

rous. It may for this Reason be sufficiently justified, for so precipitately retreating towards the Frontiers of the Republic, where only it could be safe.

*Gibraltar, May 29.* Vice-Admiral Medley arrived in this Bay upon the 20th Instant, and is preparing his Squadron to proceed again to Sea, with all possible Expedition.

*Vienna, June 1. N. S.* The Spaniards at Placentia were reinforced upon the 25th past, by 14 Battalions; viz. 9 of their own Nation, 4 French, and one Genoese. The Piedmontese Troops were not to be assembled before the 28th past, about Alexandria. Besides Forage which the Spaniards are in want of, they will soon be at a Loss for Meal, the Water-Mills which supplied Placentia being ruined or rendered useless by our Army. An Account of a general Action is every Moment expected.

*Liège, June 7.* Mons and Charleroy were both invested upon the 4th Instant.

*Frankfort, June 5.* Prince Charles of Lorraine, who will conduct in Person the 20,000 Imperial Troops to the Low-Countries, is expected at Heilbron on Wednesday or Thursday next; and 'tis thought that by Saturday he will be at the Head of those Troops.

*From the Head Quarters at Terhyde, June 2.* It's pretended that the Enemy detached Yesterday 16 Battalions and 29 Squadrons for Charleroy; that the Prince of Conti is to besiege Namur; and that 15000 Men are sent accordingly to invest that Place; Marshal Saxe will cover both Sieges, which are to be carried on at once, because the King of France will soon return to Paris.

*From the London Gazette, June 14.*

*Viehla June 8, N. S.* The two Armies before Placentia continue to cannonade each other, but hitherto without any Effect. The Spaniards have passed the Po with a considerable Detachment; whereupon M. de Roth is retired to Pizzighitone, but with an Intention to return to his Post at Fiombro. As soon as the Enemy shall have retired over the Bridge at Placentia with whatever Booty they shall have found in that Corner of the Milanese. Prince Lichtenstein has in the mean Time, intercepted two Spanish Couriers, by which he has been informed of the Streights M. de Gages is in for want of Provisions; which is so great as to have obliged him to send away a great Part of his Cavalry, and it is discovered by the same Letter, that M. Maillebois remained exposed to the Piedmontese with only fourteen Battalions.

*Brussels, June 13, N. S.* We hear from Nantz, that on the 6th Instant the Mars and Bellona, two Ships which were some Time ago sent to Scotland with Supplies for the Pretender's Son, returned thither. They were attacked in the Bay of Loch Noway by an English Frigate and two English Sloops, which, after an Engagement of five Hours, were obliged to retire. Several Passengers arrived on board the above Vessels, and amongst others, Lord John Drummond, Mess. Sheridan, Sullivan, and Lochiel junior. The Duke of Perth died in his Passage. They brought no News of the Pretender's Son.

*June 20.* It now appears that the French lost above 400 Men on the 14th Instant in the Neighbourhood of Hoogstraten, their Avant Guard having been attacked with so much Fury, by the Austrians, that the Regiment Royal Vaisseaux, the Uhlans, and the Dragons of Saxe, were almost entirely cut to pieces. A Corps of 3000 Austrian Troops having upon Thursday last, advanced to the Gates of Lorraine, the Garrison, after a vigorous Defence, was obliged to retire out of it at 11 o'clock.

The French are in great Distress, and are to be sent towards Arras.

in order for building of Bridges over the Schelde. We have Advice from Paris of the 17th Instant, that the Brest Squadron remained off the Isles of Aix upon the 11th.

### L O N D O N.

*May 22.* The following being the genuine Answer of our victorious Hero, to those noble Testimonies of grateful Applause from the most illustrious Assembly in the Nation, lately transmitted to him, we think ourselves obliged to communicate 'em to the Publick, that the Modesty of this young accomplished Prince may be as conspicuous as his martial Virtues.

*My Lord Chancellor,*

I Could not possibly have received a more welcome and affecting Proof of that distinguished Zeal and Loyalty which the House of Lords have constantly shewn to his Majesty's Person and Government, than by their favourable Acceptance of my Endeavours for the public Service, and I desire you would lay before His Majesty my Acknowledgment for the Regard they have shewn me on this Occasion.

The Resolution and Firmness expressed by each of the Officers and Soldiers, in his Majesty's Army under my Command, render the biggest Commendations; but the Guilt and Terror of 16 unhappy insatuated Multitudes, who vainly hoped, by unpromised tumultuous Arms, and a contemptible foreign Assistance, to seize an Establishment founded in the Hearts of his Majesty's Subjects, afforded us so easy a Victory, that I can only express my Gratitude for the favourable Impressions with which the News of it was received by the House of Lords; whose good Opinion and Thanks I shall ever esteem as one of the most honourable Testimonies and Rewards that any Action of mine could receive.

I return you my Thanks for the affectionate and obliging Manner, in which you have executed the Commands of the House of Lords, and for all the good Wishes with which you have accompanied them, of the Reality of which I am firmly persuaded.

*My Lord Chancellor,*

Your most affectionate Friend,  
WILLIAM

*May 24.* Our private Letters from the Hague acquaint us that the grand Affair between the India Companies is compromised upon the following Terms; viz. That the Dutch shall keep the Cargoes of the three Ships, and shall pay the Company 1,500,000 Florins, which amounts to 150,000 Sterling, in full Satisfaction. The Abbé de la Ville is quickly expected here, to execute a Commission on the part of his Most Christian Majesty, which occasions a strong Report of Peace: That his Prussian Majesty intends to visit Guelderland, Cloves, East Friesland, and perhaps some other Country, before his Return to Berlin. And that he has actually sent a Person of Distinction to invite his Most Christian Majesty to an Interview with himself, and the Elector Palatine. That his Majesty has drawn up a Plan of a general Peace; and that he is resolved to oppose that Power which shall obstinately refuse to accept the same.

Capt. Ferguson, in the Furnace Sloop of War, has found in a Cave on the West Coast 800 Stand of Arms, 16 Barrels of Powder, and some Galks with Butter and Brandy, all which he carried off; they were supposed to be lodged there by the two French Ships which were on that Coast; and wherein 'tis said the young Pretender, with some of his Followers, were carried off.

*June 1.* The taking Valenciennes by the Piedmontese Troops, proves of much greater Consequence than was at first imagined, as they every Day find more and more military Stores concealed in that City, besides what was in the public Magazines; viz. 2000000 Gunpowder, 1000000 large Bombs, 40,000 Bullets, 1000000 Cannon, and 6 Millions M. Maillebois is now at the Door of Count de Gages.