

MARYLAND GAZETTE.

Containing the freshest Advices Foreign and Domestic.

TUESDAY, November 18, 1746.

Camp at VILER, August 6, N. S.

THE French having form'd a design to carry a post which we have at St. Andre, and for that purpose made a detachment the day before yesterday from their army, consisting of most of the Hussars and Grassins, supported by a body of foot and dragoons, with cannon, the whole amounting to 7000 men; the generals Baronai and Trips, who had notice thereof, came up with them upon a little plain near Perreux, and attacked them.

The French Hussars and Irregulars in front were immediately dispersed or cut to pieces, and their colonel Senze, the lieutenant major, and several inferior officers taken prisoners. The dragoons kept their ground for some time, but were at last obliged to give way. The infantry, which was drawn up behind the dragoons, in a square, with cannon, maintained their ground; but our men received a reinforcement of some Pandours, and three free companies, which entirely broke and routed them. Upon this occasion we have taken 15 or 16 French officers, and made 400 private men prisoners. Most of the officers are wounded. Yesterday several detachments from our army took possession of the wood of Petit Lez, and routed a body of 100 French horse between that wood and Gemblours. The enemy have advanced three brigades upon our left flank near Bohiers, and are erecting batteries there. Our artillery, stores, and baggage, are arrived.

August 8. Yesterday the enemy removed 2000 paces backwards, passed the Sambre with a considerable corps, and appeared at St. Girard.

Hogues, Aug. 12. We hear from Brussels, that on Monday 11;5 carriages full of wounded men were conducted thither to the French army.

Camp of the Allies at Viler, Aug. 13. Skirmishes still continue, particularly in the wood on our right; but the enemy have been so roughly treated, that they do not return upon us so often as they did. Our Hussars are continually bringing to the quarters prisoners and booty. The left of our army winds the village of Spy, and Frangepani's Hussars, with the battalions from Namur, encamp on the flank of this wing, which is covered by two small redoubts, and a large battery erected on an eminence, which commands the right wing of the enemy. Our right is covered by general Trips, who is posted at Lieroux, general Baronjay at Asche, and the count de Daun at Germain. The corps de reserve encamp between the village of St. Dennis and the center of the army.

Paris, August 8. The brother of the young pretender is remaining hither from the castle of Navarre. The court appears extremely satisfied with the News that it has received from Paris, particularly since the arrival of a courier from the bishop of Rennes, who brings advice; that king Ferdinand had assured him in the most positive manner, that he would agree to no terms of peace, but in concert with his majesty.

Madrid, July 25. The king, who is very assiduous, employs two hours every morning and evening with his ministers, and as his majesty is desirous of seeing every thing with his own eyes, he intends to appoint one day in each week to give public audience, and to fix a box in some part of the palace, which will have communication with the king's apartment, into which any one that pleases may have free liberty to put their complaints or representations against any of the ministers of state. The king only is to see those writings, to which his majesty will do suitable and speedy justice, so soon as he shall be informed of the truth of those complaints. We already begin to feel the happy effects which the public promises itself from the present reign; the king has taken off the tax upon spirituous liquors, and given liberty to all persons to sell them, and act therein as they shall think fit. It is likewise said, that an ordinance will be published, to take off one half of the duties upon goods and merchandize imported into this city. His majesty has directed the treasurer-general to pay off and clear all arrears of salary due to his servants and those of the queen. A million of piasters will be forthwith sent into Italy, to pay the troops there; and 'tis thought that orders will be dispatched at the same time for them to prepare to return home. According to the last advices received from Carthegena, the armament carrying on there is suspended 'til further orders, but not discharged. There are now actually in that port 12 sail of men of war from 60 to 80 guns, and 5 frigates from 24 to 54 guns. Two of the men of war, of 80 guns each, are unfit for service. The king has established two councils, one of which is to have the management of foreign affairs, the other that of the domestic ones. His majesty has likewise resolved to abolish the superfluous expences of his family, and has begun with the tables of his court, which he has reduced in number from five to two.

LONDON.

August 5. On Saturday the Heads of Francis Townley and George Fletcher, the former Colonel (as he was called) of the Manchester Regiment, and the latter a Captain in the same, were affixed on two Poles on Temple-bar by the common Hangman, pursuant to an Order from his Grace the Duke of Newcastle.

The Heads of Chadwick, Barwick, Deacon, and Syddall, were yesterday carried down to Manchester and Carlisle, to be affixed on Places most proper for the Purpose.

Extract of a Letter from Chester, August 2.

"On Wednesday last were brought from Stafford Goal, to our Castle, seven robust sturdy Rebels in a Cart, guarded by 12 of Wade's Horse. Their Behaviour has been so rude and undaunted, that it has been thought proper to double iron them. One of them named Hamilton, a Scotch Horse Pedlar, is well known in almost every great Town and Family in the Northern Counties of England. On Friday they, with between 50 and 60 other Rebel Prisoners, were carried from hence in Waggon, guarded by a strong Party of Wade's Horse, on their Way to York, there to take their Trials."