

gistrates have been sent to Prison. This Town is to be evacuated before the End of this Month; and the Palatine Troops, that are to enter in Garrison here, are ready to march from Juliers and Duren on the first Notice.

*Cologne, December 17.* It is probable the Garrison the French have had here ever since April 1757, will soon quit this Town, as the Commandant has delivered the Keys of the City to the Burgher Masters; also the Posts on the Ramparts, and the Artillery they had taken out of our Arsenal.

A Reform has already been made in the Corps commanded by M. de Conflans, quartered in the Duchy of Juliers, of 20 Men per Company; which has made Travelling very dangerous.

*Liege, December 18.* Four Battalions of French Militia passed this Place the 15th, in their Return to France. Yesterday the Privy-Council received, from the Court of Brussels, requisitorial Letters for the Passage of six Divisions of Austrian Troops coming from the Low Countries. The Number of Men in each Division is not specified; but it is said each Division has fourteen Carts with Baggage. They were to begin their March the 15th; and it is expected they will arrive on our Territories To-Day.

We have in the Fauxbourgs, and in the neighbouring Towns and Villages of this City, four Squadrons of Dauphin Cavalry, and four of Chap's Dragoons. Roial Piedmont is at Huy, but receive their Forage from hence; and as soon as these twelve Squadrons have consumed the Magazines the French have in this State, they are to continue their March to France.

*Hague, December 21.* We hear from Madrid, that the King of Spain has granted a yearly Pension of Ten Thousand Livres to the Widow of Don Velasco, who so bravely defended the Moro Fort at the Havannah; and has given his Son a Title of Nobility in Castile, which he is to bear by the Name of the Marquis of Fort Moro. His Catholick Majesty has likewise given Directions, that there should be always, for the Future, one Ship in his Royal Navy, of the Name of Velasco.

By the Accounts received here from the Empire, the Prussian Detachments were returning into Saxony with the Contributions which they had raised during their late Expedition.

*Beaufort House, December 21.*

This Day Baron Wittorf, Envoy Extraordinary from the Landgrave of Hesse, had a private Audience of his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland.

To which he was introduced by Stephen Cottrell, Esq; Assistant Master of the Ceremonies.

*Admiralty Office, December 24.*

Vice Admiral Sir Charles Saunders gives an Account, in his Letter of the 9th of last Month, from Gibraltar, that the Day before arrived at that Port, His Majesty's Ship the Brune, commanded by Capt. Tonyn, with the Oiseau, a French Frigate of 26 Guns, and about 240 Men, which he fell in with and took the 23d of October, about seven Leagues N. W. by W. from Carthage. The Brune had six Men killed, and 14 wounded, in the Engagement; and there were 40 killed and wounded on Board the Oiseau. The Chevalier de Modone, her Captain, lost his right Arm: Three of his Officers are wounded, and all the rest of them killed.

*St. James's, December 16, 1762.*

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that Mr. William Cheyney, an Inhabitant of the Town of Hungerford, in the County of Berks, upwards of Seventy Years of Age, and his Wife, were, on Saturday the 11th Instant, between Seven and Eight o'Clock in the Evening, (as is collected from Circumstances) when their Maid, an only Servant, was at a Neighbour's House, murdered in their own Dwelling House in the Town of Hungerford aforesaid: The said William Cheyney having been found, the next Morning, sitting

in an Arm-Chair, in the Parlour, with his Head reclined, and dead, with a large Wound on the back Part of his Head, which seemed to have been made with an Axe, Cleaver, or some such Instrument, and his said Wife lying on the Floor, groveling in her Blood, with a large Fracture in her Skull, which was much depressed upon the Brain, a little above the Temple, and who had her Nose almost cut off, and her Face mangled in a most ghastly Manner, of which Wounds she died the next Day, being the 13th, in the Afternoon: That, in the several Rooms of the said House, every Thing was found in Confusion, Bureaus, Drawers, &c. opened, and what was in them scattered about, though it did not appear that any Thing, except Money, (the Quantity of which was not known) and two Watches, one of Gold, the other of Silver, had been taken away; the latter of which Watches had this remarkable in it, that it showed, on the Dial Plate, the Day of the Month: His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the said horrid and barbarous Murders, and in the said robbery, is, hereby, pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of them, (except the Person, or Persons, who actually committed both, or either of the said Murders) who shall discover his, or her, Accomplice, or Accomplices, in the said Crimes, so that he, she, or they, may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

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And, as a further Encouragement, the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, raised by voluntary Contribution, is, hereby, promised, as a Reward, to any Person or Persons, making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as above excepted) to be paid on the Conviction of any one or more of the Criminals, by the Reverend Mr. Thomas Baker, Minister of the Parish of Hungerford, in the County of Berks aforesaid.

Thomas Baker.

General Post-Office, December 14, 1762.

The Correspondence being now open between Dover and Calais, and between Dover and Ostend; the Mails for France will continue to be dispatched from this Office every Monday and Thursday; and for Flanders every Tuesday and Friday, as formerly: And no Passports, for the Future, will be required of Persons either going or coming, in any of His Majesty's Pack'd Boats whatsoever.

By Command of the Post-Master General,  
Anthony Todd, Secretary.

Navy Office, December 10, 1762.

The Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury having appointed Money for paying Half Pay to Sea Officers from the 1st of January to the 30th of June 1762, according to His Majesty's Establishment on that Behalf; These are to give Notice, that the said Payment will begin to be made at the Treasurer of the Navy's Office in Broad Street, on Tuesday the 28th Instant, at Ten o'Clock in the Morning, and continued the following Day, beginning at the same Hour, (after which the Lists will be recalled once a Month) that all Persons may then and there attend to receive what may become payable unto them, and not only bring with them the Affidavit required touching their not having enjoyed the Benefit of any publick Employment, either at Sea or on Shore, during the Time they are to be paid their Half Pay, but also produce Certificates that they have subscribed to the Test, and taken the Oaths required by Act of Parliament to His present Majesty; and in Case any of the said Sea Officers shall not be able to attend themselves to receive their Money, but employ Attorneys for that Purpose, that the said Attorneys may produce the like Certificates and Affidavits from the Persons they are employed by.

Navy Office, December 23, 1762.

The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice, that on Thursday next the 30th Instant, at Eleven o'Clock in the Morning, they will expose to sale at this Office, the Hulls of His Majesty's Fire Ships Lightning, at Woolwich, and Salamander, at Deptford, with sundry Stores on board them: Printed Inventories whereof will be delivered at the Clerk of