

A Copy of the Queens Letter
to Don Juan of Austria.

THE King, my Son, has resolved, as you will understand by his Letter to you, that you forthwith come hither, to assist him in the direction of the affairs of the Monarchy; and I will not forbear telling you, how pleasing it will be to me, that you put the same in execution with all the expedition which the present posture of affairs requires, in which I rely upon your zeal and good intentions, assuring you that I shall always (as much as in me lies) endeavor your greatest satisfaction.

Madrid, 27 December 1676.

I the Queen.

Don Juan of Austria's Letter in Answer
to the Queen.

Since your Majesty will see what I write in answer of the Letter of the King my Lord, (whom God preserve) it is unneedful that I should repeat it, assuring your Majesty, that you never had, nor will have any body, who with a more sincere and upright intention, hath wish'd, and does wish unto your Majesty, what I judge before God, is most for your Majesties service, at whose feet with due reverence I lay my self, praying God that he will preserve your Majesty many years in prosperity.

Saragosa, 1 January 1677. Don Juan.

Brussels, Febr. 4. On Tuesday last returned hither, from the Hague the Marquis de Conflans, whither he was sent by our Governor General, to give the States General and the Prince of Orange an account of the posture of affairs in these Provinces; the Answer he brings, does extremely please us, viz. That the said States and the Prince of Orange had readily granted the 8000 Foot, demanded by him, and that his Highness had already given Orders for their march; and had farther assured the said Marquis, that he would be ready to mount on Horseback, and to march with his whole Army, whenever his Excellency the Duke de Villa Hermosa should desire it of him. You have been already told, that the Most Christian King had put out an Edict, requiring all those that have any Lands or Possessions within his Conquests in these Provinces, to quit this Service; upon which, his Excellency has put out likewise a Placart to encourage them to continue in it: The French Troops are still at Enghien, Nivelles, and Braine le Comte, to the great ruine of the poor Inhabitants.

Disto. The Marquis de Conflans is returned hither from Holland, and brings an assurance from the Prince of Orange, that the eight Regiments of Foot which are desired, shall be in few dayes at Antwerp, whither they will take their passage by water. These Succors will come very seasonably, and will enable his Excellency to reinforce his several Garisons, and to put them out of all danger. Upon the accounts that have come from all hands of the Enemies designing to besiege Mons, his Excellency two dayes since commanded a Regiment of Dragoons with three Companies of Foot to march, and to endeavor to get into Mons, which they did; and so well ordered their march through the Woods, that they got into Mons, having taken two French Parties of 25 men that were abroad; his Excellency has sent several Officers from hence, who are to endeavor to get into Valenciennes, to command the Regiment that hath been

raised there by the Burghers: and this morning the Archbishop of Cambray is returned towards his Diocess. The Sieur de Montal, having taken a turn to Charleroy to order some matters there, returned yesterday to his quarter at Nivelles, with some fresh Troops, being resolved, as it seems, to eat up and carry away all the Forage and Corn of the Countrey thereabouts so to leave no subsistence for our Army, when it shall take the Field. At Enghien the Count de Nancré found a very great quantity of Oats, and other sorts of Grain; what they cannot eat, they intend to convey to A. h. His Excellency has made a contract with a person to furnish 3000 Horses, for the mounting of those who have lost their Horses. Mr Salcedo hath obtained leave to raise a Regiment of Dragoons at his own charge, which he is to be repaid within a year.

Hague, Febr. 9. The 7th instant at night returned hither his Highness the Prince of Orange, and we are told that his Highness will in few dayes begin his journey to Cleves, to meet the Elector of Brandeburg there, and to confer with him concerning the operations of the approaching Campaign. The eight Regiments designed for the assistance of Flanders, are already on their march, and we are informed that his Highness will march with his whole Army about the middle of the next month.

Paris, Febr. 10. The Letters we have from Flanders give us an account, that our Troops had possessed themselves of five places, viz. Nivelles, Enghien, Hall, Soignies and Braine le Comte; that the two former they fortified, but had demolished the latter. We are told that four new Dukes will be shortly received in the Parliament, viz. the Archbishop of Paris, Messieurs de Bithune, de Nouailles, & de Roquelaure. Our preparations for the Campaign advance apace.

Advertisements.

These are to give Notice to all Persons exposing Publicly any Shows, Motions, Stage-Playes, or strange Sights, all Mountebanks, Rope-Dancers, Prize-Players, Ballad-Singers, and all others who have usually been Licensed by the Master of the Revels for the time being, that for the future they are to have their Licences from Charles Killigrew Esq; now Master of the Revels; or upon expiration of their former Licences, to renew them at his Office at Whitehall. All Licences granted for the future, will be Printed, to prevent the Abuses that has been committed by several Persons; of which, all Mayors, Sheriff, Justices of the Peace, Bayliffs, Constables, and Headboroughs, are desired to take Notice.

Pure and unmixt Trefoile Seed, being gather'd the first year from Husk; Seed, and so freed and acquitted from all Rea, and other coarse Grasse Seeds, may be had of Mr Jacob Bother jun. at the Physick Garden in Oxon, or of Mr George Sedly Sadler at the Falcon in Fleet-street, where likewise very good St Foime Seed may be had.

Roger Lawrence of the Parish of Shadwell near London, aged about 44 years, a thick short man, having short brown hair, a dark brown cloth Coat, a light gray pair of Breeches, and a cloth Doublet, being troubled with the Falling Sickness; and something Mopish, went away from his Mother about the 14 of January last past. Whoever gives notice of him to his mother Elizabeth Lawrence, near New gravel lane in Shadwell aforesaid, shall be well rewarded.

Stolen or stray'd out of Elsham Park in Kent, the 31 of January last past, a short truss'd Nag, colour whitish gray, short tail, paces for the most part, about 14 hands high. Whoever gives notice of the said Nag to Mr Munden under Temple-bar, London, shall have 20 s. Reward.

Stolen or strayed the 24 of November last past, out of the Grounds of Mr William Barker of Hardwick near Lynn in Norfolk, A black Mare 15 hands high 8 years old, trots and paces, a streak down her face, on the off-side no hair in the spurring place. Whoever gives notice of the said Mare to Mr Wright Apothecary in Suffolk-street near Charingcross, or to Mr Emmers Postmaster in Lynn Regis, shall have 40 s. reward, besides what charges he shall be at in bringing notice.

Lost out of the Old-Pall-Mall on Thursday last, a small white Spaniel with liver coloured spots, and some tan colour about the eye brows. Whoever brings the said Spaniel to Mr Baptist May's Lodging in Whitehall, shall have a Guinny for a Reward.