

the Nobility, Gentry, and all the Inhabitants of that Dutchy, are commanded not to regard the Duke of *Holstein* any more as their Lord and Prince, but to obey his Majesty as their Sovereign Lord; and accordingly all the Rents, Revenues, &c. arising from that Dutchy which were belonging to the Duke, are for the future to be paid to such as his Majesty shall appoint. It seems the News we had of the taking of *Helsingburg* was without ground.

*Cologne, Jan. 12.* The *Osnabrug* Troops having obtained the Emperors Orders to continue their Winter-quarters in this Diocess, they have now dispersed themselves into their said quarters. We are still told that the *Imperialists* will quit the City of *Bonne*, and that a Garrison of the Duke of *Nenbourg* will be put into the place, which our Elector does consent to, and will then go and reside there as formerly; part of the *French* Garrison that was at *Limburg*, is already retired from thence to *Maestricht*, and the rest will follow in few days.

*Hague, Jan. 19.* The illness of the Elector of *Brandenburg*, which still continues, will retard the Conference intended between his Electoral Highness and the Prince of *Orange*, who notwithstanding means to part hence some time the next week, and to continue at *Dieten* in the Province of *Mirecht*, till such time as the Elector be in a condition to come to *Wesel*, or else sends him an account of the continuance of his indisposition, and that he cannot repair thither. The Pensioner *Fagel* is now abroad again, so that several matters which could not be advanced in during his illness, will now be dispatched out of hand. We do not hear that any thing of moment does pass as yet at *Nimeguen*, or indeed that any one step has been made in the substantial part of the Treaty, the time having hitherto been spent in the Preliminaries; and in the mean time the Spring comes on, and the Parties are preparing for the Campaign, which in all appearance will be begun very early by the *French* in *Flanders*; and therefore the Prince of *Orange* will do all he can to hasten into the Field, in order to the opposing the Enemies designs, with a resolution however, as we are informed, to act separately with his Army.

*Paris, Jan. 20.* The sudden Thaw which hapned the last Week, has done much mischief in several places, and we have likewise seen the sad effects of it here; for on Saturday last, about three a clock in the afternoon, our River did on a sudden swell to an extraordinary height, through the abundance of water that descended from above, mingled with great flakes of Ice, and that with so much violence, that nothing was able to withstand it; all the Boats that were in the River were carried away by its impetuosity, and broken into a hundred pieces against the Bridges; but that which was most lamentable was, that a great many Women who were in several of the said Boats to wash their Linnen in the River, were drowned in the sight of a great number of people, who could not give them the least assistance; greatest part of the red Bridge was by the violence of the Current broken down, and four Gentlemen that hapned to be passing it, fell into the Water, and were drowned; but another Gentleman that was passing the said Bridge in his Coach, had better fortune, for it hapning that that part of the Bridge which fell, broke away under the hindermost part of the Coach it was falling into the River, had not the strength of the Horses retrieved it. We hear also that two Bridges between this City and *St. Germain*, are quite ruined, as are all our Mills upon the River, We continue our preparations for an

early Campaign, and the discourse at Court is, that the King will part hence the latter end of the next month, to put himself at the head of his Army. The King has resolved that a reinforcement of 4 or 3000 men shall be sent for *Sicily*, so soon as the weather is proper; and, amongst others, it is said 1500 *Suissers*, under the command of Colonel *Stoup*, will be sent on that service. The News in Town for these dayes past has been, that *Don Juan* of *Austria* was come by the Kings command to *Madrid*, and that the Queen had left the Court, and was retired into a Monastery.

*Disso, Jan. 20.* We have Letters from *Madrid*, which give an account of *Don Juan* of *Austria*'s being sent for to Court by the Kings particular command; that the Queen was resolved to go and pass the rest of her time in a Monastery; and that the Marquis *de Villa Sierra*, who had been lately declared chief Minister of State, would retire from Court, and leave the management of Affairs to *Don Juan*; of all which we must expect the confirmation, before we can give an entire credit to it, for the consequence it may be of to the Affairs of that Monarchy. We are assured that the King has not only given the final Orders for the demolishing of *Limburg*, but likewise of *Haguenaw* and *Saverne* in *Alsace*; and some say farther, that *Deux-ponts* and *Mombeliard* are to be served in the same manner, that so our Armies may be the more powerful in the Field this next Campaign, which will be begun very early on our side, in *Flanders* especially; and it is said that the Troops of the Kings Household have Orders to march the 15 of the next month, but it's probable the hard Winter we have had, may be the cause that it is not opened altogether so soon as otherwise it would have been. The Men of War and Gallies which returned some time since from *Sicily*, are sitting out again at *Thoulon* and *Marseilles*, and will certainly Sail the latter end of *March*, or the beginning of *April*; several other Vessels are likewise preparing for the Transporting the Troops, as well Horse as Foot, designed for *Sicily*. The first instant dyed *Messire Francois de Bonne de Crequi*, Duke of *Desdignieres*, Governor and Lieutenant General of *Dauphine*. From *Vienna* they write, that Prince *William of Furstemberg* had contracted in his Prison a very dangerous distemper, occasioned, as is believed, as well by a great melancholy, as the strictness of his Keepers.

*Whitehall, Jan. 17.* His Majesty has been pleased to make this following Alteration in the List of Sheriffs for the Year ensuing.

Suffolk Henry Edgar of Eye Esq;

#### Advertisements.

UPON the 18 of December last, went from the City of *London*, one *William Scale*, being very large in stature, and fat, about 35 years of age, ruddy complexion, Pockholes in his face, hath taken away a brown bay Stone-Horse, near 15 hands high, he was Coachman to the Countess of *Gowran*. Whoever gives notice of him to the said Countess at *Rowhampton*, or at the Duke of *Ormonds*, shall have three Guineys Reward.

*Anthony Dale*, alias *Parsons*, between 11 and 12 years of age, smooth brown hair, a large cut down the hinder part of his head, he shews Agility of Body, or Tumbling Tricks, in an old blew Ruff Livery laced with blew, white, and green Lace, a Cap of the same edg'd with white Furr, ran away from the *Golden Fleece* in *Barnstable*, the 5th instant. If any one bring him back to his Master, *Mr Tamblin Harvey*, or secure him, and send word to the *White Balcony* with 100 *Golden Balls* in *Great Suffolk street* near *Charing-crofs*, shall be very well rewarded.