

July 17. Letters from Bayonne of the 5th instant N. S. say, that they had advice a few days before, that the Brest fleet was at Ferrol, where the Spanish Squadron likewise lay; and that some cavalry were embarking on board the latter. On Saturday evening last the two armies in the Netherlands were so near each other, that a battle might very well have happened on Monday or Tuesday, if both sides were equally strong.

Letters from Brussels say, the Austrian troops, which were parison at Mons, have been conducted to Valenciennes; but that the Dutch are proceeding after their countrymen into the east of France.

According to the latest advices from Vienna, a plan had been generally received there from London and the Hague, relating to a general accommodation in Europe: But the empress having examined it in a general council held on the occasion, thought afterwards to declare, 'That how desirous soever she might be of a peace, she could not in this plan find the advantages which in Justice she had reason to hope for: That it would be necessary for her to obtain more considerable advantages of the crowns of France and Spain, if she would enter into a separate negotiation with either of them, they having already signified that they would do on such an occasion; but that being firmly and invariably resolved to enter into no negotiation of what kind soever, to the exclusion of her allies, she persists in exhorting her faithful allies to concur with her in those vigorous measures which ought to result from their mutual constancy, and the harmony of their resolutions.'

It is said his Royal highness the duke of Cumberland will certainly be in town this week, and will set out for Flanders in a few days after he arrives; his servants, baggage, and kitchen-mixture, being ordered on board to-morrow.

This week admiral Lestock will set out for Portsmouth, and will have his flag on board the St. George man-of-war there.

July 19. If there be any thing in a suspension of arms in the Netherlands (as it was currently reported yesterday), at the option, perhaps, when the Allies have an opportunity of using it to advantage, this certainly is the master-stroke of all the Dutch mediation.

By the last advices from Hamburg we are assured that the result of a very great consequence is transacted at the courts of Copenhagen and Berlin, vast remittances have lately been made thither (they do not say from what service) and they likewise mention some consideration into Poland, the effects of which may very probably be manifestly manifested after the meeting together of a new and great assembly in that kingdom.

The marshal duke de Noailles, who was to have set out for the king of Sardinia's head quarters, with full powers from the most Christian and Catholic majesties to conclude a peace on what terms he thought reasonable, being retarded by the king of Spain's Death; it is believed all his long negotiation at Madrid, from whence the French promised themselves so much, is likely to vanish into smoke, which will give great blow to the French affairs.

This day at noon, Mr. Murray, the pretender's son's secretary, was brought to town, and committed prisoner to the Tower.

Lord Lovat is on the road, and will be here in two or three days.

Early this morning vice admiral Lestock set out for Portsmouth, to take upon him the command of the fleet in the room of Commodore Cotes, designed for the secret expedition.

We are assured, that the queen dowager of Spain, since the death of the king, has shut herself up in a convent.

Admiral Anson's appointed vice-admiral of the Blue Squadron, and is to have the command of the fleet, in the channel service, in the room of admiral Martin, who has resigned.

Commodore Gascoyne is appointed rear-admiral of the Blue Squadron, and will very soon sail with admiral Lestock to Jamaica.

Newcastle, July 8. Yesterday an officer from Fort Augustus went through this town for London, who brings advice, that a spy was lately taken in the duke's camp, and ordered to be hang'd; who earnestly requested to speak with the duke, which was granted: On which he told his highness, he could make a discovery of the utmost importance, if he would give him his life; and if it should fail, they might do what they pleas'd with him. This the duke readily comply'd with, and the spy immediately told him where the young pretender and the principal of his chiefs were lurking; a detachment of foot, a party of Kingston's light horse, and the spy, were dispatched directly in quest of them, but were not return'd when the above officer came away.

Fort-Augustus, June 17. On Sunday in the forenoon, lord Lovat was brought hither in a horse-litter, with about 50 rebels more; among whom is Hugh Frazer, his secretary, his footman, his cook, and a pretty young girl, besides four Englishmen from Lancaster.

Newcastle, June 28. By a letter from Fort-Augustus we are inform'd, that lord Lovat was taken by a captain of a man of war, in the trunk of a tree; where his lordship had the mortification of living 12 days on oatmeal and water only, with 5 or 600 guineas in his pockets. Three other lords, one of them laird of the island of Bara, were taken along with him.

B O S T O N , August 19.

Last Thursday a Man belonging to the Chester Man of War now lying in our Harbour, being on one of the Masts, fell from the same, broke several of his Bones, and died the next Morning: We are also inform'd, that some Days before, while the said Ship was on her late Cruise, one of the Carpenters Mates went down to look after the Well of the Ship, and looking into or about the same, fell in, and is supposed was suffocated in a Moment; upon which another went down to know what became of him, but was also himself suffocated and dy'd immediately, in great Concern for the poor Men, one of the Midshipmen ventur'd down, but first fill'd both his Nostrils with Tobacco, but as soon as he was down, gave a Sign to be drawn up again, which was immediately done, and was near expiring, but proper Means being used, he recover'd; in this Confirmation, another Man went down, and 'tis thought dy'd immediately; all this happen'd within two or three Minutes.

N E W - T O R - K , September 15.

Friday last arrived here, in six weeks, from Torbay in England, the ship Oswego, Capt. John Waddel, who came out from thence in company with a fleet bound to Gibraltar, under convoy of the Chatham man of war. The ships bound to New-England were to sail with the Cape-Breton convoy.

The Cape-Breton fleet had attempted to sail the latter end of June, with whom Capt. Waddel was also coming; but oblig'd to put back to St. Helen's the same day by contrary winds; soon after which orders came down for all the soldiers on board to disembark, in order to march directly for the island; but four days after came down counter-orders for them all speedily to re-embark again, together with an additional number of forces, and to remain themselves in readiness to sail the first fair wind. Admiral Lestock was appointed to take the command of them, and Capt. Waddel believes they all sailed from St. Helen's the same day as he did from Torbay, as the wind was then fair.