

weather will but favor them; and in the mean time no care is wanting on the part of his Excellency to provide against it, and to that end we are told that several reinforcements and redoubts have been raised along the *Schelde* to prevent their passing that River. From *Strasburg* they write, that the ruines and devastations occasioned by the march and countermarch of the Armies in those parts this last Summer has almost begot a famine there, the ordinary sort of people wanting wherewithal to subsist. Yesterday a Dutch Man and his Wife were condemned to be boyled in Oyl for coyning of false money, which sentence is to be executed on them to morrow.

Ditto, Dec. 20. Orders have been given out by his Excellency for the mustering all our Troops, and the Commissaries appointed for that purpose are gone into the several Provinces to execute the same, after which the work of recruiting the old Regiments will be forthwith taken in hand; and we are told that his Excellency has already given out Commissions for the levying of 30 Troops of Horse, which are to be put into the Regiments of Horse. A Plot hath it seems been lately discovered at *Huy*, for the delivering up of that place, and the contrivers thereof were yesterday executed there. The weather hinders the French from attempting any thing upon the Countrey of *Waes*.

Ditto, Decemb. 24. The Moneys which have been lately remitted hither from *Spain*, will extremely quicken the preparations that are intended against Spring. The Letters from *Madrid* gave us an account of the death of the Marquis *del Castel Rodrigo*, and that the Count de *Monterey*, formerly Governor of these Provinces, had left the Court in some dissatisfaction. The Marquis *d'Offera* who at present commands in *Flanders*, is not wanting in his endeavors to put that Province into a posture of defence, for we have still reason to fear that the French have an eye upon it. We have advice here that the Emperor has given orders for the recruiting all his Regiments of Foot to 2400 Men, and those of Horse to 880, according to which, the Imperial Army will, together with the *Lorraine* Troops, but without those of the *Circles*, consist in 50476 Men.

Hague, Decemb. 20. The 16 instant was opened the last Will and Testament of the late Princess Dowager of *Orange*, in the presence of his Highness the Prince of *Orange*, the Prince of *Nassau* Stadtholder of *Friesland*, the Princess his Mother, the Princesses of *Anhalt* and *Simmern*, &c. By the said Will we are told her Highness hath given to the Prince of *Orange* the Barony of *Thunhout* in *Brabant*, and the Lordship of *Sevenbergen* (reserving Six hundred thousand Livres to be raised out of the Revenues thereof, and to be paid according as is disposed of in the said Will) with several Jewels of great value. The Enterment of the said Princess will be performed within few days; and the proceeding as we are informed, will be in this manner, The Corps will be placed in a Coach or Chariot, covered with black Velvet, drawn by 8 Horses, likewise covered with black Velvet, which will be followed with 30 Coaches in mourning, drawn by 6, 4, and 2 Horses each; in which are to be his Highness, the Heer Stadtholder, the Counts of *Solms* and *Nassau*, of *Bredersode Mampelian*, and other Persons of Quality, with the Domestiques of the Defunct, none of the Colledges being to assist thereat; In this manner they will set out from hence about 4 in the evening, attended with a great number of Flambeaux, and the Guards of his Highness, as well Horse as Foot preceding, in order to their arrival about 8 at *Delfe*,

where the Corps is to be Entered in the great Church among the Princes of *Orange* that lie buried there.

Ditto. The two Regiments of Foot which we told you in our last were ordered to march towards *Treves*, are to be followed by two Regiments of Horse, which are to be quartered in the Diocess of *Treves*, to prevent the incursions of the French, who are endeavouring to set it under Contribution, The 18 instant, the young Prince, Stadtholder of *Friesland*, was introduced into the Council of State, where he will constantly assist for the future, when here. *Wismar* still defends it self, having of late made frequent sallies, and on the other side, the Danes remain resolved not to stir till they are Masters of the place.

Paris, Decemb. 28. The 26 instant the Sieur *Colbert*, and the Count *d'Avaux* our Plenipotentiaries for the Treaty at *Nimeguin* parted hence on their journey thither, according to the pressing orders they had received from his Majesty; the Duke de *Vivry*, who begins to recover his health, will likewise begin his journey thither very suddenly, most of his Train being already departed from hence. The 20 dyed here *Messire Gabriel de Rochechouart*, Duke de *Mortemar*, &c. Governor of this City, after a long sickness; and the 16 of this Month likewise dyed the old Marechal de la *Force* at his Castle of *la Force*. From *Thoulon* of the 17 instant they write, that the day before sailed from thence 20 Men of War designed for *Messina*, From *Brisac* of the 20 instant they tell us, that the Sieur de *Manclar* had drawn together out of the several Garisons a good body of Horse and Foot, who were to pass the *Rhine*, and enter into *Brisgovia*, to straighten the Imperial Garisons there, and to set that whole Countrey under Contribution.

Deale, Decemb. 19. We have had very tempestuous weather of late, but God be thanked the ships in the Downs have rid it out without any considerable damage.

Bristol, Decemb. 18. On Tuesday last was cast away within three Leagues of this Port, the ship called the *Post Marant Merchant*, which came from *Famlica*, the Captain, Master, and other of the Mariners to the number of 14 being drowned.

Falmouth, Decemb. 16. Here are in Town several French Seamen, who were taken about eight days past by an *Ostend* Privateer of ten Guns, in the ship called the *Starre of Haure de Grace*, of about 70 Tuns, laden with Linnen Cloth, and other Goods, bound from *Rovan* to *Dublin*, and were set ashore near the Landsend. On Monday last was cast away on the *Lizard* a ship belonging to *London*, of about 100 Tuns, laden from *Bourdeaux*, all the Men being saved except one. We are told of 3 or 4 others that have been cast away upon the North Coast near *Padstow*. The 14 arrived here the *Fane* of this place from *Allicant*, from whence she came in company of five more, but was separated from them about 20 Leagues to the Westward of *Scilly*, the Wind at S. W. so that it's supposed they are gone safe up the Channel.

Advertisements.

S Tolen or strayed the 29 of Novemb. last, out of the Grounds belonging to *Bayhall* in the Parish of *Pembury* near *Tonbridge wells* in the County of *Kent*, Sixteen Ewe Sheep, eleven whereof were marked on the near side with I. O. three more with O. on the Ramp; and two more with C. A. on the the near side: Whosoever gives notice of them to *Charles Ambist Esq;* at *Bayhall* aforesaid, or to Mrs. *Dorothy Amberst* at *Sir John Hives* Recorder of *London*, in *Baldwins Gardens*, shall be well rewarded.

L ost out of *Pater-Noster-Row*, on Friday Decemb. 17. a Pied Dog, light Otter colour, and somewhat sharp like a Lurcher, sharp Nosed, his Tail cut close, and his Ears cropt. Whoever shall give notice of him at *Mr. Hayes* his Coffee-house in the same Row, shall have to s. Reward.