

the Treaty at *Nimeguen*, having been some days into-  
 airo here, and having had several Conferences with his  
 Highness the Prince of *Orange*, and the Deputies of  
 this State, is returned again to *Nimeguen*. We are told  
 that among other things he proposed the forming a  
 Body of 8000 men, who are to have their station near  
*Ruremond*, to awe the Garrison of *Mastricht*, and to  
 prevent its incursions into the neighbouring Coun-  
 teys. The *Sieur Van Amerongen* is returned hither  
 from *Bremen*, where he hath assisted on the part of this  
 State at the Conferences that have been held there by  
 the Allies. The Duke of *Villa Hermosa* Governor of  
 the Spanish Netherlands has sent hither his Adjutant-  
 General, to give this State an account of the great pre-  
 parations the French make in those parts for an early  
 Campaign; upon which it hath been resolved that six  
 Regiments of Foot of this State shall march forthwith  
 towards *Brabant*. On Saturday next his Highness  
 means to part hence for *Soesdyk*, where and at *Dieren*  
 his Highness will pass some time. Our advices from  
*Spain* inform us of great alterations that had happened  
 at that Court; that the Marquis of *Villa Sierra* had  
 been forced for his safety, as well as in obedience to the  
 Kings command, to leave *Madrid*, and that *Don Juan*  
 of *Austria* was expected there in few days, in order to  
 the taking upon him the management of the affairs of  
 the Monarchy, in which however it is said he will be op-  
 posed, not only by those who are in the interest of the  
 Marquis of *Villa Sierra*, but likewise by another party,  
 who are against having the Ministry either in the hands  
 of the said Marquis, or of *Don Juan*, but desire his  
 Majesty would make choice of a third person fit for so  
 great a trust. Our next Letters will tell us the issue of  
 all.

*Ditto*, Jan. 26. The 23 instant his Highness parted  
 hence for *Soesdyke*, and the next day his Excellency  
 Sir *William Temple* Ambassador Extraordinary of His  
 Majesty of *Great Britain*, having dispatched the affairs  
 he came about relating to his particular Embassie to this  
 State, returned to *Nimeguen*, from whence they write  
 of a good appearance there was, that the matter of the  
 Powers for the several Ambassadors, in which so much  
 time had been spent, would be suddenly adjusted to the  
 satisfaction of all, and that then they would without  
 farther loss of time proceed to the substantial part of the  
 Treaty. We hear of much harm that hath been done  
 through the high waters, occasioned by the late thaw,  
 and the violent winds we have had, and of several  
 Dikes that have been broken through, by which means  
 much Countrey hath been set under water, and a great  
 deal of Cattle drowned. From *Denmark* our Letters  
 give us an account that the Castle of *Helsingburg* was  
 surrendered to the Suedes the day before the King inten-  
 ded to have attempted the relief of it, to which end  
 great preparation had been made, and many small Boats  
 provided.

*Madrid*, Decemb. 31. It seems the dissatisfaction which most  
 of the Grandees and others of the Nobility had conceived  
 against the Marquis of *Villa Sierra* lately declared first Minister  
 of State, came at last so far, that the Duke of *Alba*, the Duke  
 of *Aveira*, the Duke of *Arcos*, the Prince of *Castigliano*, and 15  
 or 16 more of the principal persons of this Kingdom entered  
 into a mutual Engagement, and confirmed the same by Oath,  
 to represent to the King the danger and ill consequences which  
 would arise from the Marquis of *Villa Sierra*'s continuing in  
 the Ministry, and not to desert till they had removed him  
 from Court, and brought *Don Juan* thither, as likewise till  
 that part of the late Kings Will was performed, which says,  
 That when the King was entered into his Majority, the Queen  
 should retire into a Nunnery; the Council of *Castile* joined  
 with them herein, and took their time to represent the state of  
 things to his Majesty, who, as is said, was at first displeas'd

