

Ditto, Jan. 28. The Marschal d' *Humieres* having drawn 8000 Men together, marched with them on Tuesday last towards *Soignies*, and after having repos'd his Men there, caus'd them to attack two Castles called *Escossines*, and *la Folie*, situate between *Soignies* and *Nivelle*; the Soldiers that were Garison'd in *la Folie*, looking upon themselves unable to defend it, quitted it, and retir'd into *Escossines*, which held out 48 hours, several of the *French* having been killed before it, and then the Besieged, who were not above 50 strong, surrendred; and this afternoon we have advice that the *French* have sigh'd both these Castles, and are march'd on some other design, having thereby open'd the Communication between *Aeth* and *Charleoy*, which was before interrupted. The Duke d' *Aerschor*, Governor of *Mons*, upon the first advice he had of the Enemies intention, sent 50 Men with some Ammunition to reinforce those Garisons, but the Enemy being already before the places, they were forc'd to return again. And from *Liege* they write, of the 25 instant, that a strong Party was drawn out of the Citadel of *Liege*, which had join'd with some Troops of *Maestricks*, and made together 4000 Men, having with them several pieces of Cannon, and that it was believ'd they had order'd to attack the Castle of *Heer*, between *Liege* and *St. Tron*, into which the *Dutch* have lately put a Garison; that the *French* have taken the Castle of *Hamael*, situate about two Leagues from *Tongres*, to hinder the incursions of the *Dutch* at *Hassel*; though some are ready to believe that these motions of the *French* in the Countrey of *Liege*, are only to entertain the *Dutch*, and keep them from assisting us against the Marschal d' *Humieres*, whose designs are the more feared, for that the Governor of *Leeuwe* has sent to acquaint his Excellency, that the *French* are drawing a great many Troops together out of their Garisons on the *Meuse*, to join the said Marschal, whose intention, some say, is only to conduct a great Convoy to *Liege* and *Mastricht*. Our Governor has sent orders to the Cavalry quarter'd in *Brabant* towards the Countrey of *Liege*, to draw together and join the *Dutch* of *Hassel*, to see if they can attempt any thing upon the Enemy. Amidst these Alarms on that side it is feared the Marquis de *Chamilly* may put his design in execution upon the Countrey of *Wass*, though all imaginable care is taken for its security.

Hague, Jan. 28. The Bishop of *Osnabrug* hath been some dayes incognito at the Princes House in the Wood, and having concluded the Treaty he had in hand with *Spain* and this State, by which he obliges himself to act with a Body of 8 or 9000 Men this Campaign by way of diversion, is returned home again. From *Sueden* we have the confirmation of the conclusion of the Treaty of Commerce between that Crown and this State, which is thought may be a great step to a Peace. From *Liege* they write, that the *Dutch* Troops had possess'd themselves of the Castle of *Heers*, where all the Countrey people of the Neighborhood had shelter'd a vast quantity of Corn, Cattle, Provisions; and the best of their Goods. Our Letters from *Bremen* of the 25 instant, assure us, that *Carelsburg* was surrendred the 22 instant, according to the Capitulation.

Paris, Jan. 25. The 15 instant, his Excellency my Lord *Berkeley*, Ambassador Extraordinary of His Majesty of *Great Britain*, made his publick Entry into this City, with the usual Ceremonies, accompanied with the Duke of *Luxemburg*, and the Sieur de *Bouvent*, Introducer of Ambassadors, who had been to receive him with the Kings Coaches at *Rambouillet*, and conducted him to the House appointed for the Reception of all Ambassadors, being followed with a numerous Train of Coaches. Arriving there, his Excellency was Complimented in the name of the King by the Duke de *Cruqui*, by the Count de *Montignac*

