

lar, above a Twelve Month after the Money was paid, and greater Allowances made to Contractors by Mr. Crisp, than by the Minutes of the Board he was Authorized to do: And such Alterations have been made by Mr. Crisp at his own House, without taking or asking any Directions from the Commissioners.

And the better to Cover these Frauds and Abuses, the Ancient Rules and Methods Established for the better Regulating the Management of the Affairs of the College, have, of late Years, been Dispensed with, and laid aside; And Mr. Englis, who is Comptroller of the College, and had usually been present at the making of Contracts, or at least Attested them, Deposed upon Oath, That for late Years he had never seen any of the Contracts; and all the Knowledge he had of them, was, Mr. Crisp had given him Abstracts and short Minutes, which were all the Rules he had to Govern himself by, in the Receiving and Delivering out of the Stores and Provisions; and by this means all the Checques and Comptrols that were Established for the Security of the Publick, were rendered useless.

HIS Majesty in Council taking the same into Consideration, is Pleased to Order, That the said Report be made Publick; And it is hereby accordingly Ordered, That it be Printed and Published, to the end that all Persons Concerned, may take Notice thereof, and use their utmost Endeavours to Prevent the like Abuses and Evil Practices for the future.

Christopher Musgrave.

Vienna, Jan. 9. On the 28th of last Month in the Evening, the Lord Cobham, Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from his Britannick Majesty, had his several Audiences of the Emperor, the Empress Regent, and the Empress Mother; and on the 30th he had an Audience of the Empress Dowager. On the 30th the Venetian Ambassador made his Publick Entry with great Splendor and Magnificence: He since received Order by a Courier, to hasten the making his Entry, in case he had not already done it, tho' his Equipage should not have been compleated; to the end he might be duly qualified for acting in his Character, without loss of Time, the Turks having already declared War against the Republick. The 7th Instant, that Ambassador went in the same State to his first publick Audience of the Emperor, and had afterwards Audience of the Empress, with the usual Ceremonies. The Swedish Chancellor Mullern set out from hence for Stralsund the 31st past. The first Body of the Swedish Troops consisting of about 700 Men, most Officers, passed through this Place to Day in their Return from Turkey, for Pomerania: They are well Cloathed, make a good Appearance, and proceed on their March with all Diligence: There are about 1100 more of them, who are expected in a Day or two: They are commanded in Chief by the Generals Sparr and Ernschild; and all, as well Soldiers as Officers, are furnished with Quarters and Provisions at the Emperor's Expence, in their whole March through his Dominions.

Ratisbon, January 14. Some Bavarian Troops are come into the Neighbourhood of Ingolstat, in order to take Possession of the Upper Palatinate; but the Elector Palatine's Commissary having not only refused to admit them into Amberg and the other Towns, but denied them Quarters in the open Villages, tho' the commanding Officer of those Troops offered to pay for them with ready Money, they remain on the Frontiers of Franconia; and the said Officer declares he has Orders not to

advance against the Consent of the Elector Palatine, who refuses to give up that Country before Satisfaction be made him for it by some Equivalent. The Electores of Bavaria's Jewels, which the Imperialists took into their Possession some Years ago, were restored last Week to one of the Ladies of her Court at Munich; and M. Malknecht is put into Possession of the Chamber of the Treasury there. The Elector's Horse and Foot Guards, and Velt-Marshal d'Arco's Regiment of Cuirassiers, are come into the Neighbourhood of that Capital; where General Reckberg arrived from Paris the 31st past, and Velt-Marshal d'Arco the 2d Instant very much indisposed; and every thing is preparing for the intire Restitution of that Electorate. The Swedish Forces which are returning from Turkey through the Emperor's Dominions, are to take their March through Bavaria by Scharding and Ingolstat. The Swedish Envoy here has been with the Ministers of the Margrave of Anspach, and of the Bishop of Aichler, to desire Passage for those Troops through their Territories, in the Name of the King his Master.

Brussels, Jan. 21. The Conferences being suspended at Antwerp during Mr. Cadogan's Absence at the Hague, Count Koningseck, the Imperial Minister, came hither the 13th. On the 12th, a Courier dispatched by the Elector of Cologne from Rocroy, passed through this Place in his way to Liege: His Dispatches relate to the Difficulties made by the Magistrates of that City to admit the four Battallions which his Electoral Highness has ordered thither, alledging that 'tis against their Privileges to have a Garrison put into their Town in Time of Peace. That Elector is arrived at Dinant, and 'tis believed will proceed shortly to Bon. The States of Brabant having granted in their late Assembly a considerable Subsidy towards the Maintenance of the Imperial Troops, and for supplying the ordinary Charges of the Province, it was hoped the States of Hainault would have followed their Example; but they desire to be excused from contributing to those Services, till after the Emperor's Inauguration as Sovereign of the Spanish Netherlands. As this Proceeding will be a great Prejudice to the publick Affairs, if not redressed, the Council of State have sent for three Members of the States of Hainault, to confer with them upon that Subject. Letters from Luxembourg advise, that 6000 Men of the Imperial Troops took Possession of that Place the 16th Instant: Another Detachment of those Troops, was to be received Yesterday into Limbourg. M. de Fonseca, one of the Council of the Finances, is gone from hence to the Hague, in order to adjust with the States General the Accompts of the Loans which their High Mightinesses advanced on the Revenues of the Spanish Netherlands during the late War, which the Emperor has undertaken to pay.

Hague, January 22. The 12th of this Month, Count Tarouca and Don Louis d'Acuña, the Portugese Plenipotentiaries, went from hence to Utrecht, after having had a Conference with Mr. Cadogan and the French Ambassador, with whom they adjusted the Differences which remained in the Treaty of Peace between the Crowns of Spain and Portugal; upon which Couriers have been dispatched to the respective Courts, for their Approbation. The same Day, the Duke d'Osuna, Plenipotentiary of Spain, went likewise from hence to Utrecht, and is said to be preparing to return to Spain, having as good as finished his Negotiations in these Countries. The States General are upon the Point of nominating an Ambassador to the Court of Madrid, from whence they shortly expect one to reside here on the Part of the King of Spain. M. Duyvenvoorden who is appointed their High-