

and Villages. We have advice that the Imperialists are likewise drawing together a Body of 6 or 7000 Men between *Fribourg* and *Nienbourg*, to hinder the Enemies excursions, and that they are forming a Magazine at *Fricourg*, and another at *Offenbourg*; by which it seems they intend the seat of the War shall be in those parts the next Campaign. Prince *Herman of Baden*, General of the Imperial Artillery is expected here in a day or two from *Esslingen*, to give order for the providing several things for the Campaign. The Duke of *Lorraine* remains constantly at *Esslingen*, though it's said his Highness will not command the main Army of the Emperor the next Campaign, but a separate Body, while General *Montecuculi* comes into the Field with the said Army. From *Lintz* they write, that their Imperial Majesties were arrived there from *Passaw*; that the Emperor had appointed a Council of War to be held there, and that accordingly an Express had been sent to *Vienna*, to direct the Count *de Montecuculi* forthwith to repair thither.

*Frankfort*, Jan. 2. From *Katisbonne* they tell us, that complaints had been made at the Dyet against the Duke of *Hanover*, for that he not only keeps on foot an Army of 10 or 12000 men at the cost of the Empire, they having almost for this year past had free quarters in the Bishoprick of *Hildesheim*, without that the Empire receives the least assistance from the said Troops, but rather dis-service, seeing the Duke of *Hanover* does employ them to hinder the Elector of *Brandenburg* from taking the Winter-quarters for his Forces which had been allotted him by the Emperor; and that the Dyet had recommended this matter to the Emperor, who, as we are informed, has thereupon written a very sharp Letter to the Duke of *Hanover*, requiring him either forthwith to disband his Troops, or to draw them within his Territories, and maintain them there. From *Lintz*, where the Imperial Court at present is, we are informed, that the Emperor had sent orders to all the General Officers that are not with the Army, forthwith to repair thither, in order to the holding a Council of War, of which we cannot as yet learn the particular occasion. The Duke of *Newbourg* does not accompany the Emperor to *Vienna* as it was believed he would.

*Cologne*, Jan. 5. The Duke of *Newbourg* having taken his leave of their Imperial Majesties at *Lintz*, is expected ere long in these parts. We are now almost out of hopes of being able to remove the *Osnabrug* Troops out of the quarters they have taken in this Diocess, though the Imperialists continue to assure us, that the Emperor will not suffer his orders to be disobeyed in this manner, but that a way will be taken to oblige the *Osnabrug*s to yield obedience to them. All the Villages of the Countrey of *Juliers* have been summoned to send a certain number of Bores with their Wagons and Horses to *Limburg*, who are to work for the demolishing the Fortifications of that City, and the removing the Ammunition and Provision to *Maestricht*. Yesterday we received Letters from *Nimeguen*, which advised us of the arrival there of the Count *Kinsky* the Emperors Ambassador, and of the hopes they had of seeing the Treaty now quickly begun, which had been hitherto obstructed by the difficulties arisen in the Preliminaries, and especially in the matter of the Powers, which cannot yet be settled to the satisfaction of all the parties, notwithstanding the great and unwearied endeavors of the English Ambassadors, who as Mediators, have not ceased to employ themselves for the adjusting this matter of the Powers, which however we hope our next Letters will tell us they have happily effected to the content of all.

*Liege*, Jan. 6. It is not to be doubted but that the French are resolved to quit *Limburg*; we are told that the Mines for the demolishing the Fortifications will be ready in few days, and then we shall quickly hear that they have set fire to them. It is reported that they mean likewise to demolish *Aix la Chapelle*, and that to effect it, a good Body of Men will be sent thither, for that that City hath furnished Winter-quarters to the *Osnabrug* Troops, contrary to the Neutrality which the French were content it should have enjoyed. Our Neighbors of the Countrey of *Fuliers* and of the Diocess of *Cologne* have reason as well as we to complain of the great miseries they suffer through the War, from which they are at no time free, for in the Summer they suffer not a little through the marching and countermarching of Troops, and not less in the Winter, by the quarters they are obliged to furnish, and to pray for a general Peace.

*Brussels*, Jan. 8. It seems the Moneys which the last Ordinary brought from *Spain*, cannot be disposed of till the next arrives, which will bring the necessary orders for the distributing of it. In the mean time it is believed that at least 7 or 800 000 Crowns will be paid to the Allies, and particularly to the States General, to whom the Crown of *Spain* is in arrear, for the equipage of the Squadron of Men of War that were sent into the *Mediterranean*, &c. And for this end *Don Emanuel de Lyra* remains here, who, so soon as he has received the said Moneys, will return to the *Hague*. It is likewise reported that 200000 Crowns will be paid to the Prince of *Orange* towards his particular satisfaction, for the Moneys he is pretending upon *Spain*, which we doubt not but will stop the taking out the Letters of Reprisals which he had obtained of the States for the said Debt. The Woman that was apprehended at *Cambray*, being a principal person employed for the setting fire to the Magazine there, hath been executed, her punishment, which was to have been burnt alive, having been the more severe, that it might serve to deter others. Some report, that the French are not only going to demolish and quit *Limburg*, but that they intend to do the like to *Maestricht*, that so they may increase their Army to 6 or 7000, which otherwise must remain in *Garison* there; but little credit is given to it.

*Amsterdam*, Jan. 9. The Squadron of the Sieur *Allemonde*, which came from the *Streights*, not being able to come into any Port in these Provinces by reason of the Ice, is gone for *Portsmouth*, to winter there.

*Hague*, Jan. 9. The Danish Minister here has, as we are informed, given in a Memorial to the States General, in which he very much presses the payment of the Arrears of the Subsidies due to the King his Master from this State, as likewise puts them in mind of the necessity there is of their being early in the preparations they intend to make for the *Baltick*; in which the States have not as yet taken any resolution that we hear of. The return of *Don Emanuel de Lyra* the Spanish Minister from *Brussels* is impatiently expected, and the more for that he will bring Moneys with him to satisfy, in part at least, the importunity of the Deputies of the Admiralty, who complain that they have been extremely disappointed in remaining so long without the Moneys due to them from *Spain*, for the equipage that was made for the service of *Sicily*.

*Whitehall*, Jan. 6. His Majesty has been pleased to make the following alterations in the List of Sheriffs for the year ensuing.

Stafford	<i>Simon Unwin Esq;</i>
Suffolk	<i>William Gibbs of Stoke Esq;</i>