

Vudraē the Court at *Vienna*, that they are going to choofe them a King, and give out that they expect an assistance of 15000 *Poles* more.

Rastibonne, Decemb. 23. The *Suisse Cantons*, upon the pressing instance of the Ministers of the Emperor, and the King of *Spain*, have taken under their protection the four *Forest Cities*; and besides have declared, that they will assist the Crown of *Spain* with such Troops as shall be necessary for the preservation of *Flanders*. The Count de *Sternberg*, Vicechancellor of *Bohemia*, is in few dayes expected at the Court of the Elector of *Bavaria*, being charged with a Commission from the Emperor. The Duke of *Lorraine* is expected at *Vienna* yet before *Christmas*; and his marriage with the Emperor's Sister will be Celebrated the 25th of the next month; in his absence Prince *Herman of Baden* will have the command of the Army. From *Cassaw* in *Hungary* we have advice, that the Rebels had attacked a strong Post called *Bressermin*, and that they had been repulsed in three Assaults they made.

Strasburgh, Decemb. 24. The apprehensions and fears of People, that they shall be attacked by the *French* is very great, but what ground they have for them besides their own distrusts we cannot learn. The *French* are laying a Bridge over the *Rhine* at *Blosheym*, in order to their attacking, as is said, *Offenbourg* and *Stollhoffen*. Major General *Vermuller*, who was appointed by the Duke of *Lorraine* in the first place, is said to be dead. The States of the *Lower Alsace* are summoned to repair to *Brisac*, to agree with the Intendant there about their Contributions.

Cologne, Decemb. 28. The *Sieur de Landsee*, the Imperial Ambassador, continues still here, and presses our Magistrates to raise the 40000 Crowns demanded by the Imperial Commissary for the freeing them from *Winter* quarters, to which they have not been as yet able to consent. The *French* found a very great quantity of Corn and Ammunition in *Sardruch*; they have on y^e put 25 men into the place, and are returned to *M. 17*. The Count de *Caprara* remains with the Troops under his command in the Neighborhood of *Dreuxpontois*, finding himself not strong enough to make head against the *French* Troops, commanded by the *Marquis de Rannes*, on the *Saar*. The Elector of *Treves* has reinforced the Garrison of that City, upon the apprehension he has that the *French* will attack it at the opening of the Campaign.

Hague, Decemb. 28. The 24th his Highness went hence to his house at *Soestdike*, with intention to pass some dayes there in Hunting. The Deputies from *Groningen*, as likewise those from the *Ommelanden*, are now in Town; it is believed the matters in difference between them will be finally composed in a short time, the States very much concerning themselves therein. Count *Waldecke* is gone to his house at *Cuxlenburg*, where he will make but a short stay, and return to his quarter at *Malines*. My Lord Ambassador *Hide*, who arrived here some dayes since from *Nimegue*, to perform his Compliment to their Highnesses, is returning thither.

Amsterdam, Decemb. 31. The News we have this afternoon by our Letters from *Hamburg* of the Capitulation of *Stetin*, is at present the sole entertainment of this place; it is lookt upon as a thing of very great importance, and which in all likelihood will produce a great change of affairs in those parts. It is believed the loss of this place will have a great influence upon *Strasburgh*, which is the only place of consideration that remains to the *Suedes* in *Pomerania*. From *Flanders* we have an account, that the *Spaniards* are kept in conti-

nual Alarm with the motions of the *French*, who draw their Troops together in different places, and seem to have some great design in hand; every body thinks *Mons* or *Namur* will be besieged before the end of the next month, and that the *French* King will be in the Field in person by the middle of the month. In these Countries the preparations for the Campaign are hastening with all the diligence possible; and it is said the Prince of *Orange* purposes to be in the Field by the beginning of *February*.

Brussels, Decemb. 31. The motions of the *French* Troops do very much alarm us, and give us ground to believe their design to be upon *Mons* or *Namur*, or upon both. His Excellency the Duke de *Villa Hermosa* sent the last Night Count *Horne* with his Regiment to *Mons*, and at the same time ordered another Dutch Regiment to march to *Namur*, to reinforce that Garrison. And this morning the Prince of *Vaudemont* is gone hence with 200 Horse, to put himself into *Mons*, to be present with the Duke d' *Aerschoot* his Uncle, in case of a Siege. From *Metz* they write, that the *French* having taken the several places possessed by the *Imperialists* on the *Saar*, are gone into their quarters, with Orders to be ready to march again by the 6th of *February*.

Antwerp, Jan. 1. We hear from all sides of the preparations of the *French* for an early Campaign, their Troops begin to march already, and we are in expectation to hear very shortly that they are drawn into a Body, in order to the attacking some place, as *Mons* or *Namur*. The Prince de *Vaudemont*, we hear, has put himself into the former, the Duke d' *Aerschoot*, the Governor of that City and Province, being his Uncle. The Letters from *Hamburg* just now arrived, bring an account that *Stetin* had finally Capitulated.

Paris, Jan. 1. The Duke de *Vivonne*, Viceroy of *Sicily*, having desired leave to return home, which the King has granted him, and at the same time has appointed the Duke de *la Feuillade* to succeed him in that Government; and accordingly he will part hence in two or three dayes for *Thoulon*, where he will embark on the ships designed with a supply of Men and Provisions for *Messina*. The King has likewise nominated the *Sieur de Quilleragues* to go to *Constantinople*, in quality of his Ambassador.

Advertisements.

These are to give Notice, That His Majesty hath been lately pleased to Grant by His Letters Patents under the Great Seal of *England*, unto the Right Honourable *Theophil* Earl of *Huntingdon*, and his Heirs for ever, Two New Fairs to be held Yearly at *Loughborough* in the County of *Leicestershire*; the one on the Tuesday before *Palm-Sunday*, and the other on the second Tuesday after *Easter*; with liberty to sell Horses, and all other Cattle, upon the first six Thursdayes after *Christmas* day.

December 26, last Night, or rather this morning early, a House was broken open in *W. Stinifer*, and a Fellow came in at the Window, out of which he pulled an Iron Bar and took away one large Silver Tankard, with a Coat of Arms on it, being three Lyons Rampant, and three Bugle Horns; Three Silver Boxes, one for Sugar, one for Pepper, and another for Mustard, Eight Spoons. Six Forks. Six Salts, each of which had engraven on it, a Lyons Head crowned between two Feathers; he also took two Silver Candlesticks, one Silver pair of Snuffers, and a Silver Snuff dish to them; these last had no Arms engraven on them. If any one can seize the said Plate and Person, and give notice of it to *Philip Frowde* Esq; at the Post-Office, *London*, he shall have Five Pounds for a Reward.

Lost from *Feverham* in *Kent*, the 23d instant, a brown bay Gelding, with a small star in his forehead, blind of the farther eye, above 14 hands, a cut tail, all his paces, ten years old. Whoever gives notice of the said Gelding to Mr. *Day* of *Feverham*, or to Mr. *Edw. Trigg* at the *Rams head* in *Famurch-street*, *London*, shall have 20 s. Reward.