

th is, about 1000 men have been drawn together near that City, and 'tis believed, that to prevent all future disorders, they may have thoughts of disarming the Citizens.

The Towns of *Conde* and *St. Gillain*, having for two or three months kept their Sluces open, and drowned the Countrey about them to secure themselves from surpris'es, since the late pretensions of the French to the Dependencies on their Conquests; The French have ordered the confiscation of that part of the Prince de *Lignes* Estate which lies near them, by way of Reprisal, for reparation of damages sustained by the innuntation; but the whole matter is now referred to the Commissioners at *Lille*.

The French have lately put 50 new pieces of Cannon into their Magazine at *Arras*. They are now busily advancing their new Citadel at *Tournay*, to which place they are marching 6000 men to secure that place whilst they demolish one of their Ramparts which is to be taken into the Citadel.

On Sunday last, the Count de *Bronay* was solemnly invested in the Order of the *Golden Fleece*, in presence of the Duke d' *Aerschot*, who being the eldest of the Order, represented His Catholic Majesty; assisted by the Prince de *Ligne*, Prince de *Chimay*, the Count de *Sorc*, and the Prince de *Nassau*, Knights of the same Order: the Ceremony was performed in the Chappel Royal, with the usual Ceremonies which ended, the Knights in their habits on Horseback conquered the Duke d' *Aerschot* their chief to his house, who entertained them with the principal persons of the Court at an extraordinary Feast.

*Paris, Decemb. 21.* Here is lately arrived incognito Don *Francisco de Melo* the Portugais Ambassadour intended for *Holland*, having on his way attend'd His Majesty, to whom he gave an account, amongst other things, of the State of affairs between *Portugal* and *Holland*; the disputes between them being now nearly compounded, and the States contented with the payment of 3 Millions of the 9 demand'd; but to stand possess'd of *Cochin* and *Conanor*; the onely difference remaining, being about the time of payment, which *Portugal* desires may be done by degrees, discharging yearly 200 thousand *Cruado's*, till the whole summe be satisfied.

The Drums are here beating for soldiers for the service of the Republick of *Venice*; also for the compleating of His Majesties old Regiments.

His Majesty has ordered 15 of his Men of War to be fitted up at *Roshelle*, besides the 8 which are already in that Port, the Squadron which is to attend the Count d' *Estrades* Vice-Admiral into the *West-Indies*, and those which are employ'd towards the *Louais* and other parts.

His Majesty intends presently after *Christmas* to be present in Parliament, for the suppressing of the Chamber of Justice, for which a Declaration is already prepared by the Chancellor, Monsieur *Hosman* the Procurator General of that Court is upon the Expiration of his Employment to be sent Ambassadour from His Majesty to the Cantons of *Switzerland*, to endeavour to renew their ancient Alliance with this Crown, and to carry with him Moneys for the discharge of all arrears due to them.

From the Frontiers of *Catalonia* we have advice that the City of *Barcellona* has a second time refused to give entrance to 2000 Horse drawn out of *Tortosa* and *Lerida*, which the Queen Regent seems to have ill-rentended to the Bourgeoisie; and the chief of the Council of *Catalonia*. The Duke d' *Ossuna* has frequent Conferences with Don *Fuau* by Order from the Queen Regent, and 'tis believed their Disputes may yet admit of a friendly composition.

This Week Monsieur de *Louvois* intends to begin his journey to the rest of His Majesties Commissioners at *Lille*, carrying with him new instructions for the management of that Conference.

His Majesty has ordered 2000 Crowns to be given to some of his Exemts des *Guards*, whom he was pleas'd to remove, to make way for some noble persons who have faithfully served him in his wars,

*Whitehall, Dec. 18.* This day His Majesty was pleas'd in Council to order His Proclamation to be issued out, importing; That whereas the two Houses of Parliament have by His Majesties direction adjourn'd themselves until the First day of *March* next; His Majesty for many weighty reasons hath thought fit and resolv'd to make a Prorogation of the Parliament until the nineteenth day of *October* next; and therefore by His said Royal Proclamation, doth publish, notify and declare, that His Majesty doth intend that the Parliament shall be prorogued upon and from the said First day of *March*, until the said nineteenth day of *October* next; whereof the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, Knights, Citizens and Burgesses, and all others whom it may concern, may thereby take notice and order their affairs accordingly: His Majesty letting them know, that he will not at the said First day of *March*, expect the attendance of any, but only such as being in or about the Cities of *London* or *Westminster*, may attend the making of the said Prorogation, as heretofore in like cases hath been accustomed, as by the Proclamation itself will appear.

### Advertisements.

The Lords Commissioners of the Treasury being informed by His Majesties Grand Commissioners of Excise sitting in Aldersgate-street London, that notwithstanding due publication is made by them from time to time, what Tallies are paying in course upon the Countrey Excise; yet that several persons have neglected to bring in their Tallies and receive their Moneys due thereupon, though ready, to His Majesties great prejudice: Their Lordships have thought fit to order, and do hereby publish, that such as have, or shall neglect to bring in their Tallies, and take their Moneys in their course, when the same is ready for them, that they shall have no Interest allowed for the same, any longer than to the time that the same was ready and remained in Cash for them.

These are to give notice unto all Persons selling Wine by Retail in the Countries of *Cornwal*, *Devonshire*, *City of Exon*, and in all Towns, Parts, and Places therein, That His Royal Highnesses Commissioners for granting Wine-Licences, for the ease and convenience of the said Retailers of Wine, have deputed, appointed, and continu'd Mr. *John Hutchenon* to be their Agent in the said Countries, Parts, and Places; and all the aforesaid Persons are hereby directed to repair unto him at his House near *Exon*, or at such place or places, and at such time or times, as he shall appoint; and then and there to contract and agree with him for Licence and Dispensation to sell and utter Wine by Retail, and to pay all Money due for the same unto him.

The Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer do give notice to all that have Orders registr'd upon the Act of Additional Aid for 1250000 L. from the Order Number 1073, to the Order Number 1122 inclusive, do repair with as much speed as they may to the Receipt of the Exchequer, where they shall receive their Money: As likewise all that have Orders yet unpaid, preceding that first Order Number 1073.

The said Officers have proceeded to the payment of the 168th Order registr'd on the Act for the Eleven Months Tax; those that are concerned in any of the precedens Orders which are yet unpaid, are desired to bring in their Orders and receive their Money.