

That the French have given an Answer to the last Reply of the Spanish Commissioners, concerning the French Kings pretensions upon *Alost*.

*Brussels, Dec. 16.* Don Emanuel de Sarmiento is returned from *Li ley* having obtained no other Answer from the Marschal *Humieres*, then this, *That the late Military execution in Flanders; as likewise the keeping the City of Luxemburg blocked up, in the manner it now is, are by order from the King, to whom the Prince of Parma, if he have any thing to say, must address himself.* Don *Balthasar de Fuen Mayor* is gone back to the *Hague* to acquaint the States-General with this Answer of the Marschal d' *Humieres*, as likewise to inform them of the present state of these Countreys. On Friday last the Prince of *Barbançon*, Governour of *Namur* arrived here, to give his Highness an account of the condition of that important Place, which the French it seems likewise begins to streighten, having possessed themselves of all the small Castles in the neighbourhood thereof, pretending likewise to that of *Sanson*; upon which his Highness has ordered a German Regiment of 1300 Men to march immediately to *Namur*, whither the Prince of *Barbançon* is likewise returned. A considerable Body of French Horse is marching towards *Mabeuge*, with intention to pass the *Meuse* at *Dinant*, where they have made a Bridge, and to enter into the Countrey of *Liege*, where they daily extend their Pretensions, having lately summoned a large Countrey, called the *Cordons*, to do Hommage within six weeks to the French King.

*Antwerp, Dec. 16.* We have letters from the *Hague* which tell us, that ten French Dragoons and a Lieutenant, who were employed in the Design to seize the Count de *St. Poll* of *Cerdan*, and upon the discovery of it, were taken at *Rotterdam*, and carried to the *Hague*, had been criminally proceeded against, before the Court of *Holland*; and that the said Court, after a full Examination of the Matter, had on the 12th Instant given Judgment; which was, That the said Lieutenant should be beheaded, and that the ten Dragoons should be put to hard Labour in the *Tuch-House* for ten years; but that the Prince of *Orange* had remitted the said Sentence, and had pardoned, as well the Lieutenant as the Dragoons. The Letters add, that the Count d' *Avaux* had some days before, given in a Memorial to the States, Demanding their Liberty.

*Paris, Dec. 17.* Monsieur de *Vincennes*, the Ingenieur, having put the Fortifications that are making at *St. Louis* into such a Posture, as that they may be very well gone on with in his absence, is now going by the Kings Command for *Caen*, to make some new Fortifications there; and in his way he is to visit *Toulon*, where a Citadel is to be built of six Royal Battions. A Citadel is likewise building at *Bordeaux*; from whence we have Advice, that the Marquis de *Boufflers* is marching on that side, to require satisfaction of the Spaniards for the beheading of *Antony*, which its said here, were Murdered by the *English* of *Fontenoy*. The Chamber of *Poysonings* has now before it the case of the Marquis de *Te mes*, who hitherto defends himself very well. The Letters from *Bo* and give us an Account, that ten French Dragoons and a Lieutenant, who were to have seized a French Gentleman; that some time since retired into *Holland*, being accused here of High Treason, had been taken and committed to Prison; and we are told that the King has sent Orders to the Count d' *Avaux* his Ambassador at the *Hague*, to Demand the Liberty of the said Lieutenant and Dragoons. The Ambassador of *Spain* has left this Court; and the Ambassador of *Leuwarden* is to have his Audience of Leave on Saturday next.

*Whitehall, Dec. 8.* This day the following Address was presented to His Majesty by *Andrew Ferrester*, Esq; Master of the Scotch Corporation within *London* and *Westminster*, accompanied by several of the Governours and Assistants, being introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of *Murray*, His Majesties sole Secretary of State for the Kingdom of *Scotland*.

His Majesty was very well pleased with it, and gave His Thanks to the Gentlemen that Presented it, with many Expressions of his Royal Goodness and Favour to the same and the rest of that Corporation.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Master, Governours, and Assistants of the Scotch Corporation of Your Majesties Royal Foundation within Your Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, Agreed upon and Signed at their Corporation-Hall on *St. Andrews* day, 1681. at the Election of the Officers of the said Corporation for the year ensuing.

May it please Your Sacred Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, being highly sensible of that double Obligation of Gratitude to Your Majesty that lies upon us, for those many Blessings, which we and our Relations for many Ages have enjoyed, under the benigne Influences of your happy Government; and that of your Royal Predecessors, both in this and our own native Countrey, and for those continued Instances of unparall'd Goodness and Clemency, which in the whole course of Your auspicious Reign, hath been Graciously extended by Your Majesty, even to the most undutiful and ingrate of your Subjects, cannot (how insignificant soever we may be in our Number and Interest) but beg leave to return our most humble and hearty Thanks to your Majesty for the same; and for those extraordinary Condescensions in your Majesties late most Gracious Declaration, which hath afforded so much Joy to all your Majesties Loyal Subjects.

SIR, For those Priviledges, Immunities and Benefits to Granted, by your Majesties two most Gracious Patents, since your Majesties most happy Restauration to Your Kingdoms, and of us to our Rights and Priviledges in this your Kingdom; we renew our most humble and unfeigned Thanks

In an humble and due sense of all which, if there were any thing more dear to us in this World, than our Lives and Fortunes, that should, as these shall ever intirely be, at your disposal, for the Defence of your Royal and Sacred Person, your Lawfull Heirs and Royal Successors, and the Protestant Religion, as now by Law established.

That God Almighty may Bless your Majesty with a long, and prosperous Reign in this world, and a Crown of Glory in that to come; and may defeat the wicked Designs of all Men (of whatsoever Nation or Perswasion) who endeavour to render your Government uneasy to your Majesty, or deprive any of your Royal Successors, of any of their respective Rights, in their due course of Succession, is, and shall ever be the hearty Prayers of

Dread Sovereign

Your Sacred Majesties most Loyal, most Dutiful, and ever Obedient Subjects and Servants.

*Dublin, Nov. 26.* Our Term is now near at an end, *St. Edwards* the Priest, who was Accused by one *Smith*, a Printer in the *Middle* for Debt, to have endeavoured to Suborne him the said *Smith*, to swear that he had been dealt with by certain Protestant Ministers, and persuaded by large Promises, to confess his knowledge of a Popish Plot, for the Invaision of *England* and *Ireland* by the French, and Massacring the Protestants, in order afterwards to turn the odium of the thing upon the Protestants, was brought to his Trial at the Kings Bench Bar, and after a full Hearing, was found Not Guilty; Sir *Josias Allen*, and Alderman *Kido*, being two of the Jury.

Advertisement.

A Very large Irish Greyhound being of a full White, with some pale yellowish spots about him, and his Chops of a black colour, was lost on Thursday last; Whoever shall bring him, or give Notice of him to Colonel *Edward V. ...* at his House by Little Turre-street in *Lincolns-Inn-Fields*, shall have 10s. reward.