be beginning to make some motion.

Laris, May 8. M. Van Hoey, having at present little else to do in this city, diverts himself with negotiating favours for the Dutch troops; who, contrary to the capitulation of Brussels, and the general cartel, are transported into the heart of France; and has procured them to be lodged in private houses. However, a knotty affair has lately happened, which has put him upon exercising his fine genius. The case is this: One of the prisoners has been trying his talent at smuggling Tobacco, was caught in the fact, and committed to prison. The fellow presuming the magistrates as negligent, remiss, and conniving, as in a neighbouring country, thinks himself hardly dealt by, as does his officers; who have thereupon wrote to their minister here, to obtain the Smuggler's release. M. Van Hoey applied accordingly, intimating the hardship of punishing a poor man for so trivial a crime as smuggling. The minister applied to looking very earnestly at M. Van Hoey, reply'd, 'Mr. ambassador, it is no wonder that the affairs of your commonwealth are in such a terrible situation, when so wise a sharer in the government as yourself would gloss over, and esteem as trivial, a crime attended with the worst kind of infamy; and for which, wrecking to death is too tender a punishment. You, and your neighbours, may look on such atrocious acts as lightly as you please; but commerce is esteemed of too much importance in France, for us to permit it to be injured by such kind of villains. However, we shall for once let generosity get the better of justice, and order your soldier to be released; but, sir, you will do an injury to our honour, if you ever ask such another favour.'

DUBLIN.

April 22. By an array of the militia lately made in the county of Derry, and the other counties in the province of Ulster, it appears that there are upwards of 160,000 Protestants able to bear arms; and ready to serve his majesty upon any occasion, either at home or abroad.

We hear from Limerick, that last week one Lawrence Ryan, a Romish priest, was brought in there under a strong guard from Cahairconlish, and lodged in their goal; being charged with dispersing commissions from the pretender, and other treasonable practices. And that the grand jury of the said city have promised a reward of 30*l.* for every Papist that shall be prosecuted to conviction, within one year, of concealing or carrying fire-arms, contrary to law.

April 26. Yesterday at noon their Excellencies Dr. John Hoadley, archbishop of Armagh, and primate of all Ireland; Baron Newport, lord-high chancellor of Ireland; and the right honourable Henry Boyle, Esq; speaker of the honourable house of commons; were sworn Lords Justices of this kingdom; during the absence of the Right Honourable the Earl of Chesterfield.

LONDON.

May 3. Thursday the king's evidence clos'd on the trial of admiral Lestock (which were 70); then the judge-advocate read the introduction to Mr. Lestock's defence, which lasted near two hours; and then the court adjourned 'til Monday next.

We hear a certain learned and eminent Doctor, having given a successful Specimen of his Skill in the Constitution of this Kingdom, by a late remarkable Cure, perform'd by a new invented Purge, which happily carries off the most obstinate Degree of Corruption, will shortly, with the universal Approbation of the People, be appointed Physician Extraordinary to the Administration.

N. B. The Doctor's Medicine is equally necessary for all Persons in Place, and who are in a bad Way, whether in the Administration or not.

We hear that the Number of British Troops, which will be at first ordered over for the Low Countries, amount to Ten Thousand.

It is expected that an Act of Attainder will soon pass against all those Lords who can be prov'd to have been in the Rebellion, and the necessary Executions are now taking for that Purpose.

We hear that the 5000*l.* allotted by the Guild-hall Subscription, as a Reward to such Regiments as should behave well in the Time of Action, agreeable to the Opinion of the Duke of Cumberland, is immediately to be transmitted to Scotland, to be disposed of as his Royal Highness thinks proper.

His Majesty was pleas'd to return the following Answer to the Address of the honourable House of Commons:

Gentlemen,

I return you my hearty Thanks for this Advice, so full of Affection to me and my Family. The Satisfaction I feel at the Success of my Arms against the Rebels is greatly increased by your kind Expressions towards my Son, the Duke, and your Approbation of his Services on this Occasion.

I will not fail to improve this Advantage to the utmost of my Power, towards establishing, upon a lasting Foundation, the future Security and Happiness of my People.

We hear the following Promotions will take place; viz.

Sir William Yonge to be one of the joint Treasurers of Ireland, in the room of William Pitt, Esq;

Henry Fox, Esq; to succeed Sir William Yonge, as Secretary at War.

The Hon. Henry Legge, Esq; to be one of the Lords of the Treasury, in the room of Henry Fox, Esq;

William Pitt, Esq; to be Pay-master of the Forces, in the room of Thomas Winnington, Esq; deceased.

And the Lord Viscount Duncannon to succeed Henry Legge, Esq; as one of the Lords of the Treasury.

May 8. This Day General St. Clair, Commander in chief of the Forces embarking at Portsmouth, and several other Officers, set out for that Place.

Last Friday a Court Martial was held on board the Marlborough at Spithead, of which Commodore Wyndham was President, to enquire into the Loss of the Hazard Harbour, which was taken by the Rebels in Montrose Harbour, when Capt. H—— and Lieut. B—— were both cashier'd, as coming under the 10th Article of War; the Gunner and Boatswain were reprimanded; and the rest of the Officers, petty Officers, and Foremast Men, were acquitted.

Last Tuesday a fine Monument was opened in the North Me of Westminster Abbey, erected to the Memory of Lord Grey Beauchamp, youngest Son to the late Duke of St. Albans, and Commander of the Prince-Frederick's Men of War.