

Brussels, Nov. 29. The Ratiſications are at length arrived from Spain by an Extraordinary Courier, who came hither on Sunday night, and parted again yesterday by five in the morning for Nimeguen, where we suppose he is by this time, so that we expect to hear of the exchange of the Ratiſications this week. Our Letters from Flanders tell us, that the French King has sent orders to the Governors of the places which are to be restored to Spain, to be ready to march out by the 15th of the next month at farthest. Yesterday was performed the ceremony of the Prince of *Vaudemont's* being received into his Charge of Gentleman of the Chamber to his Catholick Majesty in Ordinary; his Excellency gave him the Key; and, we are told, that to-morrow, being St. Andrew's day, both his Excellency and the Duke of *Arſchois*, will receive the Order of the Golden Fleece.

Duno, Decemb. 6. We were in expectation at the Court, that the Letters which arrived yesterday from Nimeguen, would have brought us an account, that the Ratiſications were exchanged, but on the contrary, we are informed, that the Spanish Ambassadors press to have an Explanation of some Articles, and particularly desire that the matter of the Limits (which by an Article of the Treaty, is referred to Commissioners) be left to the decision of his Majesty of Great Britain, and the States General of the United Provinces, in case the said Commissioners do not adjust it in a certain time limited they likewise demand that the Merchants be expressly excluded from the benefit of the general Pardon and oblivion which is granted by the said Treaty to all persons for what has been done by them during the war. Our Letters add, that a farther prolongation of the term for the exchange of the Ratiſications, hath been agreed to; but that gives us little satisfaction, when we consider how extremely their Countries suffer in the mean time. The charge which they are at, by having the French Troops thus quartered upon them, amounting as is computed to some 100 thousand Crowns a day; and the City of *Gant*, after having paid seven times their 20th penny to the French, being now charged at 128 thousand Florins a month. From *Liege* we are told that the French Troops increase daily in that Country; and that they advance more and more from the *Meuse* towards the *Rhine*; and from *Cologne* the 2d instant they wrote, that their fears of being attacked by the French increase every moment, so that the Magistrates were about resolving to call in their assistance the *Munster* and *Luxemburg* Troops, besides the new Levies themselves are making, which will amount to 6000 men, besides 4000 of the City Militia; that the French were battering the Castle of *Sibergh*, and that the Guns were heard at *Cologne* that they had taken *Kempen*, and were entered into the Duchy of *Clèves*, where they committed great disorders. The same Letters add, that the Emperor had sent his orders to *Cologne* to pay a great sum of Money to the *Luxemburg* Troops for their Winter-quarters.

Ague, Decemb. 6. The Deputies of the States of *Holland* are expected here this night, to renew their Assembly to-morrow. We are told that complaints have been made by order of the States General to the French Ambassador here, that at *Rochel* the French exact 50 Sols per Tun of their ships, laden partly with salt, and partly with other Goods, contrary to an

Article of the Peace, which says that but 25 Sols shall be taken of Ships carrying Salt. As also that they continue to exact the same Duties at *Vijet* of *Holland* Vessels, trading to *Liege*, which they had formerly established at *Maeſtricht*. Don *Emanuel de Lyra*, the Spanish Minister, presses the States to put *Maeſtricht* into the hands of the King his Matter.

Paris, Decemb. 7. Yesterday in the morning the Dutch Ambassadors had a private Audience of the King at *Verſailles*; their publick Audience is not to be till after they have made their Entry into this City, which will not be yet in some days. We have now certain advice of the arrival of the Spanish Ratiſications at *Nimeguen*, though it seems they are accompanied with some restrictions and limitations, which may create some new difficulties, though it's hoped they will be overcome. Our Letters from *Alsace* of the first instant, tell us, that the Duke of *Lorraine* had put the Imperial Army into quarters in *Suabia* and *Franconia*; that the new Fortifications of *Strasburg*, and the Forts on the *Rhine*, were continued with all possible application; that the *Sieur de Monclar*, who commands the Kings Forces in *Alsace*, was fortifying several small places near *Strasburg*, which by that means he purposes to keep blocked up this winter.

Portsmouth, Dec. 1. On the 29 past, the Fleet of Dutch Merchantmen, consisting of 24 Sail, (who have lay'n wind bound in *Cowes* Road these five weeks) set Sail with a fair wind, under the Convoy of a Man of War of 34 Guns, being bound for *Cadix*.

London, Decemb. 3. This day Mr. *Coleman*, according to the Sentence past upon him, was drawn upon a Sledge to *Tyburne*, and there Hanged and Quartered.

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