

fly that they use great endeavours there to have their Fleet at Sea very early. A Memorial hath been likewise presented by the States on the part of the King of Sweden, desiring the States will take care, that the Treaty of Commerce lately concluded between that Crown and them, be punctually executed. From Nimeguen we hear, that as yet nothing has been done for the gratifying the Princes of the Empire in the demand they make of sending Ambassadors thither; but that the difficulties arisen by the Exceptions that had been mutually made to the Powers of the Ambassadors, were in a fair way of being removed, by their agreeing to an Expedient which had been proposed in that matter. The Imperial Ambassador the Count Kinski is still detained at Cologne.

Brussels, Decemb. 18. This day was published here a Placet by his Excellencies command, strictly commanding all Officers to repair within thrice 24 hours to their respective Garrisons and Commands. We are told that the Most Christian King hath sent orders to the Marschal d'Humieres, (which have been communicated by the said Marschal to the Governors and Intendants of the Spanish places) that he do not permit any of the French Subjects to pay Contributions to the Spaniards, and that on the other side he require none from them; and if the Spaniards shall proceed to execution against any place for not paying the Contributions by them demanded, that in such case the French Governor, within whose Government such execution is made, do destroy the whole District of the Spanish Intendant, who caused the said execution to be made; at which people here are much concerned, for that, as is said, our Frontier Garrisons cannot subsist without those Contributions, which they cannot now require, without setting their own Country in a flame. We hear that the Marquis de Risbourg, Governor of Valenciennes, is safely arrived there, and that he is endeavouring to form two Regiments of the poorer sort of people, who want employment by reason of the War; the like will be done in other places. Yesterday the Prince of Barbançon, Governor of the Province of Namur, arrived here, to give his Excellency an account of the present condition of that Country, and that Namur is in a manner blocked up by the Enemy. The Emperor, we hear, hath renewed his orders for the Osnabrug Troops to quit the Diocess of Cologne, and to take their Winter-quarters in that of Liege, which was at first allotted them; but the Bishop of Osnabrug being gone home, his Troops will not stir with ut a particular order from him.

Ditto, Decemb. 22. From Metz we have advice, that greatest part of the Marschal de Crequi's Army is marching towards these Countries; we are likewise told that several Troops are come from France into the French Conquests, which gives us an apprehension that the Enemy have some design in hand, and that they mean to take the opportunity of the present hard Frost to execute it. Cambray and Valenciennes is now quite blocked up, so that there is no getting to or from those places; for the Enemy have not only put strong Garrisons into Bauay, Mabeuge and Kieurain, but have likewise possessed themselves of the several Castles that are in the Neighborhood of those places, which will have great difficulty to subsist, for that they are not provided with Provisions sufficient to satisfy for any time so great a number as well of Inhabitants, as of Country people, that are fled thither for their security. Our Letters from Italy, advise us of the ill posture of things in Sicily; that the French have besieged Casanea, and that

the Marquis de Castel Rodrigo, the Spanish Viceroy, was before retired from thence to Melazzo, from whence he had sent his Lady to Palermo, where she embarked for Naples. On Saturday last, our Maistre de Camp General, the Count de Rasch, was overthrown in his Coach by a Wagon, through the drunkenness of the Wagoner, his Coach was broke all to pieces, and himself very much bruised, the pain whereof hath put him into a Fever. On Sunday last, 2000 French marched from Quefnoy to Conde. The Spanish Courier is arrived, but brings no money, which we expect however by the next. Our Letters from Cologne tell us, that 400 Imperialists were marched in great haste from Bonne to Dorsten to hinder the Brandenburg Troops from entering into the Countrey of Recklinghausen; and add, that there was a report, as if the Imperial Troops would by force oblige the Osnabrug to quit that Diocess.

Paris, Decemb. 23. It is the general expectation here, that we shall hear of some action in Flanders during this present hard Frost; and there are Letters from those parts which say, that in order thereunto, several Troops were drawing towards Aeth and Lille. However, whether this be so or not, we are assured that the Campagne will be begun very early on this side, and that all our Recruits will be completed by the latter end of February. Cambray and Valenciennes are quite blocked up by our Troops, so that there cannot be brought any Provisions into those places, which will reduce them to great extremity, considering the great number of poor people that have fled thither, and who must be maintained by the publick. His Majesty has sent orders to the Governors of his places in Flanders, not to exact any Contributions from the Spanish Subjects, and not to suffer his to pay any; and that if there be occasion, they draw a Body of 4 or 5000 men together to protect them. From Sicily we have advice, that the Spanish Viceroy not trusting himself in Casanea, was retired to Melazzo, and that some dayes after the French had besieged that City.

Whitehall, Decemb. 20. This morning Monsieur Standford, Resident of his Highness the Duke of Newburg, had Audience of His Majesty to whom he presented Letters from the Duke his Master, notifying the Marriage of the Emperor with the most Serene Princess Eleonora Maria Teresa his Daughter, with his Compliment to His Majesty on that occasion. The said Resident had afterwards Audience of his Royal Highness on the same Subject.

Advertisements.

Whereas His Majesty by His Letters Patents bearing date the 8th day of December 1676. hath been Graciously pleased to Grant unto George Barna dijk of Ickwell-Berry in the Parish of Northill in the County of Bedford, Esq; one Fair, to be holden yearly upon Ickwell Green in the Parish aforesaid upon the 25, 26, and 27 dayes of March; with all Tolls, Priviledges, &c. to him the said George Barna dijk, and his Heirs for ever: These are to give notice, That the first Fair will be there held accordingly on the 25, 26, and 27 of March 1677 and thenceforward every year for all manner of Cattle and other Commodities; of which all persons are desired to take notice.

Whereas John Oldmixon of Bridgewater in the County of Somerset, did before his Death make a Settlement of certain Lands to Trustees for payment of his Debts, the said Trustees desire that all persons in or about London that have any Debts due unto them from the said Oldmixon, would within 30 dayes, after the date hereof, give in their respective demands unto Mr John Bowden Merchant in London in Cloak Lane near Dowgate, and in the Countrey to Mr Hum Steare of Bridgewater, to the end the said Trustees may discharge the Debts as far as the said Lands will extend.

Whereas in the Buying and Selling of Horses, People are at a great Loss and Expence, for want of a cheap and ready way to serve their occasions: Divers Persons of Quality have propounded the Weekly publishing of Horses to be Sold, in the City of London, with their Standings, Stature, Age, Price and Colour; which shall be done accordingly, at One Shilling a Horse for each Publication. The Advertisements to be brought to the Intelligence Office on the Royal Exchange, or to that near Charingcross, where they may also be furnished with the said Mercury at the usual Rates.