

and the Particulars, he told him, that the main points were; That all the *English* Slaves, were to be restored without ransom; and that that Government was to give His Majesty a certain summe of Money, for the payment of which, they had three Months allowed them; but of this we must expect a farther confirmation;

*Cologne, January 5.* At length we may with certainty say, that the accommodation between our Elector and us, is wholly concluded; on Saturday the Treaty was signed by the Deputies of the respective Parties, in the presence of the Imperial Commissioners, and the Deputies of the Circle of *Westphalia*; after which, the said Deputies went to *Kendernicke*, where it was likewise Signed by the Bishop of *Munster*; Seven days are allowed for its Ratification, in order to which, our Magistrates have summoned a meeting of the Commonalty of this City, to be held the 7 instant, for the approving and confirming of this Treaty. The main points of which are, that all differences between the Town and Elector, shall be submitted to the Chamber of *Spiers*, to be determined in the space of 5 years at farthest, and that the affair of the two Brothers *Sulzen* and the Official, be referred to Arbiters, to be nominated by both parties; the Emperor, three of the Electors, together with the Circle of *Westphalia* and *Lower Saxony*, being Guaranties of this Treaty. On Sunday last arrived Monsieur de *Louvois* here, and yesterday went hence, together with the Prince of *Furstenbergh* for *Breuil*, with intentions to part thence to day on his return for *France*. The Bishop of *Munster* continues still in these parts.

*Brussels, January 7.* It is said, that his Excellency the Count de *Monterey*, hath given order for the casting about 150 pieces of Canon at *Mechelen* and *St. Omers*, nothing being in the mean time omitted by his Excellency, for the putting these Countries in a good posture of defence. There are at present recruits raising, for the Regiments now on foot, and some think, the new Leavies may be likewise gone about very suddenly.

Monsieur de *Louvois* who came lately from *Paris*, to visit the French places in these Countries, is since gone for *Nuis*, where it is said, he is to confer with the Elector of *Cologne*, concerning the putting some French Forces into that place. Yesterday in the evening arrived here Monsieur de *Pomponne*, who the next morning continued his journey for *Paris*. We expect here several Deputies from the *Hague*, who it is said, are to make some Proposals to his Excellency on the part of the States General.

Here is a report as if 300 Spaniards were lately arrived at *Ostend* from *Spain*, and that more were daily expected to follow. His Excellency hath appointed Quarters for the two Regiments, to come into the service of these Countries, under the command of the Prince de *Vaudemont*.

*Hague, January 8.* The 6 instant the Heer *Gioe*, Extraordinary Envoy from the Crown of *Danemark*, had his last Audience of the States General, he being recalled from this employment, and the Heer *Houth* appointed by the King of *Danemark* to succeed him here. The Velt Marshal *Wurtz* is gone from *Wrecht* towards *Aernhem*, and those other Frontier places, to meet his Highness the Prince of *Orange*; in his return from visiting our Garrison on the *Rhyn*.

There hath been lately an Express sent to *Overyssel*, with orders to the Heer *van der Nieuwburgh*, and his Colleague, who are at present in that Province, as Deputies of the States of *Holland*, to press the States of that Province, to a ready concurrence

with them in several matters, in which they have hitherto made some difficulty. There seems to be some expectation that Monsieur *Vaubrun*, Envoy from his most Christian Majesty, to the Court of *Sweden*, should in his return route, pass these Countries, to receive some farther overtures, for the reconciling matters between the Crown of *France* and this State in point of Commerce, though many persons are, at the same time of opinion, that since Monsieur *Pomponne* was in his return from that Court, ordered to take another way, and to pass by *Ulogne*, and that our Ambassador had in his late Audience of his most Christian Majesty, not met with that satisfaction some had hoped; that the report of Monsieur *Vaubrun*'s coming hither, is altogether without ground.

To morrow the Heer *Brasser* sets forwards towards *Lunenburgh*, in quality of Extraordinary Envoy from these States. The Heer d' *Amerongen* is arrived at *Berlin*, and will, as is said, so soon as he returns from thence, receive the Character of Ambassador to the King of *Danemark*. We are told, that his most Christian Majesty, to whose Arbitrage the King of *Danemark* had referred the matter of the Subsidies, remaining due to that King from the States; hath declared, that this State ought to pay the said Crown of *Danemark*, five Millions of Crowns Principal, and one Million Interest; though it be much doubted, whether our States will acquiesce in this determination, notwithstanding the obligation we heretofore gave to do it.

The Treaty at *Cologne* is now wholly concluded, and doubtless ere this Signed, if not Ratified and Interchanged, so that we expect Colonel *Bampfilds* Regiment from thence, so soon as the Circle of *Westphalia* shall have their Troops ready to put into Garrison there, in the room of that Regiment.

*Hague, January 12.* The Instructions for a Captain General, having been brought into the assembly of the States General, the respective Deputies have desired Copies of them, to be communicated to their several Principals; it is said, that the main points of these Instructions are, That the Captain General shall not be Governor of any of the Provinces, That he shall give all vacant Commands during the time the Army is in the Field, That the disposal of the Governments of all Conquered places, for the first time shall be in him, That he shall not intermeddle in the matters of Government, Justice, Administration of the Treasury, choice of Magistrates, &c. The Province of *Overyssel*, continues as we are told, somewhat backward, in giving their consent to the next years Equipage, which they say, is not altogether so necessary as the having a good Army in the Field; however, it is not to be doubted, but they will likewise agree, as the other Provinces shall do, in this particular. The Heer *Ruart van Patten*, and the Heer *van Vrybergen*, are going together with the *Rhyngauve* for *Brussels*, to confer with his Excellency the Count de *Monterey*, about the present conjuncture of affairs.

*Paris, January 13.* Their Majesties are at present with the Court at *Versailles*, where it is thought, they may continue some time. Monsieur *Pomponne* is arrived here from *Sweden*; it is said, that before his departure from thence, he had presented the young King with his Majesties Picture, richly set with Diamonds, to the value of 160000 Crowns. The Duke of *Luxembourg* is going for *Bon*, where it is said, he is to Command some Forces of that Elector. Here is a great report as if *Nuis*, *Keyserwaert* and *Bon*, were to be put into his Majesties hands by that Elector.