

hours were Masters of the Castle, having taken it by assault.

Cologne, Decemb. 21. The Imperial Regiment commanded by Count *Serin*, is within these three days come down into these Parts, and the Commissaries are at present busied to assign them Winter-quarters; our El. for having by the late Treaty concluded with the Emperor, obliged himself to furnish Winter-quarters for 2000 men.

Brussels, Decemb. 21. The French make great preparations on all sides of us, and we have reason to believe that the Most Christian King will be in the Field in person before the end of the next month, if not prevented by the Overtures which may be made towards a Peace. The Prince of *Orange*, as we are told, hath assured his Excellency the Duke *de Villa Hermosa*, that he will not be wanting on his part to use his utmost endeavors to be very early in the Field, to oppose the progress of the Enemy. Our Letters from *Cologne*, and those Parts, are filled with Complaints of the Violences and Extortions of the *Munster* Troops committed by them in their march, to that degree, that they become insupportable to the poor People. Yesterday arrived the Spanish Ordinary, we are told his Excellency received by it Bills of Exchange for 300 000 Crowns, to be laid out towards the making the necessary preparations for the next Campaign, but a far greater Sum is required, to put things into the posture they ought to be, and to provide Magazines necessary for the subsistence of our Armies, which the Prince of *Orange*, it's said, calls very much upon his Excellency in time to take care of.

Duis, Decemb. 24. This morning parted hence for the *Hague* Monsieur *Dickfield*, the Dutch Minister, pursuant to the Orders he had received from the States. Monsieur *Chauvet*, and Monsieur *Louigny*, Generals of the *Lurenburg* and *Osnabrug* Troops, have not yet received the satisfaction they pretend as to the quarters, as well as subsistence to be allowed to their Troops this Winter, and we are told that they make great Complaints on this occasion. The French have drawn a considerable Body of men together between the *Sambre* and the *Meuse*, with what design we know not, unless it be to possess themselves of certain Castles about *Namur*, in order to their facilitating their enterprise upon it, which, it's believed, they will besiege the next month. From *Treves* they write, that Count *Caprara* is retired with the Imperial Troops from those Parts, having only left 400 *Lorrain* Horse and Dragoons in *Treves*, and that he is marched to *Deux-Ponts*, which place he pretends to fortifie. That the Marquis *de Rannes*, who commands a detachment of the Marechal *de Crequi's* Army, had taken the Castle of *Sarbrucke*, after three hours attack, the Garrison being made Prisoners at War, and stript all to their Shirts, except such as took service with the French. The Duke of *Lorraine*, we hear, hath had a dangerous fall at *Phillipsburg*, which will oblige him to keep his Bed for some dayes. From *Vienna* they write, that Count *Montecuculi* will command the Imperial Army the next Campaign.

Amsterdam, Decemb. 24. People here are very much taken up with the appearances they persuade themselves there are of a sudden Peace. From the *Hague* they tell us, that his Highness the Prince of *Orange* has of late had several secret Conferences with the Deputies of the States; and that the state of the War is settled for the next year. In the mean time we have nothing of moment from abroad, all action ceasing everywhere, unless it be before *Stetin*, where the Besieged give daily new proofs of their Constancy and Courage, to that degree, as to create an admiration even in their Enemies. They

tell us from several Parts, that we shall now very suddenly hear of the march of the *Suedes* Army, under the Command of Count *Beut Horn*, and that that will be quickly followed with an account of their being fallen into *Prussia*, which they think will oblige the Elector of *Brandenburgh* to raise the Siege immediately, to take care of the defence of that Country.

Hague, Decemb. 24. On Wednesday the States of *Holland* separated, having passed a Resolution for the raising the 20th penny once, intending when they meet again, to have the same repeated as often as they shall see occasion. We are told that the state of the War is settled for the next year, on the same foot it was the last. In the mean time People talk much of Peace, and are the more ready to believe what is said on that Subject, because they desire to see an end of those burthens the present War layes upon them. Their Highnesses are gone this afternoon to their house at *Soestdike*, to divert themselves there. The Besiegers at *Stetin* advance very slowly; we have seen Letters from the Camp, which said that the Elector of *Brandenburgh* seems not disposed, for several considerations, to hazard a general storm; and on the other hand it is thought, the slow paces which the Besiegers make, will cause it to be a work of time, and perhaps give the *Suedes* an opportunity to succor the place, especially if it be true what they say of the march of their Army in *Livonia*.

Paris, Decemb. 24. We have nothing to write from hence, but of the preparations we hear are making for the opening the Campaign very early, as well on the side of *Flanders*, as of *Germany*. As to the first, the King will command his Army in Person, Monsieur *Louquet*, and the Count *de Lauzan*, who are Prisoners at *Pignorol*, have, at the Suit of the Chancellor, obtained permission to walk about in that Castle, and to converse with, and receive Letters from their Friends, which some think may be followed with other marks of Grace. From *Thoulon* we have an account, that several Vessels are preparing there to carry Provisions to *Messina*, and that they will be ready to sail in a very short time under a good Convoy. From *Savoie* they write of the death of the Marquis *de St. Thomasa*, the chief Minister at that Court.

Advertisements.

A Patent granted to the Earl of *Huntingdon* for two new Fairs to be kept at *Loughborough* in the County of *Leicester*, the one on the Tuesday before Palm Sunday, and the other on the Tuesday fortnight after; with liberty to sell Horses, and all other Cattle, upon the first six Thursdayes after the Nativity of Christ.

One *John Walton*, the first instant, took from his Master *George Devereux* Esq; of *Vaynor* in *Montgomeryshire*, the Sum of 160 l. and a gray Gelding high 16 hands high. He wears gray Cloaths, aged about 40, of a thin round visage, a flat nose, thin lank light hair, his left thumb shot off. Whoever apprehends him, and gives notice to Mr. *Arthur Devereux* of the Middle Temple, or to Mr. *Swamersset Fox* at Sir *Gilbert Gerard's* in *St. James's*, or to his Master aforesaid, shall have Ten Guineys Reward.

These are to give Notice to such Persons in or about the City of *London*, that have any Sea-coal Sutt to sell, that they are desired to signify in the weekly Gazette the place where the said Sutt may be sold, for the Accommodation of others that will give a valuable Price for the same, upon such Notice given.

About a month since, strayed or stolen out of the Grounds of Sir *Jam's Morion* of *Cuckfield* in the County of *Sussex* Knight, two Mares; the one a dark dapple gray, near 15 hands, 5 years old, her mane formerly cut half way, ringed, all her paces; the other a black, 16 hands, lame behind, 8 years old, a bushy tail. Whoever gives notice of them to Sir *Jam's Morion* aforesaid, or to *Thos. Burrell* Bookseller at the *Golden Ball* under *St. Dunstons* Church in *Fleet-street*, shall have Four Pounds Reward.