

It is said, that Monsieur de Louvois is to go the 15 of the next Month for Flanders, to visit our places and Fortifications in those Countries; in the mean time we are told, that the Chevaux Legers of the Kings Guard, are ordered to be ready in their respective Quarters the 15 instant; as likewise all the Officers of Foot to be in their several Garrisons, by the first of the next Month, both, on forfeiture of their employments.

The King hath been pleased to bestow the place of Premier Escuyer of the great Stable, on the Sieur de Fornac, voyd by the death of the Sieur de Bonelle his Brother, for which he is notwithstanding to pay 50 Thousand Crowns to the Duke de la Feuillade. From Stockholm they write of the 14 past, that Monsieur de Pomponne, Ambassador there from this Crown, intended to part thence the 20 instant, having had orders, not to expect the arrival of Monsieur Courtin, but to meet him on his way thither, in order to the informing him of several matters relating to that Embassy.

The Duke de Mortemar lyes very ill, insomuch, that there hath been already some discourse, concerning the giving his Government of this City, to the Marechal de la Ferté, on condition he quit his Government of Metz to the Marechal de Crequi. Yesterday their Majesties came to Versailles from St. Germain, where their Royal Highnesses intend likewise to be this Evening. We daily expect to hear from Rome of a promotion of Cardinals, which some seem to perswade his Holyness to defer yet for sometime, till there become more places voyd in the Sacred Colledge, that so the several pretenders may be at once gratified, for the avoyding all farther disputes; though in the interim, the general opinion is, that considering his Holyness great age, it may not be delayed so long, but be yet before Christmas. We are here in much uncertainty as to the affairs of Cologne, which we were one while told, to be pretty well advanced towards an accommodation, but now, our last Letters from thence speak quite contrary.

Brussels, Decemb. 11. On Tuesday last arrived an Extraordinary Courier from the Court at Madrid; and yesterday by the ordinary from thence, we had advice, that the Queen Regent had given orders for the remitting forthwith hither, a Million of Crowns, which we may now in few days expect from thence, with promise of farther assistance, both of Men and Money, as shall be found needful.

Yesterday in the Evening arrived here the Sieur de Risencourt from Cologne, and this afternoon had a private Audience of his Excellency the Count de Montecery; it is thought, his Errand may be to negotiate some matters relating to the Prince de Vaudemont, who is coming with a Regiment of Horse into the service of these Provinces. Since our last advices from Cologne, all the discourse is again of the succors to be sent thither, as well by the Emperor and the States General of the United Provinces, as from hence; it being said, that his Excellency has given orders for three Regiments to march immediately towards those parts.

To morrow or next day we expect here the Prince de Chimay from Luxemburg, where the Sieur de Louvoigny is to continue in chief pro interim. We are told of 25 Troops of Horse that are Comanded to be ready to march on the first orders, though whither; or upon what account, is not said. The Count de Charny is gone for Spain, whither several other persons of quality of these Countries are preparing to follow, on a Vessel his Excellency is sending from Ostend, with a very noble and rich Coach, which hath been made here for the Queen Regent.

His Excellency hath caused about 150 Reformed Officers to be drawn out of the Walloon Regiments, to be employed as we are told, in the new Leavies. Here are Letters in Town from Lille, which tell us, that the Marechal d'Humieres Governor of that place, had lately, according to the directions he had received from his most Christian Majesty in that behalf, caused the Burreau at Warneton, erected there some time since by the French, to be taken away; but of this we expect by our next Letters from those parts to have a farther account.

Hague, Decemb. 15. The States of Holland, having been altogether employed this week, in debates concerning the affairs of his Highness the Prince of Orange; they have made no great progress in the other publick matters, which though of great importance, are not, as is said, to be brought on the Bord, before this concerning the making his Highness Captain General and Admiral be first determined; yesterday the several Deputies went home to consult their respective Principals therein, at whose return, we may expect to hear farther. Some Propositions have been made by the Deputies of Utrecht for the Fortifying that place, in order to their farther defence and security. The States of Holland having written to the Veit Marshal Wurtz at Hamburg, concerning his late Proposals, he is accordingly on his way hither.

From Hambrough they tell us, that the Count de Conningsmark continues very busy in those parts, for the completing his Leavies for his most Christian Majesties service: And that the Dukes of Lünenburgh are likewise raising Men.

Whitehall, Decemb. 9. On Wednesday last dyed here the Lady Katherine, his Royal Highnesses youngest Daughter, being about ten Months old; and on Friday in the evening was privately Ingered in King Henry the Sevenths Chappel at Westminster.

Disso, 10. His Majesty hath been pleased instead of Daniel Haynes Esquire, to appoint John Loder Esquire to be Sheriff of Berks.

Whereas a Brief hath of late been carried about the Country, for the repaying a pre ended Losse of Fire at Tansey in Derbyshire, it appears at present by the Testimony of Sir John Twiss, and Mr Low, Justices of the Peace of that County, under their Hands and Seals, bearing date the twentyeth of October last past, That the Certificate, by means of which the said Brief was obtained, was Forged, for which one George Foxcroft had been apprehended, and found Guilty at the Sessions held for the City of London: And by another Certificate of several of the Principal Inhabitants of Stensley aforesaid, that there had happened no such Fire, or were living any such Persons as were mentioned in the said Forged Certificate; Of which we have been directed to give this Notice, to the end, peoples Charity might not be abused in this particular, and that the Authors of this Forgery being discovered, may be brought to Condidgn punishment.

#### Advertisements.

The Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer are now come to the payment of the 650 Order, in Number Registered on the Act for His Majesties Revenue of the Hearth-Money, and shall proceed to pay the ensuing Orders, to that Number in course, as the Monty of that Revenue shall be brought into the Exchequer.

On Saturday was sennight, being the second of December, a little Pocket Almanack, bound up in black Leather, with several Papers within the Covert, between Lombardstreet and Newmarket near Lincolns-Inn-Fields; if any one give notice of it to Mr Ambrose Iffead, at the Golden Anchor in Fleetstreet, they shall have 20 shillings for their pains.

November 5 and 26, 1671, Ran away from Mr. James Drans Shoomaker in St. James Market, three of his Apprentices, viz. Thomas Hall, of a tanke brown Hair, and indifferent Tall; Adam Morris, a full round Face, of a light brown Hair curled, and thick in the Body; Marmaduke Spicer pretty Tall of his age, and darke brown Hair curled, and a scar under his left Eye; if any person can give intelligence of them to the said James Donne, they shall be satisfied for their pains.