

the earnest desire and prayer of all, who have had experience of the miseries and calamities which the War brings with it. The Duke of *Lorraine* continues at *Wormes*, much bruised by the fall he received at *Philippsburg*, though his Physicians doubt not but he will in 8 or 10 dayes be in a condition to begin his journey for *Vienna*, where preparations are making for the Celebration of his Marriage with the Queen Dowager of *Poland* on the 25th of the next month. It is said that the *Suisse Cantons* have entred into an Engagement with the Crown of *Spain*, to assist *Milan* with an Army of 16000 men, in case it be attacked.

Strasbourg, Dec. 30. Major General *Vermulser*, who commanded at *Offenburg*, being dead, the Duke of *Lorraine* has committed the charge of that and the neighboring places to Count *Mansfeldt*, The *French*, we are told, are making new Fortifications at *Friburg*, which place they intend to make very strong, 6000 men working daily; they likewise continue to work on the Fortifications of *Schlestadt*, where they are providing very great Magazines. The *French* Troops which had their quarters in the *Upper Alsace*, are now come into the *Lower*, and are lodged so near each other, that they may be drawn together in a very short time. A great Convoy is arrived at *Brissac*.

Cologne, Decemb. 31. We had hoped to have seen our Elector in his Residence of *Bonne* before this, for it was reported as a thing most certain, that it was expressly stipulated by the Treaty some months since concluded between the Emperor, his Electoral Highness, and some other Princes of the Empire, that the City of *Bonne* should be forthwith restored to his Electoral Highness; but as yet we cannot see any probable appearance of his Electoral Highness's returning thither, till a Peace be made. From *Lorraine* they write, that the preparations of the *French* on that side for the next Campaign, do exceed those they made the last year, and that they will likewise be sooner in the Field. The Elector of *Triers* is not without apprehension that their design is upon his Capital City, and therefore he has given what Orders the present posture of affairs will admit of, for the security of the place, but we believe those fears are groundless.

Amsterdam, Jan. 4. We are told from the *Hague*, that his Highness the Prince of *Orange*, upon the advice he has received, that the *French* begin to move in *Flanders*, has resolved to go forthwith into those Parts, to be so much nearer at hand, to concert matters with the Governor of the *Spanish Netherlands*, and to give the necessary Orders according to the exigency of things. The Most Christian King has absolutely revoked the liberty he had granted to the Fishery, because several Privateers of *Zealand*, contrary to what was agreed, have taken certain *French* Fishermen, who came from *Newfoundland*. We have no Letters from *Hamburg* since our last, so that we know nothing new from those Parts. Many people are in expectation, that the loss of *Siezin*, will have a great influence upon the Magistrates and Burghers of *Strasburg*, and induce them to make their accommodation betimes with the Elector of *Brandenburg*. We have not any confirmation of what was said of the march of the *Suedes* Army, nor of what was so particularly said of their having possessed themselves of *Mitau* in *Courland*, so that we begin to think that account was altogether groundless. We cannot yet certainly say when the Men of War designed for the *Mediterranean* may be ready to sail, they would have been ere this, had the Monies for that Equipage been punctually paid. The Officers are every where busy to

raise their Recruits, which, it is said, they are obliged to have complete by the end of this month, or in default thereof, to forfeit their Commands.

