

though at the same time they apprehend that this is only a pretence to cover the design the French may have to winter their Troops in that Country. The King of *Spain* having consummated his Marriage at *Burgos*, was gone from thence with his Queen for *Madrid*, where they would make their publick Entry as this day. It is said, as a thing most certain, that the Most Christian King will be the latter end of this month, or the beginning of the next at *Metz*; the occasion of this journey is pretended to be to establish the new Chamber that is setting up at *Metz*; but the generality of people imagine it is taken for some more important design, and that that Kings eye is upon *Strasbourg*.

*Bruges*, Dec. 9. The Spanish Soldiers in these parts, as well Horse as Foot, do now receive their Pay more punctually than formerly, and within these few days have been all new clothed, which is more than has been done these seven years. The Officers are busie in making their Recruits, and we are told that a considerable supply will be remitted monthly from *Spain*, towards the maintenance of the standing Forces that are to be kept in Foot for the security of these Provinces. Yesterday five of our ordinary Burghers were seized by order of the Magistrates, being accused of several Thefts and Robberies; Three Warehouses have been discovered, whither they used to convey their stolen Goods.

*Hague*, Dec. 12. On Saturday last a Proposal was made to the States of *Holland* by the French Ambassador of a Defensive Alliance to be concluded between the King his Master and this State, which occasioned a very long and warm debate in the Assembly, from Nine in the morning till Three in the afternoon, when they adjourned themselves, without taking any resolution in the matter before them, till this day sevenight, when it's believed the further debate thereof will be resumed. Our Letters from *Germany* give us an account, that the Most Christian King is very suddenly expected at *Metz*, which does allarm all those parts, people not being able to imagine but that he has some great design in hand; and their apprehensions being increased by the advice they have from several parts that in *France* they are making new preparations for War. It seems yet a great question whether the intended Marriage between the Dauphin and the Princess of *Bavaria*, will take effect: For there are Letters, which say, that since the Elector will not embrace the Overtures made to him concerning his own Marriage with Madam *iselle de Valois*, the other will likewise be broke off by the French.

*Paris*, Dec. 13. There has been a report about Town for these three or four days, that several Men of War sailing lately from *Tboulon*, three of them in bad weather sprung Leaks, and were lost, with all their men except eight, who saved themselves by swimming; it's said one of these three was called the *Louis*, mounted with 90 Brass Guns. It is still the discourse at Court, that the Marriage between the Dauphin and the Princess of *Bavaria* will go on, though the most knowing say, that it is not yet certain; and that a Courier is every day expected from Monsieur *Colbert* the French Ambassador at *Munick*, with an account of the final resolution of that Court in the matters proposed by him. It was said some time since that the Treaty between the King and the Duke of *Mantoua*, concerning *Casal* was finished, and so most

people believe it is; but as yet nothing of that Affair is made publick.

*Plymouth*, Decemb. 2. The 29<sup>th</sup> past arrived here the *St. Thomas* of *London*, and the *Rebecca* of *Dartmouth*, bound home, the first from *Virginia*, and the latter from the *Barbadoes*. This day sailed from hence the *Ruby* Frigate to the Westward, to seek for the *Angel Gabriel* of *Bristol*, which is said to be fibating on the Irish Coast, being deserted of all her men.

*Whitehall*, Dec. 5. This day the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of *London*, attending His Majesty in Council, received a strict Charge to see His Majesties late Proclamation, (Commanding all Papists, or Reputed Papists, forthwith to depart from the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, &c.) duly and punctually executed, His Majesty being pleased to tell them, that effectual care should be taken to have the like done in *Westminster* and the Suburbs; and because it was probable the Papists being disturbed there, would retire into the City, His Majesty let the Lord Mayor and Aldermen know, it was their part not to suffer them to shelter themselves there; And that if they could think of any way to make the said Proclamation more effectual, His Majesty, upon their addressing themselves to Him, would give them all the countenance and assistance necessary. And then His Majesty was pleased to recommend to them the Care and Protection of the Merchants Strangers.

His Majesty in Council was likewise pleased to declare, that designing to employ Sir *Robert Southwell* Kt. in His Service abroad, He had given him leave to Resign his Place of one of the Clerks of the Council, to *Francis Gwyn* Esq; who being called in, was Sworn accordingly.

*Whitehall*, Dec. 5. This day the Sieur *Abraham Martin*, his Highness the Duke of *Courland's* Resident, had his first Audience of His Majesty, being conducted thereunto by Sir *Charles Cotterel* Kt. Master of the Ceremonies.

#### Advertisements.

Mr. *Tho. Dangefield's* Particular Narrative of the late Popish Design to Charge those of the Presbyterian Party with a pretended Conspiracy against His Majesties Person and Government. Written by Himself. Printed for *Henry Hills*, 7 in *Sturkey*, *Tho. Bassett*, *John Wright*, *Richard Chiswell*, and *Samuel Heyrick*.

The Lodgings of *Thomas Duppa* Esq; in *Whitehall*, were Robbed about ten in the forenoon on the 4<sup>th</sup> of this instant, and from thence stolen three Bags of Money. And two Gentil: persons (one a short man, about 36 years old, with sad brown hair little curled, in a sad frize Campaign Coat; the other an indifferent tall man in a light colour Campaign Coat, being observed to take Coach about that hour at *Whitehall* Gate, and to put three Bags of Money in with them) are suspected to have done the Fact. Whoever shall give notice to the Porters Lodge at *Whitehall* of both or either of the said persons, so as the Money, or any considerable part thereof may be found, shall have 20 l. Reward; or if the Coach Man will come there and declare where he set such persons down, and what he knew of them, he shall have 20 s. or else be taken as Accessary to the said Fact.

Strayed or stolen out of the Grounds of *Richard Mouniey* Esq; on the third or fourth instant, from *Kew* near *Richmond*, in the County of *Surrey*, a moule dun Gelding, almost 15 hands, having iron Fetters on him, with a few white hairs in his forehead, little eyes, shorn mane, docket very short, with a little white on the heel of his near leg behind, having all his paces, about seven years old. Whoever gives notice of him to *Richard Mouniey* Esq; on *Kew-Green* aforesaid, or to *Edward Barkwell* Esq; in *Lombard-street*, shall have a Guinea Reward.