

them of whatever they could meet with. In *Alsace* the French ruine and destroy all the Country round, and at *Weissembourg* they have used the Inhabitants somewhat hardly, this makes every body wish for Peace; and were told that the Deputies of several Electors and Princes of the Empire, at the Dyet at *Ratisbonne*, press extremely, that the Dyets would consider of some effectual way to advance the work of the Peace.

From the Imperial Camp at Schreck, Sept. 5. It has been the belief of every body in the Army, that we should pass the *Rhine*, to have marched on that side to the relief of *Strasbourg*, but at present the discourse is, that seeing it would be impossible for us to subsist in *Alsace*, where the French have burnt and destroyed all the Country, our General hath taken new resolutions; what they are we are not as yet able to tell you but may by our next. Our Army has suffered much by the several marches we have made since we came into the Field, however we are in a condition to meet the Enemy here or us, before we end the Campaign. The City of *Strasbourg* is provided with a very good Garrison.

From the French Camp at *Weissembourg* in *Alsace*, Sept. 6. Provisions begin to grow somewhat scarce here. The Imperial Army, under the command of the Duke of *Lorraine* continues on the other side of the *Rhine* not far from *Philipsburg*, where the Count de *Caprata* only passed the *Rhine* with a Body of Horse to cover those quarters. They of *Strasbourg* have made a Treaty with the Emperor, by which his Imperial Majesty promises to protect them with all his Force, and they to supply his Army with whatever their City can afford, so that there is but small likelihood of accommodating matters with them; in the mean time the *Sieur de Monclar* continues to deprive them of all Commerce, and to that end hath taken a small Isle in the *Rhine*.

*Spire*, Sept. 6. The Imperialists have defeated near *Landaw* a French Party of 400 Horse, and have taken a great many Officers Prisoners. Yesterday we had advice that the Duke of *Lorraine* was coming this way, and would encamp within an hours march of this City, which made all the Country People of the Neighborhood come flocking hither. But this day we are assured that his Highness has changed his mind, and that he is resolved to march back towards *Offenbourg*; and at the same time we hear, that the *Marschal de Crequi* having ruined all the Country as far as *Landaw*, will return with his Army towards the *Upper Alsace*.

*Brussels*, Sept. 13. The intended reduction of the Dutch Troops is executed. Yesterday a Captain was hanged in the Camp, for speaking mutiniously against the States General. Besides the Regiments disbanded in the Army five have been reformed at *Mons*, of which about 2000 men have taken service with the Spaniards. Several Dutch Regiments are retired from the Camp, towards their quarters on the farther side of this Province, and yesterday 6 Regiments marched towards *Mastricht*. This day most of the Ammunition Wagons belonging to the Dutch Army, arrived here, and the Ammunition will be sent by water to *Holland*.

*Hague*, Sept. 13. We are told that the French Ambassadors at *Nimwegen*, have referred the Points in difference between them and the Spaniards, to the Arbitration of this State; and that a great Conference hath been held at *Nimwegen*, concerning the Cession of Arms which hath been proposed, which, it is said, the Swedes would have only to last 6 weeks. The *Sieur d'Avaux*, one of the French Ambassadors at *Nimwegen*, has Orders, as we understand, to repeat hither. The States having advice that 6 French Capers are Cruising on these Coasts, have ordered several Men of War to put to Sea, to clear the said Coasts of them. From *Pomeroy* we have accounted, that the Danes had landed a small number of men upon

on the Isle of *Rügen*, to learn in what posture the Enemy was; but that they had been all cut off, or taken Prisoners.

*Paris*, Sept. 10. The King hath called the following Edict to be published.

BY THE KING.

Whereas his Majesty has granted Passports to the States General of the United Provinces, to be delivered to the Ships and Vessels of their Subjects, which go to Sea, his Majesty's Pleasure is, That they be with all freedom admitted into the Ports of his Kingdom, and that they be treated there as kindly as his own Subjects; And therefore his Majesty expressly forbids all his Officers commanding in his Men of War, and all others commanding in the Ships of his Subjects, equipped for Privateers, to stop any of the Ships of the Subjects of the said States General, or to give them any disturbance in their Navigation, upon pain of death. His Majesty charging and commanding the Count de *Venmandois* Admiral of France, the Vice-Admirals, Lieutenant-Generals, Chiefs of Squadrons, Captains, and other Sea-Officers, to take care it in his Ordinance be duly executed. His Majesty likewise commands the Officers of the Admiralty to cause the same to be read, published and registered, that none may be ignorant, and to see the same punctually executed. Done at *Bontainbleau*, 3d Sept. 1678.

Signed LOUIS,

And underneath Colbert.

*Ditto*, Sept. 14. The last Account we had from our Army in *Flanders*, was, That it on inued encamped on the *Sambre*, and that the *Sin-Gerard* had sent Orders to their Army for the reforming of several Regiments. From *Germany* they tell us, That our Army was still encamped the 6th instant at *Weissembourg*, observing the motions of the Duke of *Lorraine*, who was on the side of *Philipsburg*.

Advertisements.

Whereas decent and fashionable Laced Shifts and Dressings for the Dea, made all of Woollen, have been Presented to His Majesty, by *Amy Patier* Widow, (the first that put the making such things in practice) and His Majesty well liking the same, hath upon her humble Petition, been Graciously pleased to give her leave to insert this Advertisement, that it may be known that she now wholly applies herself in making both Laced and Plain of all sorts at reasonable Rates, by *Joeseph Crane* in the *Old Exchange*, near *St. Paul's Church*, 1678.

Whereas *Mr. Buddle*, Minister of *Lancaster* in *Cromwell*, had two Geldings of good value lately slain to death in the field in the night-time, and where-as by the wounds (which were alike in both Horses, about 20 inches deep, very small, and through the guts) and by some Persons threatenings, it seems to be some maliciously: Now whosoever shall make a true discovery to the said *Mr. Buddle*, who kill'd, or procured the killing of either of the said Horses, shall have 5 l. Reward.

Lost the 3d instant, in or near the *Exchange*, or in *Threadneedle-street*, a Letter-Case, in it several Bills, Notes, and Receipts, with a Bond and Release belonging to *Robert Fynde*. Whoever brings the said Letter-Case, with all the Bills and Notes, to *Richards* Coffee-house in *Threadneedle-street*, shall have a Guiney Reward, or more.

Strayed or stolen the 28th of *August* last, from *Horizon* by *Windfor*, a bay Mare near 15 hands, a shorn mane, and a bob-tail, the marks, A cross burned on the near buttock, and a cross burned on the far shoulder. Whoever gives notice of the said Mare to *William Wheatley* in the Kings Guard Chamber, shall be well rewarded.

Strayed or stolen out of the *Fosse* in *Reading*, about the last of *July*, or the beginning of *Aug*, an ash-coloured Milk-Ais, of an ordinary size, with a white belly, with little or no mane; together with a stone B 16, of a dark colour. Whoever can help the Owner to find, let them give notice to *Mr. Broms* Book-seller, at the *Gun* in *Langton-street*, or to *Mr. Hill* at the *George* Inn in *Reading*, shall have 10 s. reward.