Paris, Jan. 8. This day the Kings heavy Baggage parts from *St. Germain* to *St. Quenin*, but the King has deferred his own journey, which, as we told you in our last, was intended for Monday next, for some dayes longer, it having been presented to him, that the said Baggage, by reason of the badness of the wayes, would be able to march but very slowly, and therefore that it would be necessary to allow it some time to advance. The Marechal and Duke of *la Fere*, *Senecker*, has, with the Kings approbation, resigned his Dutchy to his eldest son the Marquis de *la Fere*. Our Letters from *Germany* give us a length an account of the Capitulation of *Stetin*, and of the actual Surrender of the place to the Elector of *Brandenburg*, which is a great misfortune for the *Suedes*, who have only *Stralsund* and *Gripswald* remaining to them in *Germany*. The Duke de *la Feuillade*, who is to succeed the Duke de *Vivonne* in the Government of *Messina*, is not yet parted from hence but will be in a day or two; we are told that he takes with him 6000 men. The last Letters we had from those Parts said, that the Marquis de *los Vies*, Viceroy of *Sicily*, was endeavouring to mortgage, or sell part of the Remain of that Kingdom, to raise money for the maintaining the War of *Sicily*. The King has made the Marechal d'Amur a Governor General of all his Conquests in *Flanders*.

Dantz, Decemb. 25. This day arrived in the *Downes* about 50 Sail of Merchant men from the *Straites*, and by them we have advce, that there are 7 *Algerins* without the *Straites* mouth, who would be glad to know how to get home.

Dover, Decemb. 29. The Passengers which came over in the last Pacquet Boat from *France*, report, that the Most Christian King is suddenly expected at *Dunkirk* in his way to *Flanders* and that the Kings Baggage was to part from *St. Germain* a this day.

Plymouth, Decemb. 30. On the 28 instant arrived at *St. Land* the *Assurance* Brigat, Sir *Robert Robinson* Commander 18 dayes from *Cadix*; he had under his Convoy above 17 Sail of Merchantmen, bound for several Ports, but the greatest part for *London*, who are gone for the *Downs*; whither sail, likewise this day the *Marygold* Pink from *Guinea* and *Malacca*.

Advertisements.

These are to give Notice, that there was lately taken, and are now in the Custody of the Keeper of His Majesties Gaol of *Newgate*, *London*; *William King* who formerly drove *Northampton Stage-Coach*; and *Henry Clayton*, heretofore a Gentlemans Clark, two Notorious Highway Robbers; with them were likewise taken the Horses and Goods following, viz. One bright bay Gelding 15 hands, shorn mane, cut tail, saddle spots, one white ftlock of the further foot behind. One dark bay Mare, 14 hands, saddle spots, cut tail, blaze on the forehead, two white feet behind, and a snip in the nose. One dark coloured roan Gelding 14 hands, cut tail, a brown muzzle, one saddle spot on the near side, a star on his forehead. One dapple gray Gelding 13 hands and an half, cut tail, a short mane. One black Nag 13 hands, cut tail, shorn mane, white star in the forehead, with saddle spots. One dapple gray Gelding 14 hands and an half, shorn mane, cut tail, with saddle spots. One slender light bay Mare, about 13 hands and an half. One silver Comb Box, two silver powder Boxes without any Coat of Arms, Letters or Marks. One Livery Coat made of a blew Perpetuana lined with red Shalloon, with Alcomie Buttons, and a Lace mixed with red, white, and black. If any Persons have been Robbed by the abovenamed Men, or of the said Horses or Plate, let them repair to the said Keeper, where they may have a view of them all, to the end the Owners of the said Horses or Plate (if stolen) may be restored to them again, and the Offenders punished according to Law.

ALL Goldsmiths, and others, to whom one Silver Plate may come to be sold, marked with the Cypher B. G. flourished, weighing about 18 ounces, are desired to apprehend the Bearer thereof, till they give notice to Mr. *Robert Robinson* in *Hoath*; Clerk Alley in the Strand over against *Durham-yard*, or to Mrs. *Gwyn* Porter in the *Past mill*, by whom they shall be very well rewarded.

Strayed or stolen Dec. 25 out of the Grounds of Sir *J. Beilshurst* of *Leachlade* in the County of *Glosters*, a dark brown Gelding 14 hands and an half, with a brand marked B. on the near side behind, between 4 and 5 years old. Who ever gives notice of the said Gelding to the Owner, or to Mrs. *William Denton* at the *Star Inn* near *Charingcross*, shall have 40 s. Reward.