

**Brussels, Jan. 5.** Two dayes since arrived here from *Cambray*, *Don Francisco Marcos de Velasco*, Lieutenant General of the Cavalry, who hath given our Governor General, the Duke of *Villa Hermosa*, an account of the present condition that place is in. We are told that his Excellency has received advice, that three Regiments of Foot, and four Companies of Dragoons are got safe to *Valenciennes*, having taken a great march about, between *Douay* and *Bouchain*, and by the advantage of the Ice passed the Rivers that lay in their way, which is a piece of News that does not a little please us, seeing we look now upon *Valenciennes* as sufficiently secured against the attempts of the Enemy, that place being provided with Provisions and other things necessary to serve them five or six months, before the expiration of which, our Governor doubts not but he shall be at the head of an Army able to defend these Countries, to which purpose Commissions are daily given out as well for the making of Recruits as new Levies, which will be now carried on with a great deal of vigor, seeing the Spanish Courier which arrived yesterday, brought us an assurance, that the bills of Exchange for the remitting hither two millions of Crowns, were actually preparing, and that they would be ready to be brought over by the next Ordinary without fail. From *Liege* they write, that the French seem in good earnest resolved to quit *Limburg* this Winter, that in order thereunto above 200 persons are daily at work, for the preparing the Mines to demolish the Fortifications, and that a great number of Wagons hath been summoned in by the Governor of *Limburg*, for the removing the Provision and Ammunition from thence to *Maastricht*. The weather is here extraordinary cold, and we hope that this hard Winter will be a disappointment to the Enemy, and hinder them from beginning the Campaigne so soon as they seem to intend, for after that the abundance of Snow which now covers the ground, is thawed, the wayes will for some time continue so bad, that they will not be passable, especially for Artillery, and particularly in the Province of *Haynault*, which the Enemy, by the blocking up of *Cambray*, *Valenciennes*, &c. seem intended to make the Seat of the War the next Campaigne, for that the ground is generally softer there, and the wayes deeper than in any other of the Provinces. It is said that his Excellency has sent into *Holland* certain persons to buy several Men of War for the service of *Spain* in the *Mediterranean* next Summer.

**Idem, Jan. 8.** We have the confirmation of three Regiments of Horse and four Companies of Dragoons being safely got into *Valenciennes*, having in their march passed by the Gates of *Bouchain*, without meeting with any Troops to disturb them. It is all the news at Court, and we are told that his Excellency has himself declared it, that the last Spanish Ordinary brought him Bills of Exchange for a million of Crowns to be employed for the service of these Countries. From the Northern parts they write, that the King of *Denmark* hath sent to the Elector of *Brandenburg*, to the Duke of *Zell*, and the Bishop of *Munster*, to desire them to assist him with some of their Troops, and that the Duke of *Zell* has promised to send him six Regiments of Foot. The Letters we receive from *Italy*, do not make any mention of the taking of *Catanea* by the French, which some pretend to have news of by the way of *France*, but say that the Viceroy of *Sicily* had caused 2 new Bastions to be raised at *Catanea*, for the greater security of that City, and had also fortified a very ad-

vantageous Post between *Catanea* and *Melazzo*; which will very much hinder the incursions of the French. They add, that the Viceroy of *Naples*, and Governor of *Milan*, have sent considerable supplies of Men and Money into *Sicily*, and that in *Milan* great Levies are still making for that service.

**Hague, Jan. 9.** Yesterday the Deputies of the Admiralty had a Conference with his Highness concerning the Equipage for this year; the Count *Waldeck*, and other the General Officers, have likewise frequent Conferances with his Highness about the Land Affairs. From *Nimeguen* they write, that the Imperial Ambassador, the Count *Kinski*, was arrived there, and that the Spanish Ambassador, who had hitherto remained there *incognito*, would now appear in publick, and that it was hoped the work of the Peace would advance apace, which seems to be very much desired here by all sorts of people. The Danes will not own to have lost above 3500 meh in the late Battel in *Schonen*, and on the other side affirm that the Suedes loss amounts to above 5000; and that at the beginning of the Fight, the King of *Denmark's* Army consisted only in 9000 men, while that of *Sueden* was composed of 14 or 15000; however it was, the Suedes pretend to have obtained a considerable Victory; and, in effect, they continue Masters of the Field, giving frequent alarms to the places possessed by the Danes in *Schonen*. The King of *Denmark* in the interim is endeavouring to recruit his Forces, and to obtain Succor from his Allies, that so he may be able to take the Field again, so soon as the great rigors of the Season are somewhat over. We have had a great report here of several thousand of Polish Soldiers having passed over into the service of the Crown of *Sueden*, and that more were to follow in the Spring, but the Letters we received yesterday from *Poland*, make not any mention thereof. The last Italian Post brought us Letters from *Naples*, which said that they had News there, that the French had taken *Catanea* in *Sicily*.

**Paris, Jan. 10.** Our Letters from *Hamburg*, and those parts, give us the confirmation of the Battel fought the 14<sup>th</sup> past between the Suedes and Danes in *Schonen*, and of the Victory which the former pretend to have obtained, having taken most of the Cannon of the Danish Army, and remaining Masters of the Field, by means whereof they promise themselves other considerable advantages. The ad instant was begun the Assembly of the States of *Burgundy* at *Dijon*, in the presence of the Duke d'*Orleans* on the part of the King. It is expected those States will grant his Majesty a Sum of Money answerable to the present Conjunction of Affairs, for the defraying the Charges of the War. We are informed that his Majesty has sent Orders to the Duke d'*Estrees*, his Ambassador Extraordinary at *Rome*, to visit the Cardinals of the last Promotion, which is done at the instance of the Pope, who, to gratifie his Majesty, has taken from the Cardinal *Altieri*, who was Cardinal Patron during the Reign of the last Pope, the Government of *Avignon*. From *Sicily* we have advice, that the Duke de *Vroume* has taken *Catanea*, and that the Spanish Viceroy, the Marquis de *Casil Rodrigo*, was shut up in *Syracusa*, which news needs a confirmation. In a day or two will be made publick here a Relation of the Ceremony of investing the King of *Poland* with the Order of the Holy Ghost.

#### Advertisements.

**S**Tele out of the Stable of *John Blatch* of *Colechester* in *Essex*, Decemb. 20. an Iron Gray Horse above 13 hands and an half high, a white spot hard by his rump, a feather under his mane, and a cur tail. Whoever gives notice of the said Horse to the aforesaid *John Blatch*, or to *Samuel Herfert* Upholsterer at the *Blew Anchor* in *Fenchurch-street*, *London*, shall have 20 s. Reward.

**L**ost out of the *Tellmalt* a black Dog with cropt ears, and all his legs and breast speckled with white, he had a Collar about his neck, with brass letters, and a Cornet. Whosoever brings the said Dog to *Mr Willers* in the *Tellmalt*, shall have 5 s. Reward.