

THE MARYLAND GAZETTE

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H A G U E, May 10. O. S.

WHEN the Prince of Orange was introduced the 4th to the Council of State by Count Beutuck, this Lord made the following Speech.

Noble and Mighty Lords,

It was pleased the Divine Providence to direct Events in such a Manner, that his Serene Highness the Prince of Orange and Nassau has been raised to the eminent Dignity of Stadtholder, Captain General and Admiral of the Union. It is in this Quality, Noble and Mighty Lords, and by Order of their High Mightinesses, that we have the Honour of introducing this Prince among you, conformable to the fundamental Laws of this State, and to the instruction of this Council. We hope that the Re-establishment of the ancient Form of Government, will likewise re-establish Concord in the Republic, and will cause Deliberation to be brought sooner than heretofore to Maturity, will give necessary Activity to the Result of such Deliberations, and will occasion a wise Distribution of Punishments and Rewards, without which a Government cannot subsist.

It is by this means, and by the Conduct of the Princes of Orange, that our Country has raised itself to this high Pitch of Felicity and Grandeur, from the low and contemptible Ebb to which it was reduced, even to have neither Force nor Direction, and to be the Derision of its Enemies, and an *Uxoris* Burthen to its Friends. We doubt not but the Prince, which we have the Honour of presenting to you, will tread in the Steps of his glorious Ancestors, and will heartily concur with us in delivering the Republic, partly invaded, and in preserving us from the Yoke of a treacherous and deceitful Neighbour, who makes a *Jest* of good Faith, Honour, and the most solemn Treaties. We are persuaded, that the happy Effects will fully answer the Expectation of the whole Nation, and will justify the universal Affection which the People have shewn this Prince; an Affection which can never be effaced by Time, nor rooted up by Art. The eminent Qualities of his Serene Highness are certain Indications of the Excellence of a choice, the most unanimous that a People ever made, and of which History can't furnish us with an Example. We entreat you to render to his Serene Highness the Honours due to his Rank and Dignity, and we pray God to bless your Deliberations, and direct them for the certain Welfare of our dear Country, and for the Preservation of our Republic and Liberties, &c.

Hague, May 10. O. S. By the Blossoms of the Stadtholdership we may judge of the Fruit it is like to produce: Ships fitted without previous Notice; Seamen invited into the Service by the Offer of high Wages; an Army assembled in an Instant in Zealand; an Augmentation of 30,000 Men, and the peremptory Recall of M. Van Hoey from Versailles, afford a fair Prospect of a warm Summer, in which Oranges prosper best.

May 15. We have this Moment received an Account, that a Detachment of 3000 Men from the Allied Army, have taken Possession of the Causeway of Mechlin, whence we apprehend, that their Design is to attack the French without Delay. Marshal Saxe went to Antwerp on the 13th, and, accompanied by Count Lowendahl, and the rest of the General Officers, took a View of the new Works. We begin to be very sensible of a great Change in our Affairs; 7000 Hessians that have been lately taken into our Pay, will speedily join the Allied Army; the Troops of the Bishop of Bamberg and Wurtzbourg are in full March for the same Purpose; and his Serene Highness, our Stadtholder, has sent Orders for raising several Thousand Men in his German Dominions.

Milan, May 5, O. S. Whilst we are employed in removing the Obstructions that hinder the Reduction of Genoa, the Enemy are not less embarrassed in their Expedition against St Marguerite, Admiral Byng having cast Anchor before it

with eleven Men of War; so that he not only covers that Island and St. Honorat, but also blocks up in the Gulph of Napoule the Gallies and armed Vessels which the Enemy sent from Moulon and Maifeilles. The Commandant of the Fort of St. Marguerite says, in his last Letter, that the English Admiral was preparing to set Fire to the French fleet.

RUSSIA and the North. (Gent. Mag. for May 1747.)

Notwithstanding the repeated assurances from *Petersburgh* of 30,000 *Russians* marching to the assistance of the allies, we are now told, that to put them in motion a subsidy of 300,000 l. is demanded, and must be paid. The *Dutch* Ministers at the Courts of *Stockholm* and *Berlin* have made instances for success according to ancient stipulations, to admit the republic when its territories should be invaded. The king of *Sweden* must consent the yet be ore he can give an effectual answer, and it is related at *Paris*, that his *Russian* majesty made the following:— 'I knew that things would come to this pass but I am surprized that the States General have gone away years in deliberating how to suffer their country to be taken by assault, and now to a sudden demand such courses of me on the defense of it. I did not expect this. I am sorry for their being put into so great a fright, but it is by no means a proper reason to require succours from me. I must now deliberate in my turn, and must consult my friends and allies, before doing a thing of such importance, which may possibly give some of them offence.'

L O N D O N, May 4.

The *Hesper*, a very rich Register ship, which has been said to be some time ago safely arrived in Spain, is actually at *Verme*. She sailed from *Lima* on the 13th of August, and was on board her 100 registered Effects; 177,520 *Pittols* in Gold, to the amount of 1936 in wrought Plate of the same Metal, 1,642,940 Pieces of Eight in specie, 2545 Marks of silver Plate, 817 Quintals of fine Copper, 7214 Chests of Cocoa, 187 Boxes of Balam of Peru, 1130 l. of Quinquina, 300 l. of Virginia Wool. She was so leaky when she came into Port, that she could hardly swim, and had but 30 found Men on board.

A further Account of the taking of the French Fleet.
Namur de Sea, May 10.

S I R,
WE left *Plymouth* on the 9th of April, under the command of admiral Anson and admiral Warren, and cruised off *Ushant* and *Brest* till the 20th, and then stood to the *S. W.* in order to make *Cape Finister*; and the 25th we haulked jund us, and brought an account that two days since they saw about 40 sail of ships in *St. Marti's*, with their topails loose: Heavens! our very diligent admiral made the signal for the line of battle ahead, at two miles distance; which spied the sea, and gave us great hopes of seeing something within 20 leagues; having in company 18 ships of the line, besides brethren and frigates, which were mostly employ'd as scouts, for Intelligence.

One of these scouts came into the fleet at 7 o'clock in the morning (on Sunday the 3d of May) with a signal to speak with the admiral, having seen and been chased by part of the above-mentioned 40 ships, the evening before; where our admiral made the signal for the line, as usual.

I now come to see the French fleet, and it happen'd to be the *Namur's* lot; for, as our line was formed on the starboard tack, and we being the oiliest captain, lead on it, so of consequence was the headmost ship of our Squadron, which was now reduced to 13 sail of the line, 1 sloop, 1 sloop, and 1 fireship, some of which are cruising. At half an hour after 8, we made a signal for seeing a strange fleet to leeward; immediately the admiral haulked down the signal for the line of battle, and made the signal for the whole fleet to chase. At noon we came near the enemy, laying to in a line of battle ahead,