

Majesty of the state of things on the *Rhine*, and the *Saar*. Great preparations are making against the arrival of Monsieur *de Louvois*. Our Magistrates have appointed Deputies to meet and confer with those of the Bishop of *Strasburg*, concerning the Pretensions he has upon this City.

*Hamburg*, Aug. 16. From *Dresden* we have an Account that the Plague rages there very violently, as it likewise does at *Prague*, where above 2000 dye in a week. In *Sweden* great preparations are making, several men of War are Building with all the diligence possible, and Soldiers as well as Seamen are raising in all that Kings Territories, which some look upon as a sign of that Crowns being entered into some new Engagement with *France*, and that there are some Designs in hand; but others are of opinion, that the King of *Swedens* intention in building those men of War, is only to repair the Losses he sustained in the late Wars; and as for the Levies, that he intends to keep constantly a good Army on foot. On Monday last Count *Conningmark* came hither from *Bremen*.

*Cologne*, Aug. 16. From *Alsace* they write, that the Affairs were in on that side, in the beginning of the Summer, of the Designs of the French, begin to remove, but the Princes and States of the Empire who continue to suffer extremely by the French Officers, and find little or no ease from the Complaints they have made to the Dyet at *Ratibonne*, persist to repeat them, and to say, that they could not be much more prejudiced by open Hostilities, than they are by their present Proceedings, which they look upon as a notorious infraction of the late Peace, concluded at *Nimeguen*.

*League*, Aug. 20. We formerly gave you an Account of some differences arisen between the Provinces of *Holland* and *Zealand*, on account of certain Impositions, and that the endeavours that had been used to compose them, had proved unsuccessful. The States of *Zealand*, since the return of their Deputies, who were sent hither for that purpose, have most rigorously exacted the Duty they had laid upon all such Commodities, as are of the growth of this Province; which being likely to produce very ill consequences, if not accommodated, the States of *Holland* have desired the Prince of *Orange* to interpose his Authority with the States of *Zealand*, as also the Stadholder, that these differences may be fairly composed, which its not doubted, but his Highness will succeed in. The Elector Palatines Minister here, has lately presented a Memorial to the State-General, where in he thanks them in the name of his Electoral Highness, for the good Offices they sometime order'd their Ambassador in the French Court to employ in his behalf; but withal, acquaints them, that his Majesty has not hitherto received any benefit by their Interposition, but on the contrary, is every day worle and worse Trained by the French Officers.

The Electoral Prince Palatine and his Princess, arrived here last Saturday, with a considerable Train, They were lodged and entertained at Mr. *Sidney's* House, and this afternoon they parted again, the Prince going for *England*, and the Princess for *Denmark*.

*Paris*, August, 24 We have Letters from the Court, dated the 22 Instant at *Stenay*, which give us an Account; That their Majesties parted from *Philipville* the 17th, and that they lay that night at *Rogroy*, the next day they removed to *Charleville*

the 15th to *Mazieres*, the 20th to *Sedan*, and the 21 to *Stenay*, near which place the King saw 5000 Dragoons, in 31 Squadrons, drawn up on two Lines.

*Lime*, Aug. 14. Two days since arrived here the *Concord* of this place, five weeks from *Bartados*, the Master says, that he came from thence in company with 17 sail more; and that the day before his departure, the *Richmond* Frigate arrived at *Barbados* from *Carolina*.

*Portsmouth*, Aug. 17. On Friday and Saturday last we had here such stormy weather, that the like has not for several years past been known at this season of the year: On Sunday in the Evening the *Constant Warwick*, Capt. *Asby* Commander, came to an Anchor at *Spithead*, having lost her Main top Mast by stress of Weather. The *Sweepstakes* with the Merchant Ships continue at *St. Helens*, the Wind not being as yet fair for them to proceed on their voyage.

*Whitehall*, Aug. 18. This morning His Majesty and his Royal Highness, who three days since passed down the River to *Chatham*, returned hither; and after Dinner went back to *Windfor*.

*Whitehall*, Aug. 18. His Majesty was pleased this day in Council to Order a Proclamation to be prepared, by which His Majesty is pleased, that Notice should be given, That His Majesty did Rejoice for weighty Considerations, both at home and abroad, That the Parliament shall Meet and Sit on the 21 of October next and accordingly a Commission was ordered to be prepared for the Proroguing the Parliament from the 23 Instant to the 21 of October next.

His Majesty having been informed, that Mr. *Cary* was going to fit out a Ship, under pretence of Letters of Reprizal, against the Subjects of the States-General of the *United Provinces*, was pleased this day in Council, to Order a Proclamation to be published, giving notice to all his loving Subjects, that the said Mr. *Cary* has not any Authority to Equippe any Ship by virtue of any Letters of Mart or Reprizal, and that the Commission which he had is Supersead, and Recalled under the Great Seal.

These are to give notice to all Labourers that want employment, that if they repair to *Portsmouth*, and work on His Majesties Fortifications there, they shall be paid every Friday night, after the Rate of Seven or Eight shillings a week, according as their Labour deserves; by Mr. *William Cozens*, Undertaker of the said Works.

#### Advertisements.

Such part of the Goods of the Right Honourable the Countess of *Leves*, lately Deceased, as are to be disposed of will be exposed to view on Friday next, and Sold on Saturday and Monday following; and whoever will buy any of them, must inquire at Mr. *Riggs*, Ujholsterer in the *Pail Mall*.

One *Ribald Page* of *Thorn*, in the County of *Northampton*, of a melancholly disposition, a tall proper Man, with a long face, and thin, thin nose a little seen, a pretty long Nose, hollow Eyed, and long Brownish Hair with a great Beard when he was away; he is a middle aged man: he had a Black Hat on, an old Light coloured Coat, a little torn in the Neck behind, without Doublet or Waistcoat, Sad colour Breeches, tied a knees, he perusset Stockings, great broad To'd Shoes; he went away on a *Monday* day at night: If any one in England Notice of him to Mr. *Ceorge Gypwell* at the *Hoppean Gate* without *Aldgate*, or at his house in *Liborne*, shall be very well rewarded.