

making for their journey. According to our advices from *Alsace*, the Imperial Army, with which the Troops of the Circles were joined, was encamped the 28 past not far from *Friburg* in *Brisgow* which is not above four Leagues from *Basilic*, near which place the French Army under the Command of the Duke of *Luxemburg* was encamped. Our advices speak with great uncertainty concerning the design of the Duke of *Lorraine*, some tell us that he will pass the *Rhine*, and march towards the *Franche Comte*; others, that he will attack *Schlestadt*; but we may expect to be in a short time informed of the truth, for that the season proper for action will now be suddenly past. The French incommode these Countreys extremely with their incursions.

Liege, Octob. 3. This Countrey, it seems, cannot be excused by what it has suffered already during this War, from new ruines and devastations; three or four dayes since, the Governor of *Maeſtricht* sent orders to the Magistrates of *Tongres*, *Mafcycke*, *Vifet*, *St Tron* and of other places, forthwith to demolish the Fortifications they had left, on pain of military execution; and at the same time commanded those of *Vifet* and *Tongres*, to bring all their Hay, Straw, and Corn to *Maficht*, where they should be paid for it: Put the Count of *Nassaw*, General of the Horse of the Prince of *Oranges* Army, arriving with 4000 Horse and Dragoons in the Neighbourhood of *Tongres*, hath given a contrary command to the places abovementioned, so that those poor people know not what they have to do. Two hundred Men of *Maeſtricht* having put themselves into the Castle of *Heers*, in order to the demolishing it, the Count of *Nassaw* invested the said Castle, and made them all Prisoners of War. We have advice here, that the Mareſchal de *Crequi* hath taken the Castle of *Bouillon*, which the Governor delivered up without the least defence, which gives some suspicion of his having an understanding with the French.

Nimeguen, Octob. 2. We expect to see this place in a short time better filled than it is at present, for we are assured that the Assembly will be opened, and the Conferences begun the first of the next month, which will be very necessary, for otherwise the French Ambassadors begun to speak of returning home, having been above five months here, without entering upon any business.

Hague, Octob. 6. The first instant, the Prince of *Orange* parted from his house at *Saeſtdike*, to *Breda*, whither Count *Waldeck* came from the Army to meet his Highness, to receive some directions from him, and then afternoon his Highness is returned to *Soeſtdike*. He will not come hither till the 22, when the Mourning (which is to last a year and six Weeks) for the Princess Dowager of *Orange* will be expired, and new Furniture put up in his Highnesses Court. The Regiment of Foot Guards, which was expected to arrive here some dayes since, is, as we are told, countermanded, which makes us believe that the Army in *Flanders* will keep the Field some time longer. Admiral *Tromp* is expected home about the middle of this Month, with the Dutch Men of War that have been in the service of *Danmark* this Summer; and it is still said that the Squadron which is at present at *Naples*, is likewise recalled. By a Vessel arrived from the *West-Indies*, we have Letters from the Sieur *Binobe*, who commands a Squadron of Men of War in those parts, dated the 27 of *July*, wherein he gives an account of his having since his taking of *Cajana*, made himself Master of another Island called *Maria Galande*, where he found ten pieces of Cannon, and 250 Men, which after having plundered, and taken away all he could, he left it, and sailed to

the Island of *St Martins*, where he made a descent, and after a dispute of 3 or 4 hours, took the Castle that was there, having had five Men killed, and 35 wounded in the action; that the Inhabitants were fled into the Woods, whether they could not be pursued, and therefore after having burnt and ruined what they could not take away with them, the Dutch embarked again, and set sail from thence.

Brussels, Octob. 6. Our Army continues still at *Tillemont*, and we now expect in few days to hear that the Forces are separated, and gone into quarters, for at present they suffer very much for want of Forage; however the season being drier than usually, it is not doubted but our Generals will continue in the Field, as long as the Troops can possibly endure it; to gratify the instances of the Imperialists, who propose to enter upon some action yet before they end the Campaign, and therefore desire our Army should keep the Field some time longer, to hinder the French from making detachments towards *Germany*, to reinforce their Armies in those parts. The French Army commanded by the Mareſchal de *Schomberg*, continues between the *Sambre* and the *Meuse*, not far from *Philipville*; and we have advice that Monsieur *Montal* (who we have already told you was sent with a Body of 8000 Men from their Army) having demolished *Marbe en Famene*, *Riche* and *Bastogne*, had joined the Mareſchal de *Crequi*, who was come down with some Troops from *Verdun*, and that they had set down before the Castle of *Bouillon* (the Town not being defensible) and that the Governor the Count de *Merode* had surrendered it to them without a blow; at which we are much surprized, for that it is a Castle well fortified, besides the strength it receives from its situation. The Duke of *Osingbrun* continues at *Antwerp* where he is treated with all imaginable honour and respect, by order of this Court. Yesterday morning the Dutchesse of *Villa Hermosa* went likewise thither. On Saturday last the Sieur *Vaut*, deputed by his Excellency to treat with the French concerning the regulating of Contributions, parted hence to *Delft*, where he is to meet the French Commissary.

Paris, Octob. 7. From *Flanders* our Letters give us an account that the Governor of *Maeſtricht* had caused *Tongres*, *Vifet*, and several other places in the Countrey of *Liege*, to be demolished, and that the Troops commanded by the Sieur de *Montal* being joined with the Mareſchal de *Crequi*, had attacked the Castle of *Bouillon*, and had taken it. The Confederate Army in *Flanders* is preparing to go into Winter quarters, and then our Troops will do the like. The Letters we receive from abroad speak much of Peace, though upon what ground we know not, farther than that the Assembly at *Nimeguen* is going to be opened, and that the Ambassadors that are upon the place, without expecting those that are absent will begin the Treaty on *Saints* day. We have nothing new from *Germany*. Our Letters from *Rome* say, that in all likelihood the Cardinal *Cibo* would be Cardinal Patron, for whom the present Pope had always a great kindness and friendship.

Advertisements.

These are to give Notice, That my Lord Treasurer on the 6th day of November next, will be ready at the Treasury Chambers in Whitehall, to receive Proposals for Farming of His Majesties Duty of Four and a Half per Cent. on Sugars and other Commodities at Barbadoes, and the Leeward Islands, in one entire Farm, or for Farming the same Duty, either for Barbadoes, or the said Islands apart.

Taken from Mr. William Tutton of *Wiltshire* in *Staffordshire* Sept. 21. A bright bay Mare 8 years old, about 15 hands, with a black Mane and Tail dock; having been a draught Mare, as by the Collar marks appear; she hath a dry cloud in the right eye, extending to a blindness; she hath a bare place a little above the Fetlock on the outside of the Foreleg on the left side, where a Wart hath been burnt and eaten off; she is full of hard knots within the skin of the neck, breast, and shoulders, as if she had been netled. Whoever shall give notice of her to the said Mr. Tutton, or Mr. Edward Cranke at the Swan in *Birmingham*, *Warwickshire*, or to Mr. James Hicks in the Post-Office, *London*, shall have 20s. Reward.

Taken or strayed from *Enfield Chase*. A dunish gray Mare, about 14 hands, and six years old, with a white face, three white feet, and a white spot upon one of her knees. Whoever gives notice of her to Sir *Nich. Armors* at *Hadly*, or to the Porter at the *Mews-gate*, *London*, shall be well rewarded.