

killed by one Shot; but the French had not begun to work, or even take their Posts regularly; tho' they had their Tools ready. As to their Numbers, 'tis said they have about 15000 on one Side of the Town, and 40,000 on the other.

*Osford (a fine City and Port of Flanders), May 2.* It was reported this Day by a Peasant who came from Tournay, that the French had taken a reconnoitring Party of the Garrison of Oudenarde, consisting of 100 Hussars, and sent them to Lisle. The Town of Tournay fired on the Enemy from 11 o'Clock last Night 'til 4 this Morning, which was plainly heard here.

*Hague, May 4.* The definitive Treaty of Peace between the Queen of Hungary and the Elector of Bavaria, was signed, as we hear, the 22d past at Fuesien.

L O N D O N, *March 26.*

We hear from Oxford, that the late valuable Patriot, the Duke of Beaufort, for the Encouragement of indigent Scholars, has left 100 *l. per Annum* in fount Exhibitions, towards their Education and Support in Oriol College.

*April 2.* There are Letters from Lisbon by the last Mail, advising, that the British Men of War have extraordinary Success in those Parts; not a Day passes but Prizes are carried into that Port, where there are now above 60 French Prizes.

And that the French Privateers have taken, and sent into Vigo, 14 English Ships. As also that a French Man of War has taken an English Privateer of 24 Guns, whose Name is not mentioned.

The French and Spanish Ships taken since the Declaration of War against France, from March 31, 1744, to March 7, 1745, are by Men of War 372, by Privateers 270; they are valued at 4,800,000 *l.*

*April 9.* Letters from Nottinghamshire, by Yesterday's Post, bring the melancholy News, that on Thursday last, Thoresby, his Grace the Duke of Kingston's fine Seat in the Forest of Sherwood, was burnt down. The Fire broke out about 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon, in a Room adjoining to the Library, and burnt so furiously, that notwithstanding the utmost Assistance, nothing was saved except his Grace's Writings, Plate, and a small Part of the best Furniture. The Day before this unhappy Accident was the Duke's Birth-Day, and had been celebrated there by most People of Distinction in that Neighbourhood. It is not known by what Means this unfortunate Affair happened: The whole Loss is computed at 100,000 *l.* This is the second Time that this House has undergone the same Fate within about 50 Years.

*April 30.* We are assured the French Army before Tournay is pushing on the Siege of that Place with the greatest Vigour; and 'tis thought, unless relieved by the Allies very soon, it will not be able to hold out long against them.

In the last great Council of War, held in the Presence of the Duke of Cumberland and Field Marshal Count de Konigsegg, it was resolved to open the Campaign with an Action of Eclat, and for that End the Army was ordered to encamp between Mons and Tournay, to cover the open Country, embarrass the Enemy, and if possible provoke them to a Battle.

The Court Marshal to try the Admirals is to be like a Court of Delegates, and is to consist of Peers, Commoners, Admirals, Judges, Civilians, and Serjeants at Law.

*Admiralty-Office, April 23.* This Day, in Pursuance of his Majesty's Pleasure, the following Promotions of Flag-Officers were made by the Lords of the Admiralty; *viz.*

Edward Vernon, Esq; to be Admiral of the White:  
James Stewart, Thomas Davers, and the Hon. George, Clinton; Esquires, to be Vice-Admirals of the Red:  
William Rowley, and William Martin, Esquires, to be Vice-Admirals of the White:  
Isaac Townshend, and Henry Medley, Esquires, to be Vice-Admirals of the Blue:

The Right Hon. the Lord Vere Beauclers, to be Rear-Admiral of the Red:

George Anson, Esq; to be Rear-Admiral of the White:

Perry Mayne, Esq; to be Rear-Admiral of the Blue.

*Extract of a Letter from an Officer of Distinction, dated at Ostend May 9, to an eminent Merchant of this City.*

'This Moment I have received Advice, that a general Engagement between the French and Allied Army will soon ensue, if the former will stand it. The French have now fix Bridges over the Scheld. The Inhabitants of Tournay have required the Governor to surrender, but he refused; and upon some Commotion, he fired upon their Town-House, and ordered Gibbets to be erected in the public Streets to keep 'em in Awe. The Garrison has made several Sallies upon the Besiegers with such Success, as to kill upwards of 1500 of them, there have been no less than 6000 French deserted, since they have lain before that Town.'

They write from Dover, that they had Advice from Ostend, that the French Army, on the Approach of the Allied Army, had thought proper to raise the Siege of Tournay, and were retired into a neighbouring Wood.

*May 4.* We hear the following is a List of the Lords of the Regency, appointed by his Majesty in Council, on Wednesday last, who are to transact the Affairs of this Kingdom during his Absence; *viz.*

Archbishop of Canterbury,	Duke of Newcastle,
Lord Chancellor,	Duke of Grafton,
Lord Gower,	Marquis of Twedale,
Duke of Dorset,	Earl of Chesterfield,
Duke of Devonshire,	Earl of Harrington,
Duke of Montague,	Earl of Stair,
Duke of Bedford,	Earl of Pembroke,
Duke of Richmond,	Earl of Bath,
Duke of Bolton,	Lord Cobham, and
Duke of Argyle,	Henry Pelham, Esq;

It is reported that an Account is come from Ostend, that the Allied Army had attempted to force the Trenches at Tournay, but were repulsed. It is said, that the Duke Gramont, and several other Officers, were killed in this Action; but we must suspend for some Time giving Credit to this Affair.

We have Advice that the Dover Privateer, of Dover, is arrived at Falmouth, with a Ship of about 400 Tons, belonging to Lubeck, having on board a large Quantity of Spanish Snuff.

The Jamaica Sloop, Capt. Jeffereys, cruising off Scarborough, engaged on Tuesday last 3 Privateers who bore down upon him, one of them a Dogger of 8 Carriage Guns, 12 Swivels, and 68 Men; another a Cutter of 4 Carriage Guns, and 58 Men: Capt. Jeffereys took the last, and brought her into the Humber; the others got away, and the Shallop would have done so too, had she not received a Shot between Wind and Water, and also had her main Mast Head carried away. She is called the 3 Brothers, Capt. Bachelier, and was built in October last. The Captain of the Shallop says, that he was in Company the Night before with 7 Privateers, of 20 Guns and 250 Men each, who were cruising between Flamborough and Cromer. The Shoreham and Gibraltar Men of War were preparing to go out in Quest of them.

*Dublin, April 2.* We have an authentic Account from Kinsale, that the Hon. Capt. Hamilton, Commander of the Augusta, sailed thence the 16th ult. on a Cruise, in Company with the Faulkland Man of War and Boscawen Privateer; on the 23d Capt. Hamilton took a Prize (not one in Company with him), which arrived the 27th, called the Chamblour, from St. Domingo, 250 Tons, 20 Guns, and 74 Men, Jaques Brasfon Master, laden with Sugar, Indigo, Cotton, &c. bound to Nantz. The Cargo is supposed to be worth 25000 *l.* exclusive three