

in the Conferences proposed, which he consents may be held in such Place as shall be judged convenient between the two Armies for the time they keep the Field, and afterwards between Brussels and Mons. I desire you to inform the States General of these Dispositions of the most Christian King, to which I hope theirs will be conformable, for the Quiet and Good of Christendom. I expect their Answer by you; and am, Gentlemen, wholly yours,
Mons, Oct. 21. 1706. Signed,
M. Emanuel, Elector.

Answer to the Elector of Bavaria's Letter, by the Deputies of their High Mightinesses.

My Lord,
Your Electoral Highness having done us the Honour to acquaint us, by your Letter of the 21st of October last, with the Intentions of his most Christian Majesty to forward the Conclusion of a solid and lasting Peace, by proposing the sending of Deputies on both Sides to some Place between the two Armies, or after their being separated between Mons and Brussels, to enter upon Conferences on so important a Subject, we did not fail to impart it immediately to the States General. Your Electoral Highness having made the same Overture to the Prince and Duke of Marlborough, their High Mightinesses did not think fit we should return you an Answer before the said Prince and Duke had his Answer from England: This is the Reason why we have not done it sooner. At present their High Mightinesses have ordered us to acquaint your Electoral Highness, that they have received with great Pleasure the Assurances you give them of the sincere Desire of his most Christian Majesty to seek Means to attain as soon as may be to a solid and lasting Peace with all the Allies. 'Tis just such a Peace that they wish for and desire: All who know the Inclinations and Interests of their Republick will easily agree to this. Nor would this State ever have entered into the War, could they have maintained the Peace with some Security. Your Electoral Highness knows with how much Care and Sincerity their High Mightinesses have labour'd for that purpose; but as those Efforts proving uselss, they were constrained to take Arms together with their High Allies, for the Defense of their Liberty and the Publick Safety; so they will be very glad to lay them down as soon as possible, when they can do it to the Satisfaction of all their Allies, and on such Conditions as may give reasonable Grounds to hope they shall not be obliged to take them up again after a short Interval of Time, of which the Examples and short Continuance of former Treaties of Peace make them apprehensive. In the mean time their High Mightinesses are ready to enter jointly with their Allies into all just and necessary Ways that may lead to a General Peace: But that of the Conferences proposed without a more particular Declaration of his most Christian Majesty's Intentions, does not appear to them to be proper for the End proposed, nor has it appeared to be so to Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain, no such sufficient Overture having yet been made to them as they could think ought to be communicated to their Allies, well knowing they would find no Satisfaction therein. Wherefore more proper Means must be thought of for attaining this great End, in which their High Mightinesses will concur when they shall see a better Prospect of it, the Sincerity of their Desires of Peace being sufficiently known. We have the Honour to acquaint your Electoral Highness with their Sentiments, and to assure you, that we are, with very much Respect,
My Lord,
Your Electoral Highness's most humble and most obedient Servants,
Signed, Ferdinand Van Colleen, Cuper.

A Letter from the Elector of Bavaria to the Prince and Duke of Marlborough.

THE most Christian King, Sir, finding that some Overtures of Peace, which he had caused to be made in a private manner, instead of producing the Effect of making known his Dispositions towards procuring a general Peace, have been looked upon by ill-designing Persons as an Artifice to dis-unite the Allies, and make an Advantage of the Misunderstanding that might be created among them; has resolved to shew the Sincerity of his Intentions, by renouncing all secret Negotiations, and openly proposing Conferences, in which Means may be found for re-establishing the Tranquillity of Europe.

The most Christian King is pleas'd to charge me to inform you of this, and to desire you to acquaint the Queen of England with it.

I give the like Notification, on the Part of the most Christian King, to the States General, by a Letter that I have written to their Field Deputies; and he would do the like with regard to the other Potentates that are at War with him, had they Ministers near at hand, as you are, to receive the like Intimation, he having no Design to exclude any of the said Potentates from the Negotiation that shall be begun in the Conference he proposes.

Moreover, for advancing a Good so great and necessary to Europe, which has too long suffered the inevitable Calamities of War, he consents that a Place may forthwith be chosen between the two Armies, and after their being separated, between Mons and Brussels in which, you, Sir, with whom the Interests of England are so safely entrusted, the Deputies which the States shall please to nominate, and the Persons whom the King of France shall empower, may begin to treat upon so important an Affair.

I am extremely pleas'd, Sir, to have such an Occasion to write you my Letter, being perswaded it will leave no room to doubt of the Sentiments of his most Christian Majesty, which may be so beneficial to all Europe.

