

killed in the scuffle. And from *Lipsstadt* we are told, that there had been a very sharp rencounter between the Boats of the Neighborhood, and several Troops of Lunsenburg H. S., that would have taken their quarters among them; which a great many were killed on both sides, but the latter were forced to retire.

Nimeguen, Decemb. 30. Several houses have been hired, and are now preparing for the Reception of the Ambassadors that are to meet here, so that it is hoped the Congress may be formed by the middle of the next Month.

Rotterdam, Jan. 2. Yesterday about four in the evening arrived here Sir *Leoline Jenkins*, one of His Majesty of Great Britains Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiaries for the Treaty of Peace, to be held at *Nimeguen*, in the *Charles* Yacht, having up the River received the salutes and respects as well of the Fort at the *Brick* as of the Men of War that were at Anchor not far from thence; our Magistrates having notice of his Excellencies arrival, went immediately to compliment him, and this morning his Excellency being come ashore, conducted him in several Coaches to the *Delft Port*, where a Yacht was provided to carry his Excellency and his Train to the *Hague*.

Hague, Decemb. 31. We are told that this State upon the inclination the Government of *Algiers* seemed to have to conclude a Peace with it, ordered four Men of War of Lieutenant-Admiral *de Ruyters* Squadron to call in there, having on board a Minister, who was to negotiate the same; but we since we understand, by Letters from *Algiers*, that those people will by no means be disposed to a Peace, and that all the said Dutch Minister could obtain was to redeem what slaves he could of this Nation. The Letters of *Hamburg* tell us, that the 23 instant, was finally appointed for the making the general Assault upon *Wismar*, the success whereof will it is believed one way or another put an end to that Siege. It is said this State has resolved to erect Magazines in several places in *Flanders* against the next Campaign, to prevent those many inconveniences which the Army suffered this last Summer for want thereof.

Ditto, Jan. 3. Yesterday we received the news of the taking of *Wismar*, which occasions so much the more joy here, for that the Letters we had the Post before from those parts gave us great cause to fear that the King would have been obliged to quit the Siege, his Soldiers not being longer able to resist the rigors of the season, and this, it seems, was the reason that his Majesty would not longer delay the general Assault, though all things that were at first intended in order thereunto were not yet ready. The Danish Minister here tells us, that they lost about 7 or 800 Men in the Assault, but they reckon the advantage and the honor the King has got in the making himself Master of that place will more than compensate the loss he has sustained. The States have finally ordered that their Ambassadors shall part hence within eight days at farthest, on their way to *Nimeguen*. Yesterday Sir *Leoline Jenkins*, one of the Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiaries of His Majesty of Great Britain for the said Treaty arrived here incognito: It is said he will together with his Colleague Sir *William Temple*, His Majesties Ambassador Extraordinary to this State, pass within few days to *Nimeguen*.

Paris, Jan. 5. There is not as yet any certainty concerning the Kings journey, farther than that the general discourse says his Majesty will begin it about the beginning of March. The Duke de *Verry* recovers daily, and we are told that so soon as he is in a condition, he will follow the other Plenipotentiaries, who are already on their way to *Nimeguen*. We hear that there are great disorders in Germany about Winter-quarters, and

that the people in general wish greatly for Peace, though whether their Governors are of that mind may be a question.

Dantz, Decemb. 28. Yesterday we had a very violent storm of wind at E. S. E. there being above 120 Sail of Merchantmen in the *Downes*, who rid it out, without receiving any considerable damage; four or five small Vessels broke from their Anchor, and drove out to Sea, and this morning are come again into the *Downes*: the Admiral of the Dutch East India ships broke likewise loose, but hath not received any damage that we hear of.

Whitehall, Decemb. 29. It was this day ordered by His Majesty in Council, that the following Proclamation should be forthwith Printed and Published.

CHARLES R.

Whereas it is most apparent, That the Multitude of Coffee-houses of late Years set up and kept within this Kingdom, the Dominion of *Wales*, and the Town of *Berwick* upon *Tweed*, and the great resort of Idle and Disaffected persons to them, have produced very evil and dangerous Effects, as well for that many tradesmen and others do therein mispend much of their time, which might and probably would otherwise be employed in and about their lawful Callings and Affairs; but also, for that in such Houses, and by occasion of the meetings of such Persons therein, divers false, malicious and scandalous Reports are devised and spread abroad, to the Defamation of His Majesties Government, and to the Disturbance of the Peace and Quiet of the Realm; His Majesty hath thought it fit and necessary, That the said Coffee-houses be (for the future) Put down and Suppressed: And doth (with the Advice of His Privy Council) by this His Royal Proclamation, strictly Charge and Command all manner of Persons, That they, or any of them, do not presume from and after the 10th day of January next ensuing, to keep any publick Coffee-house, or to utter or sell by Retail, in his, her or their House or Houses (to be spent or consumed within the same) any Coffee, Chocoleat, Sherbett or Tea, as they will answer the contrary at their utmost Perils. And for the better accomplishment of this His Majesties Royal Pleasure, His Majesty doth hereby Will and Require the Justices of Peace within their several Counties, and the chief Magistrates in all Cities and Towns Corporate, That they do at the next respective General Sessions of the Peace (to be holden within their several and respective Counties, Divisions and Precincts) Recall and Make void all Licences at any time heretofore Granted for the Selling or Retailing of any Coffee, Chocoleat, Sherbett, or Tea: And that they, or any of them, do not (for the future) Make or Grant any such Licence or Licences to any Person or Persons whatsoever. And His Majesty doth further hereby Declare, That if any Person or Persons shall take upon them, him or her, after his, her or their Licence or Licences Recalled, or otherwise without Licence, to sell by Retail (as aforesaid) any of the Liquors aforesaid, that then the Person or Persons so offending, shall not only be proceeded against upon the Statute made in the Fifteenth Year of His Majesties Reign (which gives the forfeiture of Five pounds for every Month, wherein he, she, or they shall offend therein) but shall (in case they persevere to offend) receive the severest Punishments that may by Law be inflicted.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall*, this Twenty ninth day of December 1675. In the Seven and twentieth Year of Our Reign.

Advertisements

The First Volume of the late Reverend Mr *Joseph Curys* Exposition upon *Job* is now finished, and will by the 10th of January be ready for Delivery to the Subscribers. The second Volume is in great forwardness.

Whereas Lieutenant-Colonel *Henry Pilkington* hath dispersed several Papers in many Counties of this Kingdom, in the nature of a Brief, pretending the same to be granted under the Great Seal and Dated the 20 of June last. There are to give notice to all Ministers and others, that no such Brief hath passed the Great Seal, but the same is a counterfeit Brief, and forged.

Lost out of the Stable of Mr *Thomas Austin* in the Parish of *Northfield*, in the County of *Worcester*, near *Burnicham*, the 17 of this present Decemb. Two Nags, whereof one is almost white, with a cut Tail, and a blemish in his Eye, little or no mark in his Mouth, about 15 hands high, spread broad behind, with all his paces. The other Nag a dark bay, almost black, some white in the Forehead, a brown Muzzle, cut Tail, about five years old the next Spring, and 14 hand high and something more. Whoever gives notice to *Ricard Cundlor* in *Aldermanbury*, *London*, shall be well rewarded.