

and the other before the First of *March* of the year following, with an allowance of Six *per Cent.* to those that shall pay their Moneys before the time : and if the Sum that shall be thus raised, do not suffice, then another 200th penny, is to be raised upon Personal Estates. In the *Texel* are arrived Five Merchant Ships from *Spain*, and bring advice, that the Spanish *New Spain* Fleet, intended to sail from *Cadix* on the 20th of the last month. Our Letters from *Cologne* tell us, that the proceedings of the Chamber, established at *Metz*, did put several Princes of the Empire into very great perplexity, they being summoned to prove their Titles to Lands, which they had been possessed of, they and their Ancestors, time out of mind.

Hague, June 4. The States-General having written to the States of the several Provinces, concerning the arrears of Subsidies, due to the Elector of *Brandenburg*; the States of *Zealand*, whose proportion comes to 54600 Crowns, have thought fit to offer half of that sum by way of Composition, which his Electoral Highness being informed of, he is much dissatisfied thereat, and has written a complaining Letter to the States-General, on occasion thereof. The States of this Province have at last agreed upon the method of raising the Moneys, they have thought necessary for the defraying the charges of the present year, and have Adjourned themselves till the middle of the next month. And in the mean time, the Prince and Princess of *Orange*, are gone to pass some time in *Gelderland*. From *Germany* we have advice, that the French are forming a Body of 30000 Men, between *Wormes* and *Hunningen*, and that it's suspected, they have a design upon the Fortress of *Philipsburg*, which, as well as the Baillage of *Udenheim*, they pretend are dependences of *Croon-Weissenburg*. The same Letters add, that they had summoned the Duke of *Deuxponts*, to appear before the Royal Chamber at *Metz*, to prove his Title to the Castle of *Lichtenberg*, though it had belonged to his Family, without any interruption, above Three hundred years.

Brussels, May 31. We expect our Spanish Letters every moment; till they arrive, we can say nothing of his Excellencies journey to *Flanders*, it much depending upon the Orders his Excellency receives, concerning his leaving this Government, which some have reported, that the Duke of *Fuliers* declines, but what ground they have for it, we cannot learn. The Marquis de *Bourgomano*, our Kings late Envoye in *England* (where Don *Pedro de Ronquillo*, his successor, is arrived) goes not till the next week for the *Hague*. The French are at present pretty quiet in these parts, and people, who are apt to believe what they desire, persuade themselves they will continue so; and that the French Kings journey, which he begins about the middle of the next moneth, is only to visit his Conquests. But our Letters from *Germany* make ample relations of the apprehensions they have of the designs of the French on that side, as well as of the vexation they put many Princes of the Empire to; by summoning them, not only to do homage to their King, for the Territories they hold, depending, as they say, on the Three Bishopricks of *Metz*, *Toul*, and *Verdun*, but likewise to make out, by authentick proofs, their Title and Right to those Territories, in which, most of those Princes, who have, no prospect of being protected by the Empire in case they should stand

it out, are like to submit to the Decrees of the Chambers of *Metz* and *Brisac*, how unreasonable soever they think them, and some of them have already actually submitted, and particularly, the Prince of *Birkenfeldt*. The Duke of *Aerschor* is come back from *Amwerp*, having in the name of our Governor, assisted at the Creation of the new Magistrates there, but not been able to obtain the Subsidy his Excellency demanded; those Magistrates protesting, their disability to comply therewith, by reason of the great decay of Trade, there being at present in that City, above 1200 Houses that stand empty.

Brussels, June 3. The four Spanish men of War that lately arrived at *Ostend* with Soldiers, will, it's believed, continue there, till the Duke de *Viba Erosa* leaves this Government, being designed to transport his Excellencies Family and Baggage to *Spain*. We are told, that the English and Dutch Ministers at the French Court, are endeavouring to induce that King, to depart from the Declaration that has been made by his Commissioners at *Courtray*, concerning the Title of Duke of *Burgundy*; or at least to allow the Spaniards a longer time, than till the 15th of the next month, to consider of it; and in the mean time, that the Conferences there may be continued.

Paris, June 2. We are told, that the King has declared his resolution, to begin his Progress the 13th Instant, which he will take towards *Flandre*, to visit his Conquests; in doing of which, it's said, he will pass two or three months. We have advice that our Gallies are at Sea in two Squadrons, Eighteen Commanded by the Duke de *Fivonne*, and Twelve, with which, Six men of War are joyned, under the Command of the Duke de *Navailles*. Our King does absolutely insist, to have the King of *Spain* quit the Title of Duke of *Burgundy*, which if he do not by the 15th of the next month, the Conferences at *Courtray* will be quite broke up, and the French Commissioners will return hither.

Advertisements.

Moses Pitt of *London*, Bookseller, having now finisht the First Volume of his *Atlas*, containing the description of the Northern Countries of Europe, as also *Russia*, *Poland*, *Sweden*, and *Denmark*; Desires that the Subscribers to the said Book, would be pleased at the 24th day of *June* next, to send in their Tickets of receipt for the First payment; with 40s. to be advanc'd for the second Volume, to the said Moses Pitt at his Shop at the *Angel* in *St. Pauls Church-yard*, *London*; or to Dr. *Tho. Yate* Principal of *Brazen-nose College* in *Oxford*, and receive the said First Volume, with Tickets for the receipt of their Second payment: the Second and Third Volumes being actually in the Press, and a considerable progress being made in them both. And that such Gentlemen as desire to have their Books coloured, would signify the same, and they shall be done in six weeks.

Stolen on Monday the 24th instant out of an Orchard of Mr. *Thomas Day* of *Melbourne*, a brown Gelding about fourteen hands high, near eight years old, a bald face, two white feet behind, a white lock in his main near the shoulder, a swelling upon one of his fore legs just at the knee, and all his paces. Whoever gives notice of the said Horse to Mr. *Day* aforesaid, or to Mr. *Thomas Wright*, at the *Black Bull* in *Finsbury*, shall have Twenty shillings Reward.

Stolen or strayed the 20th instant at night out of the ground of Mr. *William Byrt*, of *Shepton Mallet*, in the County of *Somerset*, a gray Mare, 14 hands high, with all her paces, burned with *J. B.* on the near buttock, and the top of the farther Ear cut. Whoever shall give notice of this Mare to Mr. *John Tucker* at the *Three Pigeons* in the *Old Church*, *London*; or to Mr. *John Cook* in *Exon*, or to Mr. *William Byrt* aforesaid so as she may be recovered, shall have 20 s. for a Reward.