on the part of the Queen, and by the Count de *Plessys* and the Marquis de *Bron*; in the name of the Duke and Dutchess of *Orleans*. The 17, his Excellency was conducted to his first publick Audiences of their Majesty, with the several Respects and Ceremonies that are usually practis'd on such occasions. From *Alsacia* they write, that the new Fortifications which are making at *Saverne*, *Hagenaw* and *Schlusbadt*, advance apace; that at this latter place there are constantly 4000 men at work; that the other preparations for the next Campaign are very extraordinary, and in great forwardness; that the *French* Commissaries have bought up a great quantity of Horses in *Switzerland*, not without giving the Spanish Ambassador with the Cantons occasion to complain thereof. Our Letters from *Nancy* of the 18 instant, tell us, That the 4th instant, the Count de *Choisent*, Marschal de Camp, parted from thence, causing at the same time a report to be spread abroad, that he went to visit and change the Garisons of several places, the better to cover the design he had upon the City of *Dona Ponts*, fortified with a very good Wall, and with two deep Ditches full of Water. He took his way to *Sarbrucke*, and arriv'd there the 9th with 500 Horses, 150 Dragoons, and 1200 Foot, which he had drawn together in his march. The 11, about 3 in the morning, he parted with these Troops from *Sarbrucke*, having with him two pieces of Cannon, and 30 Wagons laden with Ammunition, and after a march of 10 hours, arriv'd before the City of *Dona Ponts*; he caus'd his Cannon to be several times discharged against the place, and those within during the whole night made the same return with their Artillery. The next morning the Count de *Choisent* approach'd nearer to the Town, afterwards his Troops pass'd the River, and under the Cover of certain Houses, advanced so opportunely, that they were come to the first Ditch, before discover'd: at which the Inhabitants and Soldiers in Garison there were so surpris'd, that they immediately deliver'd up the place, so which our Troops possess'd themselves without any loss, opening thereby a free passage to *Phillipsburgh*. The Marquis de *la Frisliere*, Lieutenant General of the Artillery, command'd in this Expedition under the Marquis de *Choisent*.

Whitehall, Jan. 22. This day His Majesty was pleas'd to cause the Right Reverend Father in God *Henry* Lord Bishop of *London*, to be Sworn one of the Lords of His Privy Council; and accordingly his Lordship took his place at the Board.

Advertisements.

These are to give Notice, That a Foot-Race, four Miles Course, will be run at *Prison* in *Lancashire*, upon Tuesday in *Easter* week, for a Plate of Fifteen Pounds price Free for any man, bringing his Footman's name to the Mayor of *L Preston*, ten dayes before, and paying 10 s.

Upon the first of *December* last, at *Futbury* in the County of *Stafford*, were apprehended three suspicious persons, in whose possessions were found one brown bay Gelding come 4. ven years old, 14 hands high, with a star in the Forehead, a brown Muzel, a Feather on the near side the Neck, a few Saddle spots, and three white Feet; one brown bay Mare, about 14 hands, with a star in her Forehead, a brown Muzel, many Saddle spots, a blemish on the near Eye, a short Tail (as the former) and either 7 or 8 y. ars old; Also one black bay Mare, about 14 hands, with a star in her Forehead, a brown Muzel, a Feather on the nearer side the Neck, come four years old, and newly dockt (all which) very probable proof was made, That the aforesaid persons had Feloniously stolen, (whereupon) they were committed to His Majesty's Gaol at *Stafford*, and there are still continued, and the aforesaid Horses (as Felons Goods) seized: Therefore if any person or persons can lay claim to all, or any of the aforesaid Horses, let them repair (with their proof) to *Clement Wakelin* of *Tatnall* near *Burton* upon *Trent*, in the County aforesaid Gent. and they shall readily receive what further assistance he's able to give.

Taken the Monday after *Christmas-day* last, from the house of Sir *William Twysden* of *East-Pecham* in the County of *Kent*, one Cabinet, in which were many Foreign Coins and Medals, three little gold Boxes, one with a Cup engraven upon the side of the Lid, another with a Knot enameld on the top of it, one Oval Box of Gold, divers Intaglias; several mourning and other plain Gold Rings; two little Pictures, one of a Man, the other of a woman; one great silver Seal with his Arms engraven in 1600. Whoever can inform of any of them, and shall give notice to Mr *Dentle* at the *Cat* in *St. Paul's* Church-yard, *Woolen-Draper*, they shall be paid what they cost them, and also have a Reward according to the proportion of the things discovered.