

The Ministers of the other Allies the operations of the next Campaign. In the mean time our Letters from *Flanders* give an account that the Marechal d'*Humieres* had already drawn together a Body of 20000 men, and that a great many pieces of Cannon for Battery with Ammunition, &c. had been brought from *Aeth* and *Tournay* to *Sonds*, which has occasioned a report of the Enemies design to besiege *Mons* or *St Ghislain*. Our Letters from *Mosco* inform us of some troubles in that Court, arisen upon the discovery that had been made of a wicked design against the life of the present Czar.

Antwerp, Febr. 17. The French proceed with great severity against those that have Estates in the French Conquests, and have any relations in the service of these Countries, inasmuch that several hundred Families have been forced to quit their Habitations, and to come hither, and to other places, for refuge. Here has been a discourse, as if there was a likelihood of the Count de *Montercy's* returning hither as Governor of these Provinces.

Brussels, Febr. 19. Yesterday *Don Emanuel de Lira*, who has the character of Envoy Extraordinary from the King of *Spain* to the States General of the United Provinces, parted from hence on his journey to the *Hague*, to be present at a meeting of all the Allies, at which the Marquis de *Grana* will likewise assist on the part of the Emperor. The Dutch Minister has acquainted our Governor General, by order of the Prince of *Orange*, that his Highness had appointed the general Rendezvous of his Army betwixt *Langbrac* and *Rosendale*, the 10 of the next month; and that in few days after he would begin to march, sufficient care having been taken to provide the necessary subsistence for the Cavalry, till such time as there shall be Forage in the Field. The French have been moving these three or four days to amuse us, but they still continue their quarters at *Enghien* and *Nivelle*. The Dutches of *Aerschot* is come hither from *Mons*, of which as likewise of the Province of *Hainault* the Duke her Husband is Governor, upon the appearance there is of the Enemies designing to besiege that City. Our Letters from *Flanders* give us an account, that his Most Christian Majesty is suddenly expected at *Dunkirk*; that preparations are making there for his Majesties reception; that many great Cannon, Mortar-pieces, Bombés, and all materials for a Siege, have been embarked there in several Vessels, which were gone to *Berg St Wynox*. This day we have advice from *Enghien*, that the Marquis de *Louvois* came last night to *Aeth* with 2000 Horse, upon which his Excellency has, it's said, deferred his journey, which he intended to have begun yesterday, towards *Flanders*. The Princes of *Lunenburg*, and the Bishop of *Munster* have, we hear, resolved to send 8 or 9000 men to the assistance of the King of *Denmark*. From *Liege* we are told, that the French are making several new Fortifications at *Dinant*; that they likewise fortifie the Castle of *Stavelo*; and that they intend to keep a Body of 10000 men in *Maestricht* all this Summer, to awe the Neighbouring Countries.

Dind, Febr. 23. On Friday last a considerable Body of Horse and Foot marched from *Aeth*, upon some great design, as is believed; which was however prevented by the illness of the weather, and the said Troops obliged to return to *Aeth*. On Sunday night last the Burgundian Regiment marched from *Vilvoord*, crossing the Countrey towards *Mons*, where we believe it safely arrived, having heard nothing to the contrary, and that they passed through Woods in such bad weather that no body could think it possible to march; the continuance of this ill weather affords us cause of joy, for that it is the great security of these Countries, in hindering the French from beginning

the Campaign so soon as they otherwife intended, and now we hope we shall be able to take the Field at the same time as they, for his Excellency has received reiterated assurances from the Prince of *Orange*, that his Highness will be in the Neighborhood of this City on the 18 of the next month, with an Army of 30000 men. The Duke of *Newburg's* Minister has received part of the Subsidies remaining due to his Highness, to enable him to recruit his Forces against the Campaign. The account we gave you in our last of the arrival of the Marquis de *Louvois* at *Aeth* proves a mistake. The Regiments of Prince *Maurice* and Count *Waldeck* are ordered to come hither, for the security of these parts, two more are at *Louvaine*, and two others are marched to *Dixmude* and *Ipres*.

Paris, Febr. 24. The King will part hence to the Army the 10 of the next month, or perhaps sooner; most of the Troops of the Household are already on their march. From *Germany* we have an account, that our Troops have actually quitted *Guernow*, and that they are demolishing *Saverne*. In *Flower* preparations seem to be making for the Siege of *Mons*. *Omers*. Here has been a report of the death of the Duke *Vivonne* at *Messina*, but without any certainty.

Portsmouth, Febr. 13. You had formerly an account, that four Dutch Men of War of the Squadron of the Sieur *Almonde*, after having been in much danger, through the great quantity of Ice they met with on their own Coast, were come back hither; two of the said Men of War, mounted with 70 to 80 Guns each, are at present at anchor at *Spithead*, as *Cowes* are two more, where they will continue, till they have reason to believe their Coast to be free of Ice.

Whitehall, Febr. 15. This day the two Houses of Parliament, pursuant to His Majesties last Prorogation of them, met at *Westminster*: And His Majesty being come into the House of Lords, attired in His Royal Robes, with the Crown upon His Head, and with the usual solemnity seated in His Throne, was pleased to send for the House of Commons up, who accordingly attending His Majesty at the Bar of the Lords House, His Majesty made a most gracious Speech to the two Houses, on the subject of their Meeting; which done, the Lord Chancellor farther most eloquently declared His Majesties mind to them on this occasion; upon which the Commons returned to their own House, and entered upon the Debate of several Matters.

Whitehall, Febr. 16. This evening the Sieur du *Cas*, Envoy Extraordinary of the Duke of *Slewick Holstein*, had Audience of His Majesty, and afterwards of his Royal Highness, to which he was conducted by Sir *Charles Conerel*, Master of the Ceremonies.

Advertisements.

Lost from *Whitehall*, Febr. 15. A Liver-coloured Spaniel Bitch with white Legs, and a little white tip on her tail, also a little white upon her flank, and a white Ring about her neck. Whoever gives notice of the said Bitch, at the Kings Back-stairs, shall have two Guineys Reward.

Stolen or strayed Febr. 1. out of the Grounds of *Richard Stockdel* in the Parish of *Speen*, *Berks*, A bright bay Gelding 15 hands high and better, thorough-paced, five years old coming, the hair rub'd off his eye-brows, no white about him, and no shoes. Whoever gives notice of the said Gelding to Mr. *William Hunt* of *Newberry*, or Mr. *John Holland* at the *Swan Inn* in *Aldergate-street*, London, shall have 40s. Reward.

An ancient Inn, called the *Bell Savage Inn*, situate on *Langgate-hill*, London, consisting of about 40 Rooms, with good Cellerage, Stabling for 100 Horses, and other good accommodations, is to be Lett at a yearly Rent, or the Lease thereof to be Sold, with, or without the Goods in the House. Inquire at the said Inn, or of Mr. *F.ancis Griffis* a Scrivener in *Newgate-street* near *Newgate*, and you may be fully informed.

These are to give notice unto whom it may concern, that about the middle of July 1695 there came a black Box of Writings directed to Mr. *William Layton* a Cook at the *Py'd Bull* in *Chelster*, into the hands of Mr. *John Taylor* Master of the said Inn, the said *Layton* never came to own the same; and the Writings in the said Box concern *William Rodgers* of *High Holborn*, in the County of *Middlesex*, who lived at the *White Bear* in the year 1693. there is in it one Bond due to Mr. *Roberts Sprignell* of *London* Gent. from a *Lincolnshire* Gentleman, with other Writings and Bonds. The said Box and Writings are ready to be delivered by the said Mr. *Taylor*, unto any person that can legally challenge the same.