You will be glad to give an Account of it to the Queen of England without Loss of Time, and to whomsoever else you shall think

fit: I shall expect your Answer, Sir, to acquaint the most Christian King with it; and shall be always ready, Sir, to do you Service.

Mons, Oct. 21. 1706.

Signed.

M. Emanuel, Elector.

The Answer of the Prince and Duke of Marlborough to the Elector of Bavaria.

SIR,

HAVING communicated to the Queen my Mistress what your Electoral Highness did me the Honour to write to me in your Letter of the 21st of last Month, of the Intentions of the most Christian King to endeavour to re-establish the Tranquillity of Europe by Conferences to be held for that purpose between Deputies on both Sides; Her Majesty has commanded me to answer your Electoral Highness, that as She has received with Pleasure the Notice of the King's Inclination to agree to the making of a solid and lasting Peace with all the Allies, being the sole End that oblig'd Her Majesty to continue this War till now; so She will be very glad to conclude it, in concert with all Her Allies, on such Conditions as may secure them from all Apprehensions of being forc'd to take up Arms again after a short Interval, as has happened. Her Majesty is also willing I should declare, that She is ready to enter jointly with all the High Allies into just and necessary Measures for attaining to such a Peace, Her Majesty being resolv'd not to enter upon any Negotiation without the Participation of Her said Allies: But the Way of Conferences that is propos'd, without more particular Declarations on the Part of his most Christian Majesty, does not seem to Her to be proper for attaining a truly solid and lasting Peace. The States General are of the same Opinion. Wherefore your Electoral Highness will righty judge, that other more solid Means must be thought on to attain so great an End, to which Her Majesty will contribute with all the Sincerity that can be wish'd, having nothing so much at Heart as the Relief of Her Subjects and the Tranquillity of Europe. Your Electoral Highness will always do me the Justice to be persuaded of the Respect with which I have the Honour to be,
Hague, Nov. 20. 1706.

Kington, Nov. 17. The humble Address of the Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury, Gentlemen and Freeholders, of the County of Derby, assembled at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held at Chesterfield, for the said County, the 8th of October last, congratulating Her Majesty upon the most glorious and happy Successes of the Arms of Her Majesty and Her Allies, and more especially the under the Command of his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, has been presented to Her Majesty by John Curzon and Thomas Coke Esqs; their Representatives in Parliament for the said County.

Which Address Her Majesty received very graciously.

Whitehall, Nov. 17. His Grace the Duke of Marlborough sail'd from the Maest the 15th Instant, being attended by several of Her Majesty's Yachts and Men of War, and landed yesterday in the Afternoon at Margate. His Grace intended to set forward this Morning, and is expected in Town to-morrow.

Westminster, November 16. Dr. Joseph Browne, being convicted of Writing and Publishing a Scandalous and Seditious Libel, (Entituled, *A Letter to the Rt. Hon. Mr. Secretary Harley, by Dr. Browne, occasioned from his late Commitment to Newgate; together with his Interpretation of that Paper, called, The Country Parson's Advice to my Lord Keeper, laid to his Charge;*) Reflecting upon the Great Officers of State, and several of the Nobility of this Kingdom; was on Thursday last fined for the same by the Court of Queen's-Bench 40 Marks; and ordered to stand in the Pillory this Day at Charing-Cross for the space of One Hour, between Twelve and Two in the Afternoon, with a Paper on his Head denoting his Offence; which he did accordingly; and he is also to stand in the Pillory on Monday next near the Royal-Exchange in Cornhill in like manner: And before he be discharged out of Prison, to give Security for his good Behaviour for One Year.

Edward Ward, being convicted of Writing, Printing and Publishing, several Scandalous and Seditious Libels, (Entituled, *Hudibras Redivivus*; or, *A Burlesque Poem on the Times*.) highly Reflecting upon Her Majesty and the Government; was likewise on Thursday last fined for the same by the Court of Queen's-Bench 40 Marks, and ordered to stand in the Pillory on Wednesday next at Charing-Cross for the space of One Hour, between Twelve and Two in the Afternoon, with a Paper on his Head denoting his Offence; and also to stand in the Pillory on Thursday next near the Royal-Exchange in Cornhill in like manner: And, before he be discharged out of Prison, he is to give Security for his good Behaviour for One Year.

Whereas One Hundred of the Men belonging to Her Majesty's Ship the *Britannia* were some time since removed into the *Nassau*, to serve in her; his Royal Highness is pleas'd to direct, That the