with the representations they made, but the thing having  
 been noised abroad, it legat some inquietness in the minds of  
 the people, which it was feared would have occasioned some  
 disorder among them, through the great desire they had to  
 see *Don Juan* at Court, and the Marquis of *Villa Sierra* retired  
 from thence. In the mean time the King sent for the Cardinal  
 of *Aradon* to consult with him, being a person of  
 great eminence, and highly esteemed and respected by all.  
 The Cardinal being cometo Court together with *Don Pedro* his  
 Brother, the Duke of *Medina Celi*, &c humbly advised his Ma-  
 jesty forthwith to send for *Don Juan*, as the best way not only  
 to prevent the disorder which the unquietness of mens minds  
 at present threatned, but likewise to provide for the honour,  
 safety and happiness of his Kingdoms; upon which his Ma-  
 jesty resolved, and accordingly commanded that the Marquis of  
*Villa Sierra* should leave *Madrid* forthwith; that *Don Juan*  
 should be declared chief Minister, and should be sent to imme-  
 diately to repair to Court; and that the Queen his Mother  
 should be desired in a convenient time to perform the last  
 Will of the late King, and to retire into a Nunnery; which  
 was no sooner known in Town, but it occasioned a general  
 rejoicing among the people, and immediately dissipated all  
 those troubles which were before apprehended. We are told  
 that *Don Juan* will be here the 5 or 6 of the next month, and  
 that the Queen has written to him, declaring her satisfaction  
 in what the King has been pleased to do for the good of the  
 publick. It is said that the Count de *Monterey* and several  
 other persons of quality accompany *Don Juan* on his way hither,  
 and that they are attended by 5000 armed Men.

*Paris*, Jan. 25. You were told several months since of the  
 departure of Count d' *Esprez* with a good Squadron of Men  
 of War under his command for *Thulun*; it was then said,  
 that he went to watch the Spanish Plate Fleet, and to endeavor  
 to intercept it; but at present we are informed that he has  
 been directed to take his course to the *Cape of Good Hope*, to  
 way-lay the Dutch East-India ships that are expected home  
 this year. Our Troops still march towards *Flanders*; and the  
 discourse still continues, that *Dunkerque* and *Savone* are to be  
 demolished as well as *Hoguenaw*; to which is added that the  
 Duke of *Laxemburg* is appointed to command the Army again  
 in *Germany* this next Campaign, and that the Prince of *Conde*  
 will not go into the Field. The Letters we receive directly  
 from *Sicily*, do contradict what was written from *Rome*, of the  
 Duke of *Pavonne*'s having taken *Melazzo* and *Catania*.

#### Advertisements.

☞ A Sermon Preached before the King at  
*Whitehall*, Decemb 28, 1676. By *Thomas Sprat* D<sup>r</sup> D<sup>r</sup>  
 Chaplain in Ordinary to His Majesty. Published by His  
 Majesties special Command, Sold by *Henry Brome* at the  
 Gun at the West-end of *St Pauls*.

ON Thursday next, the 25 instant, at the great Corner  
 House of *Charles Street*, next to *St James's* great Square,  
 will continue the Sale for several sorts of Household Goods,  
 as old Tapistry Hangings, Damask Beds, Cloth Beds lined,  
 Serge and Camblet Beds, Feather Beds, Quilts, Chairs, Car-  
 pers, Pictures, Skreens and Chests of Drawers, &c. which  
 by the extremity of the late Frost was discontinued, but now  
 is intended to continue for the space of six weeks longer;  
 those that want old deep Tapistry Hangings, or odd Pieces, may  
 more especially there be fitted. The House, with Coach-house  
 and Stables is likewise to be Lett.

These are to give Notice, That if any person hath any  
 Money, Plate, Jewels, Bonds, Bills, or other Securiti-  
 es for Money, or any Deeds or Evidences that were  
 or did, or do belong unto Mrs *Francis Hancock*, or her Estate,  
 who lived in the *White Fryers*, *London*, and was the Wife of  
*Peter Hancock* the elder Esq; residing in the *Barbadoes*, she the  
 said Mrs. *Francis Hancock* dying suddenly on the 21 of Decem-  
 ber last, that before they pay or dispose thereof, they are desi-  
 red to acquaint Mr. *Peter Hancock* her Son, or Mr. *Roger Lam-  
 bert* in *Two-Gate Court* in *Fleetstreet* therewith, and they shall  
 be well rewarded for so doing.

Taken Jan. 16. out of the Stable of *Francis Walker* of the  
 City of *Worcester* Esq; one sorrel Gelding, 15 hands  
 high, seven years old, with flaxen mane and tail,  
 and a long blaze in the face; and one chestnut Gelding, 14  
 hand high, five years old, with a star newly made, the white  
 hairs appearing. If any person shall secure the Person or Horses  
 or either of them, and give notice to the said *Francis Walker* Esq;  
 or to *Edward Buckley* Esq; at the Office of the new Farmers of  
 the Hearth-money in *Throckmorton-street*, *London*, or to Mr  
*Isaac Swift* in *Chester*, and he shall have five pounds for his  
 pains.