

some other Towns; and that three Regiments of Foot, and one of Horse, shall be suddenly sent to Maestricht for the security of that place, and the Country adjoining. They have already resolved upon the fortification of Nacrdam, where many hands will speedily be set to work.

Don Juan being in little time expected in the Spanish Netherlands, has sent his Letter directed to the States of these Provinces as follows:

Right Reverend Fathers in God, Right Dear and Well-beloved Lords and Gentlemen, &c.

Being ready (as indeed I am) by Order from the Queen my Mistress, to set forwards for Flanders, with all the Succors of Men and Moneys as we have been able to raise here, I thought fit to give your Lordships notice thereof, being highly sensible of the good inclination you have always shown for the Service of the King my Master, especially since this late surprising and unjust Invasion of France; assuring you that these Motives, together with the Care and full Resolution of His Majesty, to use all means possible for the Defence and Restauration of the State, have induced me heartily to accept of this occasion of demonstrating my affection to you, with the hazard of my Blood and Life; which I should think very well employed in so just a Cause: being also well assured of your Zeal to second my Care, and the Love you bear to your Country, now threatened with intollerable Oppression: and since the season is already far advanced, it will be needful to use the greater care in our preparation for the next Campaign, for the Establishing our Army, and putting our Towns into a Posture of Defence, which cannot be done without a sufficient Stock of Moneys, and a timely Recruit of Men, Artillery, and Ammunition. I doubt not of your readiness to raise for considerable a Summe (with what I shall take care to send) that the Marquis de Castell Rodrigo may, during my absence, make convenient provision, and put things into a good posture, which I cannot doubt of upon the knowledge I have of his great zeal and diligence; to the end, that by the blessing of God, upon my arrival with the Succors I shall bring, an happy end may be put to that Great work. I shall only add, that besides your zeal for the publick good I shall much rely upon your good inclinations in taking care of my particular Concernments, for which I shall own myself to be much obliged to you, beseeching God to take you into his Divine protection. Madrid, Feb. 3.

Paris, March 10. Here is lately arrived from Lisbon the Sieur de Chierry, Camp-Master to our Forces employ'd in the King of Portugal's Service, assuring us that the Peace so long treated on between Spain and that Kingdom, was fully concluded the 10th of the last Moneth, signed the 11th, and published the 12th, to the general satisfaction of that people: The News whereof has altered His Majesties Resolution of employing the Duke of Orleans in the Command of the Forces designed for Catalonia; the Count de Schomberg being now designed for that Service: on whom His Majesty intends to confer the honour of creating him Marshall of France. A Messenger has been also dispatched with all possible speed, to overtake the Sieur de Verjus, before his Imbarcation for Portugal, for the alteration of the Orders given him before the arrival of this News. Several Ships are also commanded to set sail for Lisbon, to bring over those French Forces which were employed in the War with Spain.

The Marquis de Creguy is newly arrived at the Court.

On Wednesday about Noon, arrived here a Courier Extraordinary from Brussels, sent from the Marquis de Castell Rodrigo, to the Here Van Beuninghen, Ambassador from the States General of the United Provinces, bringing with him the said Marquis's Consent and Agreement, on the behalf of Spain, to the Alternative, as formerly projected by His Majesty.

'Tis confidently said, that His Majesty is resolved (in case the Treaty shall not have that Effect which is desired) to march this Spring into the Netherlands with three Armies, the first commanded by His Majesty, and under Him,

by the Marshall de Turègne, the second by Monsieur the Duke of Orleans, and under him, by the Marshall du Pleffus Praslin; and the third by Monsieur the Prince of Conde, to be employed about Luxembourg: to which Armies His Majesty has been pleased to nominate these Lieutenant Generals: First, In His own Five, viz. the Dukes de Roquelaure, and de Roannes, and the Sieurs de Bellefonds, de Duras, and de Pradell. In that of the Duke of Orleans, two, viz. the Marquises de Creguy and d'Humieres, and as many in that of the Prince of Conde, viz. the Duke of Luxembourg and the Sieur Faudat, which last is to be lent for some from Catalonia, and the Sieur de Passage to command in his place till the arrival of the Count de Schomberg.

His Majesty is now resolved to raise 8000 men in the New Conquered County of Burgundy, to which he is the rather encouraged by the happy discovery of 25000 Pistols in one of the Towers of Dole, formerly laid up by the States of that County, and intended to have been employed for their defence; but now designed for these Levies, in which His Majesty intends to bestow Commands upon several Gentlemen of the Country.

On the 22th of this Moneth is to be solemnized the Baptisme of the Dauphin with extraordinary Ceremony; where Cardinal Antonio is to assist as Chief Almoner, and Cardinal de Pendoime as Legate à Latere from the Pope, the Ceremony to be performed in the Court of the Castle at St. Germaines, which is to be covered for that purpose; in the mean time some difficulties are to be determined for Peace between several of the Princes and Princesses, who are to assist there.

The next Week His Majesty is expected here with all his Household and Guards; where a Solemn Day of Thanksgiving is to be observed for his late happy success in Franche Comte, for which Te Deum is to be solemnly sung in the Church de Nostre Dame.

We are with much confidence informed that the Court of Spain has ordered the return of 1200 thousand Crowns to Antwerp for the raising of Forces and payment of their Army, and that Don Juan with a Body of 6000 Spaniards taken out of the Army employed against Portugal, is suddenly to pass into Flanders, the rest of the Army being to be sent into Catalonia; but that none of the Moneys returned, are to be disposed of till his arrival.

From Franche Comte we are informed that the Sieur de Maupeau is with a party of about 1500 men gone to besiege the Fort St. Laurence de la Roche near Blatrans; the Governour thereof having refused to accept of such terms as were offered him.

Portsmouth, Mar. 5. Sir Thomas Allen with the ships under his Command lie still at Spithead, expecting a fair wind. The Revenge is this day to go out to him.

Advertisements.

The Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer, pursuing the course of payments of Orders Registered on the A^t for 125000l. Are come to the payment of the 937th Order.

The Orders that are yet unpaid, which precede that number are as followeth. 153.608.692.699.705.720.721.726.751.764.765.770.773.774.777.779.781.791.793.794.798.811.802.806.807.809.810.11.816.821.824.825.826.829.834. and many other ensuing Orders unto the aforesaid number of 937. with that Order also. The persons concerned in all those Orders are desired to bring in their Orders and Tallies and receive their Moneys due, thereupon, which the Officers of the said Exchequer are ready to pay according to the said A^t, to the times that the 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; if any person hath taken him up, he is desired to bring him to His Highness Lodgings in the Stone Gallery, and shall be well rewarded for his pains.