

he received of the Intention of the *French* to take possession of his Countrey for the King of *Sueden*, who is his Heir, sent an Express to the Elector of *Mayence* to demand assistance, but did not obtain any.

Frankfort, Jan. 26. The seizing of *Deux Ponts* by the *French*, has somewhat alarmed the *Imperialists*, who have drawn together a Body of 4000 Horse, part of which have already passed the *Rhine* at *Lauterburgh*, as the rest will do, if there shall be found occasion. It is said that the Governor of *Brisac* hath lately sent to the Magistrates of *Strasbourg*, to let them know, that for security that the *Imperialists* shall not make use of their Bridge this Campaign, his Most Christian Majesty expects they shall cause four or five Arches of the said Bridge to be broken down, to which they have not yet returned any answer. The last week the Duke of *Lorraine* gave out Commissions for the raising three Regiments of Dragoons. The other new Levies and Recruits are very much hastened, and it's said the Emperor will have a very considerable Army on the *Rhine*, besides the Troops he shall think fit to employ elsewhere, either by way of diversion, or as succors to any of his Allies.

Cologne, Jan. 27. The Duke of *Newburgh* finding his Countries continually vexed by paying the Contributions demanded by both Parties, has, it's said, resolved, that for the future they shall pay none at all; and to make good that resolution, is about forming a good Body of Men, having given out Commissions for the raising 7000 Foot, and 2000 Horse. The other day a *French* Party of 400 Horse, was almost at our very Gates, so that we even live here in continual Frights and Alarms. The *Dutch* Regiments under the command of Colonel *Weede*, are arrived at *Treves*, and the Government of that place is, it's said, put into the hands of Major General *Fariau*. Our Magistrates have excused themselves from furnishing the quantities of Corn desired by the *Imperialists*.

Hamburg, Jan. 27. We have not as yet a certain account of the *Suedes* having quitted the Siege of *Wolgast*, though it is the general belief, they have, and that they have lost 7 or 800 Men before the place. From *Berlin* they write, That several *Danish* and *Brandenburgh* Regiments were ordered to join in the Countrey of *Mecklenburgh*, in order to their making an incursion into *Pomerania*, under the command of the Velt Marshal *Dorffing*. Our last Letters from *Bremen* leave us still in doubt concerning the Surrender of *Carlsstadt*; they said, that it was reported there, that the place had been delivered up the 22 instant, according to the Capitulation, but that they had not any certainty of it. We have Letters from *Sueden*, which inform us, that that King is on the side of *Gottenburgh*; that he hath drawn a great many Forces together, resolving to make some attempt upon the *Danes*, which may divert them from the thoughts of turning their Arms against the *Suedish* Territories in *Germany*. Here has been a report spread abroad, as if the *Suedes* had offered to put *Stade* into the hands of the Duke of *Zell*, till the conclusion of the Peace; but upon enquiry, we find it to be without any ground.

Berlin, Jan. 21. The Elector of *Brandenburgh* hath been of late somewhat indisposed, but is now pretty well again. The Governor of *Wolgast* has by an Express advertised his Electoral Highness, that the *Suedes* had made two Attacks, but that they had still been repulsed with considerable loss, and that they were thereupon going to raise the Siege.

Brussels, Jan. 31. We have now the certainty that the *French* have demolished the Castles of *Eschelme*

and *la Folte*, which we told you in our last they had possessed themselves of, to open a Communication between *Aeth* and *Charletoy*. Since, we hear not any thing farther of the Marshal *d'Humieres*, though it's believed he will not return home without some farther action. But from *Liege* we have a Notice, That 4000 *French* having marched out of *Liège* and *Maastricht*, under the command of the Marshal *d'Estades*, to attack the Castle of *Heer*, situate between *Tongres*, *St. Trons*, and *Warren*, where the *Dutch* had a Garrison, the Baron de *Courieres*, who commands the *Spanish* Cavalry, quartered on that Frontier, by order of his Excellency the Duke de *Villa Hermosa*, drew his Troops together, and marched with them on Sunday last about 12 at night, in order to his conjunction with the *Dutch* Troops that were to march out of *Hasselt*, under the conduct of Major General *Winnemum*, who commands the *Dutch* Troops there, in the absence of the Count de *Nassau*, General of the Cavalry; on Monday, about six in the morning, the Baron *Courieres* arrived at the place appointed for the Rendezvous, about a League from *Hasselt*, where he joined the *Dutch* Troops; that done, they sent out a Party towards *Maastricht*, following with the rest of their Forces; that evening they took their station within sight of *Maastricht*, and continued all the night following in Arms, and on Tuesday morning marched towards *Heer*, to relieve the place, being about 6 or 7000 strong; but on their march they understood that the Enemy had quitted their Enterprize, after having continued it two days, and lost 3 or 400 men in it, and were retired towards *Maastricht* by the way of *Huy*. The new Counsellors which his Excellency has added to those belonging to the States of *Flanders*, are seated in their places, for which they pay 160000 *Flo.* into the King, from *Lipstadt*, of the 26 instant, they write, That the Bishop of *Munster* had caused the Boors of the Countrey of *Essen* to assemble, and to force from thence the *Brandenburgh* Troops that were quartered there. Major General *Fariau* in the *Dutch* Service, and formerly Governor of *Maastricht*, when taken by the *French*, is made Governor of *Treves*.

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