

since greater care than usual is taken for the strengthening of our Guards.

From *Saxony* we are advertised that the Elector has lately given out Commissions for raising a considerable force. That a great Assembly is to be speedily held at *Brunswick* between the Princes of the Circles of *Westphalia* and *Rhine*, to renew an ancient League between them: that at *Strasbourg* they are raising forces, and that the Prince Elector Palatine has already four thousand Foot and 1000 Horse in readiness.

*Paris, Mart. 3.* The 28th past, the Parliament, the Chamber of Accounts, and the Courts of Aids and Moneys, attended His Majesty at *St. Germaines en Laye*, to complement him upon his late success in *Franche Comte*. The *Sieur du Pleffis* Secretary of State, and the *Sieur de Saintot*, Master of the Ceremonies, receiving them at the place appointed for their meeting, and thence conducting them to their Audience.

The next day the Great Council made the same Adresses to His Majesty, all the Foreign Ministers having also attended His Majesty upon the same account.

The *Count de Vesque*, Captain of the Guards to the Duke of *Savoy*, who was designed to have attended His Majesty in *Franche Comte* upon the same Ceremony of Congratulation, being prevented by His sudden return, is now arrived here in post upon the same errand.

This day the Envoys from the Princes of *Germany*, are to have their Audience, in which the Envoye from *Saxony*, is choien to speak in the name of the rest.

Letters of the 15th past from *Ville Franche* near the *Pyrénées*, inform us that a party of 300 Spaniards, in revenge of an inroad formerly made into their Territories by the *Sieur de Foucault*, had marched into our Quarters landing themselves with a considerable plunder; but the Countrey people taking the Alarm, and getting into arms, encouraged by the addition of some Troops quartered amongst them, had fallen upon them in their retreat, killing many of them upon the place, taking several prisoners, and amongst them about twenty Officers, which they sent afterward into *Ville Franche*, and recovering all their booty.

From *St. Sebastian* we are told that *Don Juan of Austria* is suddenly expected there, where preparation is making for his Imbarcation with the forces which are to attend, and be transported with him for *Ostend*.

*Monsieur de Beauport* is safely arrived at *Bresse*, where he is taking care for the fitting out our Fleet to Sea. His Majesty intends to be early this Spring in the Field, and that the Army shall meet at a General Rendezvous at *Amiens* the 15th of *April*, and immediately employ themselves upon some considerable action, if the Peace prevent them not.

The *Marschall de Schulembergh*, Governour of *Berry*, is lately deceased at one of his Countrey Houses, and 'tis said, has by his last Will and Testament left His Majesty his Heir.

The Ceremony for the Baptism of the *Dauphin*, will be suddenly solemnized, but His Majesty is not yet resolved whether in this City or at *St. Germaines*.

The *Sieur de Verjus* is departed from hence, intending with all diligence to embark himself for *Lisbon*.

The *Jesuits* in the Diocels of *Pamiers* having refused Obedience to the Bishop of that place, and contemned his Orders sent to them; His Majesty upon complaint made, has given leave to the Bishop to proceed against them by Excommunication, according to the Priviledges of the *Galligane Church*, which he has already began to put in practice. The Bishop of *Sens* having also suspended them from all Functions, forbidding them either to preach, teach, or confess any persons within his Diocels, censuring their Doctrines as pernicious and dangéous, for the corrupting and perverting the younger and more unwary people.

*Bruges Mar. 4.* About three days since arrived at *Ostend* three Spanish ships with about 1000 Souldiers from *Spain*, all of them in good condition, and under the command of good Officers; yesterday the greatest part of them marched by this place for *Ghent*. This morning we are advised of a

great body of the French forces that are now marching about *Bernem*, 'tis supposed they had a design to have intercepted the said Spaniards in their passage, and to make their way into the East part of the Countrey, but we hope have failed in the first, and may probably be diverted from the second. Yesterday they plundered the horses of all such Countrey people as not being under their Contribution, they could find passing to or from this Market. The *Ostend* and *Ghent* boats have now their protectors from His Most Christian Majesty for their free passage with People and Goods, excepting always Souldiers and Arms. We suddenly expect the arrival of *Don Juan*, who has by his Letters already written to the States to encourage them to improve their interests to the utmost for the defence of those Countreys. The Queen having also by her Letters to the *Prince de Ligny* and *Count de Marciné*, confirmed them in their Charges.

From *Lille* we have intelligence that great quantities of Ammunition have been lately dispatched from *Lille* in *Carts* prest out of the Countrey, but for what employment is not said.

The *Marquis de Castel Rodrigo* is returned from *Antwerp* to *Brussels*, as are also the Deputies from the States General of the *United Provinces*, to whom his Excellency has given Audience. This week several prisoners were brought to *Brussels*, who pretending themselves to be enemies, had seized on several of the Inhabitants, and forced them to a ransom; they have been already examined, and their Proceedings will in little time be formed for their due punishment.

*Brussels, March 6.* All Military Officers are by his Excellency the *Marquis de Castel Rodrigo's* Orders to repair forthwith to their respective Charges, under pain of being displaced.

The 4th instant two French Spies were seized on, as they were privately surveying the Works, and observing the strength of this place. The same day near 40 French were brought in Prisoner, lately taken by some party we had sent abroad: The Body of their Army continues between *Lille* and *Tournay*, but their design still concealed.

*Portsmouth, Feb. 27.* On Tuesday last *Sir Thomas Alten* with his Squad on a river at *St. Ellens Road*, where he met with *Monsieur de la Roche*, and another man of war in his Company, passing from *Cowes*, and going out to sea, whom, (after the usual salutation and Ceremonies upon such occasions) *Sir Thomas* commanded aboard him, and prevailed with him to dismiss an Ostender, whom some days before he had irregularly taken out of *Torbay*, and so discharge above an hundred English which he had aboard him, after which, they came all together to an anchor at *Spithead*, where they are now riding.

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The Officers of the Receipt of his Majesties Exchequer in course of payments of Orders Registered upon the Act for 1250000*l.* are come to the payment of the 856th Order in number.

The Orders which remain yet unpaid are as followeth, (viz.) 135. 153. 608. 692. 699. 705. 720. 721. 726. 740. 751. 763. 764. 765. 766. 770. 773. 774. 777. 779. 781. 784. 787. 788. 791. 793. 794. 795. 798. 799. 801. 802. and the rest that follow to the aforesaid number of 856, and that Order also. For all which Orders there is Money reserved in Bank, and the persons concerned are desired to take up their Moneys, which the said Officers are ready to pay with the Interest thereof unto the respective times that the said Orders became payable.

There was lost nine days ago, a great White Greyhound, with a black Head and black Ears, of his Highness Prince Ruperts's, if any person hath taken him up, he is desired to bring him to his Highness Lodging in the Stone Gallery, and shall be well rewarded for his pains.

A Little Sorrel Stone Nagge, with a slip of White down the Face, and short Tail, Grayed from *St. James's House* the 16th. of the last Month at Night. let any Man bring Tidings of him to the Porter's Lodge in *St. James's House*, they shall be rewarded for their pains.