

are making for the Emperors service, advance very well.

Strasburg, Decemb. 13. Though the march of the French Troops, and the great preparations they make give us very just occasion to be alarmed thereat, yet there are some among us, who would make our fears seem groundless, by assuring us that the French King has not any design to employ his Arms against this City, and as all people are ready to believe what they desire, so should we perhaps be too forward to rest satisfied with those assurances, did not we receive advices from several parts, which bid us provide for our security and defence, though after all they may be deceived too; whether they are or not, a short time will now let us see.

Cologne, Decemb. 18. Our Magistrates are preparing a Letter in answer to that they received from the Emperor, concerning the proceedings that have been had here against some of the old Burgermasters; and at the same time they endeavor to prevent the coming hither of Count *Otiingen*, being desirous to determine this matter within themselves. There is not yet the least discourse of our Electors removing to *Bonne*, which many very much wonder at, neither is there any more talk of choosing a Coadjutor, which was so much spoken of this Summer; and its not improbable that among the other reasons that serve to dissuade our Elector from consenting to it, one is, that so great Interests are contending about it; the Prince of *Fuliers* pretensions being supported by the Emperor, and those of the Bishop of *Strasburg* by the French King, one of which must if the thing were brought to an issue, be disoblged.

Hamburg, Decemb. 13. It has been reported, and that very confidently, that the two Northern Crowns were Arming very considerably by Sea and Land, but upon enquiry, it appears a mistake. 'Tis true the King of *Sueden* seems resolved to keep a good Army constantly on foot, and to put his Navy into a posture fit for the service of the Kingdom, and the States now assembled at *Stockholme* have granted him supplies to enable him to doe it; but this gives not any jealousy to the King of *Danmark* to make him Arm extraordinarily as reports have said.

Hague, Decemb. 20. The States of *Holland* will break up to morrow, and Adjourn till the beginning of *February*. We are informed that they have this day agreed to the State of the War for the next Year, which is the same with that of this Year, the particular concerning Prince *Maurice*, who is dead, only excepted. The Deputies of the States General have been in conference with those sent hither by the Admiralties, concerning the Debt owing to them by the Crown of *Spain*. The Prince of *Hanouer* will embark in few days for *England*; greatest part of his Train and Equipage is gone thither directly by Sea from *Hamburg*.

Brussels, Decemb. 20. We are now expecting with some impatience, to see the orders which its said the last Courier brought from the Court at *Madrid*, concerning the General reform, though its probable they that are like to suffer by it, are not displeas'd with the delay. The Count *d'Archinto* will be here to morrow from *Antwerp*, and then we shall know the particulars of what he has done. We have Letters from *Lille* which say in general

that the French are making great preparations in all their Conquests.

Brussels, Decemb. 24. Sunday last being the Queen Mother of *Spains* Birth day, the Court observed it with a great deal of Ceremony; and the Prince of *Parma*, whose *Ague* had left him some days before, came out of his chamber, and entertained the Nobility with a Banquet; but his Highness took cold, and the next day was taken with a violent fit of the Collique, and still continues very ill. The Count *d'Archinto* is not yet returned from *Antwerp*, and is not expected till the end of the week, or the beginning of the next; the 26th instant being the day on which the Council of the six and twenty are to give their answer concerning the subsidies that are demanded by his Highness; who has 'to gratifie them abated very considerably the Imposts upon *Wines* and other Merchandizes. Yesterday Don *Bernardo de Salinas* returned thither to be present at the said meeting, upon the success of which no less depends then the settlement of the subsistance for the Troops of that whole Province.

Falmouth, Decemb. 16. The 13th instant arrived here the *Dove* of *Topsham* from *Cadiz*; and the *Ann* of *Flushing* from *Lisbon*; The only news they bring is, that a Comet has been seen in *Spain* and *Portugal*. Several other Vessels are now in this Port which came home under the Convoy of Sir *John Berry* in the *Leopard*, though some others are not yet come up. The Comet or Blazing Star is now seen here, and at other places very plainly; It rises about 5 a clock in the Evening in the South and sets about 7 in the W. N. W. It is a small Star, and the Blaze or Stream that comes from it is reckoned to be above 43 degrees in length.

Plymouth, Decemb. 17. This day arrived here His Majesties Ship the *Forefight*, Captain *Kilbcrew* Commander, with several Merchants Ships under his Convoy from *Cadiz*, from whence they came 24 days after Sir *John Berry's* departure.

Advertisements.

☞ The Memoires of *James Lord Audley*, Earl of *Cislehaven*, his Engagement and Carriage in the Wars of *Ireland*, from the Year 1642 to the Year 1651. Written by himself. Sold by *Henry Brime* at the Gun in *St. Paul's Church* yard.

☞ The *Happy Asceticke*; or the Best Exercise. To which is added a Letter to a Person of Quality, concerning the Holy Lives of the Primitive Christians. By *Anthony Horneck*, Preacher at the *Savoy*. Sold by *Henry Morloch* at the *Phoenix* in *St. Paul's Church-yard*, and *Mark Paddoe* at the *Black-Raven* over against *Bedford-House* in the *Strand*.

Lest in a Coach, or lost, the 20th Instant, a Gold Wyre Watch-Case, between *Aldegate-Street* and *St. Laurence Lane*, or between *St. Laurence-Lane* and *Foster-Lane*. Whoever gives notice of it to Mr. *Henry Morloch* at the *Phoenix* in *St. Paul's Church-yard*, shall have 20s. Reward.

Lost on Tuesday was fortnight from *Milford* in *Essex* out of the grounds of *Thomas Miller*, Farmer; a little black Mare about 13 hands high, all her paces, a little Lop-eared, a white ring in the middle of the far ear, her near eye bleard and runs, full of saddle spots, about 9 years old. Whoever gives notice of her to *Thomas Miller* above said, or to *John Sperry* at *Iron-Gate* near *St. Catherine's*, shall be well Reward-ed.