

taken, to take his course directly homeward. It is said, that the succors lately brought by the French Fleet into *Messina*, are not at all considerable, at least not so great as were expected, and as may be proportionable to the necessities of those Inhabitants, so that the Spaniards seem not to doubt but they will be quickly in the same condition they were before the arrival of the French Fleet, if the Dutch and Spanish Fleets keep them shut up on the side of the Sea, as it is expected they will. We have advice from *Tripoli*, that things are in great disorder there, and that those people impatiently expected the arrival of Sir *John Narborough* before that Port, in hopes to conclude a Peace with him.

Hanover, Febr. 21. Our Duke has appointed a general Muster of his Troops, to be held the 20 of the of the next Month. It is confidently said, that some of them are to be employed in the service of the Emperor, but whether they are to be sent towards *Staden* or towards the *Rhine*, we do not yet know. Three persons are lately arrived here from *Liege*, who are said to be very skilful in making of Mines, but for what business we do not learn. We are told the Confederates are now wholly agreed about the repartition of the Conquests they have; and shall make upon the Suedes.

Strasbourg, Febr. 24. From *Esslingen* they write, that General *Mantecatuli* is expected back there from *Vienna*, about the middle of the next Month, and that he will bring with him several Imperial Regiments, who are at present quartered in the Hereditary Countreys. The French have lately obliged the Inhabitants of a small Town, called *Lutzenstein*, to take an Oath of Obedience to them. From *Metz* they tell us, that preparations are making there for the reception of the Most Christian King, and that the French are hard at work on the Fortifications of that place, *Nancy*, and *Theonville*. A party of *Brisac* is at present abroad, upon some design. The Imperialists, who to the number of 1500, lately passed the *Rhine* at *Lauterburg*, having plundered some Villages, are returned to their quarters again.

Cologne, Febr. 28. Yesterday the Marquis de *Grana* returned to *Bon* from *Coblentz*, where he had been to confer with the Elector of *Treves*. The Duke of *Newburg* not onely continues his Levies in these parts, but has sent to raise two Regiments of Dragoons in his Territories upon the *Danube*. A French party of 200 Horse is at present abroad, and ravages the Countrey of *Eyffels*. From *Frankfort* they write, that Levies are making in all those parts, for the service of the Emperor; and from *Mayence*, that they expected there several fresh Troops to reinforce that Garrison. It is said, that the Baron de *Landage* is to come and reside here, on the part of the Emperor.

Hamburg, Febr. 28. The Confederates seem extremely intent upon the Siege of *Staden*, and are on all sides preparing for it. It is said, that they are now fully agreed concerning the repartition of their Conquests, and that the whole Dutchy of *Bremen* is to remain to the Dukes of *Lynenburg*, and the Dutchy of *Ferdin* to the Bishop of *Manster*. From *Livonia* they write, that the *Moscovites* begin to move towards the Frontiers of that Countrey, which gives the Suedes great jealousies.

Brussels, March 3. From *Liege* we have the confirmation that the French are going to demolish *Huy* and *Dinant*, which takes from us the apprehensions we had that they would open the Campaigne in these parts with the siege of *Namur*; and gives us reason to believe, that the Enemy will come yet near-

er home, and attack some of our Frontier places in *Fland*; his Excellency therefore has reinforced all those Garrisons, that so they may be able, in case they are attacked, to make a good defence, till the Prince of *Orange* may come to their relief: we are assured from the *Hague*, that his Highness makes all the haste possible to come into the Field as early as the French, with an Army of above 30000 Men. Five Regiments belonging to the Duke of *Osnauburg* are to come into these parts, to join with such Troops as we can draw together; and in the mean time, his Excellency has given out Commissions for the raising 24 Troops of Horse, with intention to raise 3 or 4000 in all, if the necessary supplies arrive from *Spain*, as the last Letters from thence promised. The Duke of *Brunsvyke* is suddenly expected here, on his way to *Catalonia*, where he is this Summer to command the Spanish Forces. They tell us from *Liege*, that their Deputies were gone to *Mancheune au Pont*, to Treat with those from *France, Holland*, and these Countreys, for the establishing the Commerce and Neutrality of that Countrey. Yesterday was published a Placact, commanding all Officers to repair to their respective Garrisons in six days at farthest.

Hague, March 3. The Prince of *Vudemont*, who hath been here to make a visit to the Prince of *Orange*, is returned again, on his way to *Brussels*. *Don Emanuel de Lyra*, one of the Spanish Plenipotentiaries, intends, as is said, to part hence for *Nimes* very suddenly. As the time for Action begins now to draw near, so are our preparations hastened with the greater diligence, his Highness resolving not to lose any time, that he may be in the Field as early as the French, at least time enough to secure any place they may attack in the Spanish Netherlands. The ships intended for the reinforcing the Lieutenant Admiral *de Ruyter* in the Mediterranean, will be ready to sail, as is said, before the end of this Month. We have advice of the arrival of the Ambassador, sent by the States to the Czar of *Moscovy* at *Mosco*, and that he had been received with great kindness and respect; the Letters from those parts add, that great endeavors are used to induce the Czar to make War this Spring upon the Suedes in *Livonia*, that hitherto he has not declared himself, but that in the mean time, several Troops march daily towards those Frontiers, which will however oblige the Suedes to hold a watchful eye on that side, and by that means hinder them from sending several Troops (which might otherwise have been spared there) to reinforce their Forces in *Pomerania*.

Paris, March 4. It is now confidently said at Court, that the Prince of *Conde* will go into the Field, and that he will command the Army in *Alsavia*, the King resolving to be in Person, at least the beginning of the Campaigne, with his Army in *Flanders*. We do not yet certainly know the day the King will begin his Journey, but it's not doubted but it will be about the beginning of *April*, against which time, all things seem to be preparing. We are told that orders have been sent to *Thoulon* and to *Marseilles*, to hasten the Gallies and Men of War that are sitting out there for *Messina*.

Advertisements.

Lost on Tuesday the 22 instant, near *Walkingford* house over against *Scotland yard*, a Pocket Book of Accounts bound in Parchment, and clasped over, with Bills in it, to the value of 200 l. of Gentlemens Accounts, for Horses standing in the *Kings Head* near *Caring-croft*. Whoever gives notice of the said Book to *Thomas Kingsley* Officer of the said Inn, shall have 20 s. In the first Leaf of the Book is the said *Thomas Kingsley's* name writ.

Stolen out of the Grounds of *Francis Fisher* of *Radford* in the County of *Warwick* Esq; on the 20 instant, a large bay Mare about 15 hands high, 11 or 12 years old, with a white in her Forehead like an half Moon, and severall white Saddle spots upon her back. Whoever shall give notice of the said Mare to any of Mr. *Fisher's* servants at *Radford*, or to Mr. *William Lasenby Taylor* in *Russel-street* in *Court-Garden, London*, shall have 40 s. Reward.