

attempting anything. Our Magistrates in the mean time continue to raise men, and to do whatever else is necessary for our security. The French parties pass frequently the *Rhine*, and make their incursions into the Country of *Berg*, from whence they return with good Booty.

Liege, Dec. 20. We have been here in great alarm for some days past, occasioned by a report that was got among the people, that the French were coming to take Winter-quarters in this City, which was encreased by the account we had that they were laying a Bridge over the River at *Wesel*, and that 5 or 600 French were come into the Suburb of *Auoy*; but all is now over, and our Magistrates have agreed with the French Intendant to pay 50000 Crowns for this City and its Suburbs; which is very moderate to what the French demanded, viz. 50000 Crowns a month.

Hague, Dec. 20. The States of *Holland* having settled the matter of Reduction of the Forces, are separated till the 3d of the next month; according to this reduction there will remain on foot 66 Troops of Horse, 10 of Dragoons, and 600 Companies of Foot, reduced each to 55 Men with Officers. It is said that the States have not only renewed their instances to the French Ambassador for the obtaining a Neutrality for the City of *Cologne*, but have likewise resolved to employ their offices for the obtaining the inclusion of that City in the Peace. The States of *Friseland* having deliberated a new upon the Point of their disbanding their Troops, have confirmed their first resolution upon that subject, and have sent a Letter to the States General to acquaint them therewith, that they may save the Deputies they had resolved to send to them on this occasion, the trouble of that journey, seeing it will be without any fruit. From *Nimeguen* we have advice, that since the exchange of the Ratifications of the Peace between *Spain* and *France*, the Negotiation between the Imperialists and the latter, has not advanced at all.

Ditto, Dec. 23. The States having caused complaint to be made to the French Ambassador of an Imposition which is laid by the French upon all Dutch Vessels that pass *Weser*, the Ambassador has answered that the King his Master will give orders that the Imposition shall not be required of the Dutch for the future, provided the States do withdraw out of the Country of *Liege*, such of their Troops, that are still remaining there. Notwithstanding the resolution of the States of *Friseland* to persist in their first resolution concerning the disbanding of their Troops, the States General have ordered their Deputies, whom they had before appointed to go and expostulate with those States on this subject, to proceed on their journey, and to execute the instructions given them in this Affair. The French we hear are drawing their Forces together in the Country of *Fuliers*, and it is generally apprehended, that their design is upon the City of that name, or else upon *Cologne*. The reduction of the Forces will be put in execution the beginning of the next month. There will be reformed 48 Troops of Horse, and there will remain on foot 66, of 50 men each; 10 Troops of Dragoons are to be reformed, and 10 to remain of 60 men each; and all the foot Companies, which are 601, are to be reduced to 55 men each, including the Officers, excepting the Princes Horse and Foot-

guards, which are to continue on the same foot they are now on.

Paris, Dec. 21. The Dutch Ambassadors have, as we understand, received an answer in writing to the instances they made by the order of the States their Masters, for a Neutrality for *Cleves* and *Fuliers*, by which the King repeats what had been before signified to them by word of mouth, of his not thinking fit to consent thereunto. The said Ambassadors are it seems dissatisfied with Monsieur de *Pomponne's* treatment of them, who in the visit they made him, brought them only to his Stairs head, whereas the Ambassadors expected he should have accompanied them to their Coach; and besides, he has not yet returned their Visit, and has let them know he does not intend to do it, till after they have made their publick Entry, for which they are preparing. The Sieurs *Boreel* and *Dickvelt* will have 24 Footmen and Pages in the Livery of the States and the Sieur *Odyke* will have as many in that of the Prince of *Orange*; so that they will make a very gallant appearance. The Sieur *Odyke* being some days since at Court, met in the Kings Anti-chamber Monsieur *Mombus*, who was formerly in the service of the States, and came over to the French in the beginning of the late War, and had some sharp words with him. On Tuesday night arrived here an Express from *Nimeguen*, who brought the Spanish Ratifications of the late concluded Peace with that Crown, which will be published here on Monday next, and *Te Deum* sung in *Nostre Dame* with the usual solemnity.

Ditto, Dec. 24. From the *Rhine* we have an account, that the Kings Troops possess themselves of all the Posts about *Cologne*; that they have lately burnt two or three Villages, who were wanting to pay their Contributions; that they have a Pais on the *Rhine*, and that they stop all Vessels that pass, in order to the making a Bridge over that River. The Marschal de *Crequi* is still at *Nancy*, though we are told that he has leave to return hither, the Sieur de *Monclar* being appointed by the King to command his Troops that Winter in *Alsace*. It is said that Monsieur *Pomponne* has made certain Proposals to the Dutch Ambassadors about the affairs of the North, and that their Excellencies have sent an Express to the *Hague*, to give their Masters an account thereof. The Negotiation between the Imperial and French Ambassadors at *Nimeguen*, has of late advanced very little, though the Conferences are still continued between them. Monsieur de *Vauban*, one of the Kings chief Engineers, is gone by the Kings order to raise a very strong Fortrefs or Cittadel at *Longvic*.

Advertisements.

LOst the 18th instant, of His Majesties, from *Whitchell*, a liver-coloured Spaniel Bitch, with white about her neck, and white down her breast, of a middle size. Whoever can give notice of the Bitch to *William Chiffins* Esq; at the Kings *Ball-stairs*, shall be well rewarded.

WHereas one *Ralph Dickinson* of *Stockport* in *Cheshire*, about 18 years of age, went away from his friends several years ago, and an Estate being lately fallen to him, he is desired to return home, if he be alive; and if he wants conveniences to fit him for his return, he is desired to repair to *Mr. Robert Leigh*, at the *White Fryer* in *White Fryers*, near *Fleet-street*, where he shall receive all things that are necessary.

A Grant to *Ann Parrish* Widow, of a Market to be held at a Place called *the Butts* within the Parish of *New-Branford* in the County of *Middlesex*, every Thursday, for the Sale of all manner of Cattle.