

for that those Troops will for the future act under the command of the Imperial Generals, not being numerous enough to form an Army alone; and it is even feared, that these Troops will not be so considerable this approaching Campaign as they were the last; several of the Circles complaining that their Countrey is extremely ruined by furnishing Winter-quarters, that they are not able to maintain the Forces which they would otherwise do.

Brussels, Febr. 26. His Excellency the Duke de *Villa Hermosa* having on Tuesday last received advice, that a Body of 4000 French Horse and Foot were to march under the command of the Count de *Nancro*, from *Enghezen* towards the Canal, ordered three pieces of Cannon to be discharged; which was the Signal to the Governours of *Malines* and of *Louvaine* to cause their Forces to march immediately towards the Canal; which they did, and came early thither on Wednesday morning; That morning his Excellency, accompanied with most of the Nobility, that was in Town, and attended by his Guards, went to a place called the *Three Hales*; which is in the mid-way between this City and *Vilvord* on this side the Canal. His Excellency posted there part of *Belvederes*, the *Amirantes*, and the Dutch Marine Regiments, with orders to throw up earth for their defence. The *Mailtre de Camp* General went on to *Vilvord*, to give the necessary orders there; the two Lieutenant Generals of the Cavalry was sent towards *Willbrooke*, with 600 Horse, and Viscount *Berlin* was posted at *Eahan* Bridge: his Excellency having thus disposed matters returned hither. And about four that afternoon the Enemies Vanguard appeared upon the Hill above *Lahun*, a party of which hastned to the Canal, to intercept a large Boat that was coming thither, laden with Corn; which the Master of the Vessel perceiving, run her on ground on the other side of the Canal, and the Dutch Soldiers, who were posted hard by, came presently to his assistance, and under the shelter of the Boat shot hard upon the French; in the interim the rest of the French Troops came up, and both sides continued to fire very smartly from seven a clock in the evening till eleven, when the Enemy finding they could not effect their design (which was by the help of their Positions to have passed the Canal, to have cut the Bank on this side, and to have broke the Sluice, and thereby wholly have interrupted our Commerce with *Anwerp*, &c.) they retired yesterday morning and marched back the same way they came to *Ach* and *Enghezen*, leaving behind them two Wagons with Spades, Pickaxes, &c. In this action the Major of *Belvederes* Regiment, two Spanish Captains; a Dutch Captain, and an English were wounded, with about 80 common Soldiers, and 11 or 12 killed. What loss the French have sustained we know not; but we are told they carried off their wounded in two Wagons. We have taken 20 Prisoners, and about 40 French Deserters are come hither, who say the French Forces are very much wearied with their frequent marches. We are assured from *Nivelles* that Count de *Mons* will dislodge from thence on Monday next, and that he will take his march with all his Troops towards *Mons*, where the Burgundian Regiment is safely arrived.

Hague, March 2. From *Groningen* we have an account, that on Friday last his Highness and the Commissioners of this State arrived there; and that there was a good appearance that the differences between this City and the *Ommelanden* would be composed in few days, when his Highness would immediately part from thence on his journey to *Wesel*, where the Elector of *Brandenburg* is supposed to be arrived by this time.

The Minister of the Dukes of *Brunswicke* and *Lunen-burg* has made new instances to the States to desire them to employ their Offices for the obtaining the title and quality of Ambassadors for the Ministers those Princes would send to the Treaty at *Nimeguen*. From *Flanders* we have an account, that the Spanish and Dutch Troops which were posted by the Duke de *Villa Hermosa* between *Brussels* and *Vilvord*, for the security of the Canal, had repulsed the French, who came thither under the command of the Count de *Nancro*, Governor of *Steib*, with design to have cut certain Sluices, that are there; and that the generality of people were greatly encouraged at this success in the beginning of the Campaign. This place is at present almost filled with Officers, who are finishing their Equipages, and providing Wagons and other Carriages, in which they make the more diligence, for that they must be at the Rendezvous at *Rosendaet* the 10 or 12 of this month. His Highness is expected back here in few days; he will not make any stay in this place but hasten to the Army; and the more for that according to the advice we receive from France, the King intended to part from thence the 28 past.

Paris, March 3. On Sunday last, according as we told you in our former, the King began his journey towards the Spanish Netherlands, his Majesty lodging that night in a Village on the other side of *Comigne*; since yesterday it has been all the discourse of the Town, that the King is gone to besiege *Valenciennes*, and some have gone so far, as to pretend to have advice, that the place is already invested. The Duke of *Orleans* intended to have parted to-morrow; but at present we understand, that his journey is put off till Sunday next. It is said he will besiege *Sz Omer* at the same time that the King is making the Siege of *Valenciennes*. The Queen will be here to-morrow, and will continue in this City the greatest part of Lent. The Letters we receive from *Genova*, confirm what we told you in our last, of the Admiral and Vice-Admiral of the Spanish Squadron that was going from *Final* to *Sicily*, being cast away, and near 1000 men drowned. We have not any news from the Count d'Esprez since his passing by the *Canaary Islands*. It is not doubted but he is gone for the *West Indies*, and it is not improbable he may meet with the Dutch Squadron of Men of War which is in those parts, under the command of the Sieur *Binchi*. From *Madrid* they write, that *Don Fernand de Valenzuela* is accused of capital Offences, and that Process is forming against him thereupon; that several persons of quality are daily banished from Court; that the Queen still remains in the Palace at *Madrid*, but it was believed her Majesty would suddenly retire to *Toledo*.

Whitchell, Ebbw, 21. This day Sir *Thomas Doleman* Kt. was sworn one of the Clerks of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council, in the room of Sir *Edward Walker* deceased.

Advertisements.

February 25 between twelve and one of the clock at Noon, taken away from her Highness the Lady *Mary* her Lookings in *St James's* Houle, a little white Beagle Bitch, a puppy of about five weeks old, having one black spot near the rump, and the ears edged with black. Whosoever shall bring this Bitch to her Highnesses Back-stairs, shall be very well rewarded for their pains.

Lost on *Gods-hill* in *Kent*, on Monday the 19th of this instant February, a bay Horse, six years old, all his paces, cut main and tail, fourteen hands high, a black list down his back, brown mottell'd. Whoever can give notice of the said Horse at *Arundel* House in the Strand, shall have forty shill.

Pure and unmixt Trefoile Seed, being gathered the first year from Husk Seed, and so freed, and acquitted from all Rea, and other course Grasse Seeds, may be had of Mr *Jacob Biber* jun. at the Physick Garden in *Oxon*, or of Mr *George Sedly* Sadler at the *Falcon* in *Fleet-street*, where likewise very good *St Fome* Seed may be had.

These are give notice to the two Brethren *Amirose* and *Adam Hills*, that there is left to each of them by their Grandmother, an Houle and Close with the Appurtenants; and if they come to Mr *Simon Watson* at *Covent* by *Cambridge*, and make proof by sufficient testimony or circumstances, that they be the persons intended, he will inform them where the said Houses and Lands be, and who be their Tenants, and put them into present possession of the Rents; which Estate and Rents in case these do not appear, are to go to their next Heir at Common Law, whose residence and place of abode is better known to the said Mr *Watson*.