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VIENNA, April 24. O. S.

ER Imperial Majesty has safely been delivered at Schönbrunn an Arch Duke, who was baptized by the Pope's Nuncio by the Names of *Peter, Leopold, Joseph, John, Anthony, Joachim, Pius, Gerhard*, and it is impossible to express the Joy that has been shewn on that Occasion. The Czarina is Godmother, and Prince Charles of Lorraine assisted at the Ceremony in her Czarian Majesty's stead.

Bergen op-zoom, May 5. His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland, whose Quarters were at Weilmalen, ten Miles from Antwerp, is to make a Motion as this Day, and we expect very soon the important News of his investing the Citadel of Antwerp; for it is certain, that the French have taken Measures for evacuating the Town, and leaving a Garrison of 5000 Men in that Fort, Marshal Count Saxe being unwilling to discover the Weakness of his Forces by assembling his Army, the greatest Part of which still remains in Quarters of Cantonment.

Hague, May 8. By authentick Letters from Middlebourg of the 5th we learn, that that Day an Express had passed by there from his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland, to Commodore Mitchell, who had positively assured several Deputies of the Province of Zealand, that his Royal Highness had caused a large Detachment of the Army to pass the Scheld over Pontoons, in order to go to the Assistance of Hullt.

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant General de la Roque, sent from him by Express to the Council of State, dated at Hulst the 4th of this Month.

High and Mighty Lords,

The French attacked Yesterday the Out Posts of Sandberg with great fury. The Troops employed in that Service were in Armour. They defied by the Dyke of Kieldrecht, and Part of them were embarked on board of some Vessels. Those Troops immediately seized on one of our Batteries, and instantly made their Way as far as the sluice, on the other side of Sandberg; but the Regiments of Saxe-Gotha, Villettes, and Thierry, coming to their speedy Assistance, the French were at length repulsed, after an Engagement of three Hours, during which time the advanced Posts were taken and retaken three Times. The Bayonets were of great Service to us on this Occasion, as appears by the Number of Prisoners taken. It is inconceivable that the French should undertake so hazardous an Enterprize, considering the Ground is so marshy. They were greatly favoured by their Batteries and Mortars, which made a continual firing 'til the Attack began, which, together with the Darkness of the Night, prevented our being acquainted with their Design.

As soon as the Attack began, I caused major General Fuller to advance with the three English Regiments under his Command, but the Action was happily over when they arrived; the great Distance between the two Camps of Sandberg and Stoppeleydyke, and the darkness of the Night, having prevented their coming sooner. One of these three Regiments remains near Sandberg, and the two others are returned to their former Posts. I have the Honour to be, &c.

P. DE LA ROQUE.

LONDON, April 25.

Yesterday an Express arrived from admiral Medley, by the Way of Holland, giving an account of his having taken a whole Spanish Battalion, with all the officers belonging to it, in its passage from Antibes to Genoa; the Spanish Battalions are of 700, and generally compleat; besides which, he mentions other Transports taken with 300 French soldiers on board. A very welcome piece of News, which may certainly be depended upon.

By Yesterday's Dutch Mail there is an account, that an Express was gone from the Hague to his Prussian Majesty, to do

fire the 26000 Prussians which his Majesty is by the Treaty to furnish, if the States are attacked by the French.

It is said that the Rulers of Amsterdam, and some other Provinces, when they were told that the Republic would soon become a new Acquisition of French Power, usually replied, *What then? Do not the People of France eat? Have they not the Necessaries of Life, as well as other Nations? We do but live now, and doubtless we shall live then.*

Extract of a Letter from a Person of great Credit at the Hague, May 5.

"There is no body throughout the Seven United Provinces, from the Burgomaster to the Coffer, who does not wear an Orange-colour'd Cockade in his Hat, and some of them contain three or four Ells of Ribbon; what is most remarkable, and which looks pretty enough, is, that even the Ministers, Priests and Nuns, have upon the Left Side a little Rofe of the same Colour, about the size of a Crown Piece. The Prince Stadtholder is still at Leuwarden, where he expects the Deputies of Zealand, who set out Yesterday from Amsterdam in a Yacht. His Serene Highness will, it's said, pass through Deventer, where he will be install'd; he will then go to Utrecht, where the same Ceremony will be performed; and from thence he will go into Zealand, and then to the Hague, where he will find his Instructions ready. The Magistrates of the large Cities with great Difficulty were brought to consent to the Election of the Prince of Orange, and would certainly never have done it, had they not been apprehensive of the Fury of the Populace. It was the Princess of Orange who first acquainted the Prince her Consort with his Election in Zealand. His serene Highness was so struck with it, that it was some Time before he made any Answer at all. Presently afterwards, a flattering Courier said, *Now your Serene Highness may be revenged of your Enemies.* To which the Prince answer'd, *Sir, I am sure I have no greater than those who should give me such Council.* Not long after this, a Minister came to congratulate him, to whom he said, *Since the Nation has made me Stadtholder, it is your Duty to pray God to give me Abilities to fulfil the Functions of it as worthily as my Predecessors have done.*"

"The last Letters from Paris import, That upon their coming away, a Courier was arriv'd there from the Low Countries, and was going with all Diligence to inform the King, that the Inhabitants of Zealand had risen, and elected the Prince of Orange Stadtholder. This News has so greatly surprized every Body here, that all run to the Dutch Ambassador's to learn the Truth of it. People are the more surprized at this Event, as the Court had permitted the Declaration of the 13th of April to be publish'd, and that nothing therein appeared contrary to the Friendship and Protection which his Majesty has always given to the States General, and even to the lowest of the subjects."

May 7. Letters from Berlin say, that the King of Prussia has given Orders to 30,000 of his Troops to hold themselves in Readiness to march to the Assistance of Holland.

Extract of a Letter from an Officer of one of his Majesty's Ships employed on the Coast of Flanders, dated the 5th Instant at Flushing.

"It was entirely owing to Force that the Prince of Orange was chosen Stadtholder; for most of the principal Men were in the French Interest, and the Neutrality would certainly been sign'd, had we not arrived in Time to prevent it. This I have the greatest Reason to believe, because they have shamefully given up their Towns, and particularly Hullt, notwithstanding all the Governor's Pretences, and the loss of so many of our brave Fellows of the Royal Scotch Regiment, who were carried like Sheep to slaughter; and no Men ever behaved better, and would have maintained their Ground, if they had not been sold; for I was there the day after the attack, and all our Troops were in the highest Spirits, but I saw plainly it would be given up. Capt. Ferguson of the Nightingale, was ordered by