

And Charlemont. This afternoon comes in the Post from *Flanders* and *Brabant*, they give us different accounts of the motions of the Enemy; those from *Brussels* say, that the grols of the French Forces were march'd towards the *Meuse*; but from *Antwerp* they write, that the Enemy was come before *Ghent*, and had besieged it: certain it is, that a considerable party of French Horse and Foot under the command of the Baron *de Quincy*, had pass'd the *Schelde*, and was post'd at *Lokeren* in the Country of *Waes*. In a day or two we may expect to have a more particular, as well as a certain information of what the Enemy does. This morning early march'd from hence the Foot-guards towards *Brabant*. We believe his Highness is by this time with the Army. The Deputies of the respective Admiralties are still here.

Brussels, March 3. The French alarm us on all sides, every hour some Express or other arrives here, sent by the Governor of some place, to give his Excellency an account of the motions of the Enemy, and the apprehension he has of being besieged. This morning we have notice, that the French have shewn themselves with a Body of 4 or 5000 Horse near *Alost* and *Grammont*, a party of which is come to the Abby of *Affligem*, three Leagues from hence, where they burnt all the Corn and Forage. They have broken down all the Bridges on the *Dender*, so that there cannot come any Wagons hither from *Ghent*. From the *Meuse* we have advice, that the French are drawing together about *Charlemont*, and that according to all appearance they will besiege that Castle, and perhaps *Namur* at the same time, Count *Waldeck* has received orders from the Prince of *Orange* to march with the Troops under his command towards *Hasselt*. We have advice at this instant, that the 5000 French Horse abovementioned, being commanded by the Baron *de Quincy*, are march'd towards the *Schelde*, having laid a Bridge over that River at *Quarebbe*, between *Ghent* and *Dendermonde*.

Namur, March 1. This afternoon 4000 French Horse, and some Foot, appeared near this City; our Governor sent out several parties, who skirmish'd with them; they have, we hear, laid a Bridge over the *Sambre* near the Abby *Florette*. Just now we have advice, that the Marquis *de Choiseul* is coming this way with 4000 Horse, and 2000 Foot; so that we are expecting a Siege. It is reported that *Charlemont* is already besieged.

Antwerp, March 3. We are here in much disorder, occasion'd by the account we receive from the Country people that are fled hither, that a Body of French have pass'd the *Schelde*, and are come into the Country of *Waes*, seeming to have a design upon *Ghent*. We have several uncertain reports here, the one, that *Ghent* is formally besieged, and that the French had already made an Assault upon the Cittadel; this is certain, that we have heard great shooting these two days. We are told that the Duke *de Villa-Hermosa* was the last night at *Dendermond*, and that the French King is come into *Flanders*.

Ditto. The first instant the French shew'd themselves in the Neighborhood of *Ghent*, and pass'd the *Schelde* at *Melle* and *Mirinskerke*. The Messenger that pass'd between this City and *Ghent*, came from thence yesterday morning about 10 a clock, he says, that all the way he came he heard great shooting. This day great numbers of people are fled hither from the Country of *Waes*, they say the French have besieged *Ghent*, and that they have rais'd two or three Batteries; if so,

we must expect the next news will be that it is surrendred to them.

N. wport, March 4. The French Troops having quit'ted their Post about *Ipres* the 27 past, are march'd towards *Ghent*, which place, it is said, they will attack. It is now four days since any vessel, Post or Postillion came from *Orni* to *Wappes*, the Enemy having stop't the Letters from *Antwerp*, *Brussels*, and those Parts, as well as those from *Germany*, so that the Paquet-Boat is sent away for *England* onely with the Letters from *Bruges*, *Ostend*, *Ipres*, and this place. Just now we receive certain advice that *Ghent* is besieged by the French, and some say that they are Masters of it.

Dover 24. Last night arriv'd here the Paquet-Boat from *Calais*, and brought advice, that the French had drawn thir Forces together in *Flanders*, and were march'd towards *Ghent*.

Ditto. This morning arriv'd the Paquet-Boat from *N. wport*, but brings no Letters from *Brussels*, *Ghent*, *Antwerp*, or from any parts of *Germany* or *Italy*, they having been taken by the French, who, as they write from *N. wport*, which is confirm'd by the Passengers that came over in the said Paquet-Boat, have attack'd *Ghent*, the Capital City of the Province of *Flanders*; and some of the Passengers tell us, that before they came from *N. wport*, news was brought thither, that the said City had open'd its Gates to the French, and that the French King was expected there in person as on Friday or Saturday last.

Falmouth, Febr. 21. Yesterday came into this Port the *Francis* of *London*, with two or three Vessels more bound for *Virginia*. Here are likewise several Vessels bound for *France*, who know not whither they ought to proceed, considering the talk there is every where of War. This day arriv'd here the *America* of *New England*, laden with Tobacco from *Maryland*; the Master gives us not any News, things being at present quiet in those parts.

Advertisements.

✓ A Vindication of the Friendly Conference, between a Minister and a Parishioner of his inclining unto Quakerism, &c. from the Exceptions of *Thomas Ellwood* in his pretended Answer to the said Conference, By the same Author.

✓ A Compleat Treatise of Preternatural Tumors, both General and Particular, as they appear in Humane Body from Head to Foot. To which also are added many excellent modern Historical Observations. Composed and digested into this new method, by *J. B. Sworn* Chyrurgion in Ordinary to the Kings Most Excellent Majesty. With Sir *Thomas Browns* Commendatory Letter prefix'd to it, of *Norwich*. Both sold by *R. Clavel*, at the *Peacock* in *St. Pauls Church-yard*.

ON Monday *March 25. 1678* will be expos'd to Sale, the Library of *Doctor Thomas Manon*, by way of Auction, at his Houfe (as was) in *King-street, Covent Garden*. The Catalogues are ready to be distributed Gratis, at *Mr. Williams Coopers* at the *Pelican* in *Little Britain*.

Elizabeth Norford, about 26 years of age, of middle stature, pale faced, and full of freckles, round visaged, a broad forehead, in a blew spotted morning Gown, went away from her Mistess, on the 19 of this instant *February*, with three black Farren'dine Petticoats, one of white Tabbylaced with three Laces of silver and black Silk, one Flowred sattin Petticoat, with some Scarfs laced and plain, a laced Crevat, with several other pieces of Linnen laced and plain, four black Hoods, one silver Spoon marked *M. A.* a Cover of a Cup, being silver gilt, weighing about 40 ounces, having a Pillar, and a high Spire carved, to take it up by on the top, and several other things. Whoever shall discover the said Person, and the said Things, at *Capt. Arnolds* in *St. Peters-street* in *Westminster*, shall have 3 l. Reward.

Lost on Thursday the 21 instant, in the night, near *Newbery*, off from the Racks, 24 yards of Cloth sad brown coloured, with orange and blue mixture. Whoever gives notice of the said Cloth to *Mr. William Walrand* in *Old Fish Street Hill* over against the Bell, or to *Mr. William Linb* in *Newbery*, shall have 40 s. Reward.

Lost from *Mr. Gage's* house in *Germain Street*, on Tuesday the 26 instant, a middle sized Fox-Hound Bitch, fine shaped, white, with some large black spots, her ears and tail cut. Whoever brings the said Bitch to *Mr. Gage's* house in *Germain Street* near *St. James's* shall have a Guiney Reward.