

king a Bridge over the Rhyn near *Keyserwaert*. The Bishop of *Strasburgh* and Prince *Willem* of *Furstenbergh* are both at *Bon*, where there is an assembly of the States of these Countries.

*Ditto*, Our advices daily tell us, of the nearer approach of several French Forces towards these parts; the 17 instant Monsieur de *Louvois*, is expected again at *Bon*, to confer with our Elector, concerning the march of the said Troops, and the appointing them Quarters in these parts. Yesterday went hence the Prince de *Vaudemont*, in order to his marching with his Regiment, at present quartered in the County of *Waldeck* for *Flanders*; the other Regiment which he is to bring into the Service of those Countries, being in the mean time raising in the parts hereabouts, and may in a short time be compleat, and ready to follow him to *Brussels*.

The Deputies of the Circle of *Westphalia*, are all parted from hence, on their way home, though some of them have promised to be here again, the beginning of *February*, when the Troops the Circle is to send hither, are to enter into Garrison here.

*Brussels*, *January 17*. Yesterday went hence Count *Marcin*, by order of his Excellency the Count de *Monterey* towards *Gelderland*, to visit our Fortifications in those parts. The Marquis del *Fresno*, designed Ambassador to His Majesty of *Great Brittain*, is still here, being as is said, to expect the arrival of the Deputies of the States General, to know what their Errand may be, before he begin his journey for *England*.

From *Luxemburgh* we have advice, of 4000 French Foot and 2000 Horse, that had passed through those Territories, on their march towards *Treves*, from whence they are, as is said, to proceed for *Bon*, *Nuis*, &c. and that Monsieur de *Louvois*, had sent before to desire free passage for them. The great preparations that are making in *France*, daily more and more startle us, though after all, we seem to promise our selves an unconcern at them.

*Hague*, *January 19*. Yesterday his Highness the Prince of *Orange*, returned hither from *Utrecht*; and this evening we likewise expect here the Velt-Marshal *Wurtt*. Yesterday the States of *Holland* were assembled the whole day, and then debated several matters of great importance, of which, the particulars are not yet certainly known. We cannot but wonder, that we as yet hear nothing farther, concerning the distributing the Commissions for the new Leavies, and the more, seeing it is reported, that they may be yet deferred for some time.

We are told, of an Extraordinary Ambassador the States General are thinking to send to His Majesty of *Great Brittain*; and that Monsieur *Beuering*, or *van Beuningen*, may be the person designed for that employment; the Heeren *Ruwaert van Putten*, and *Vrybergen*, together with the *Rhyngrave*, are now ready for their departure for *Brussels*, whither they will certainly begin their journey to morrow or next day at farthest.

Colonel *Bampfilds* Regiment, at present at *Cologne*, is, as we hear, thus disposed of; four Companies are to march to *Rynbergh*, of which the Colonels to be one; six Companies to *Doesburgh*; two Companies to *Emmerick*, and as many to *Acrnhem*.

*Ditto*, 22. On Tuesday last the States of *Holland* and *West-Friesland*, after long debate, which held them till almost ten a clock at night, at last resolved on the choosing a Captain General, and to give that Command to his Highness the Prince of *Orange*

for this Campaign; which resolution they yesterday acquainted the States General with, who it is said, seemed not at all satisfied with it, the rest of the Provinces desiring, the Command of Admirals might be annexed to that of Captain General, and that both might be conferred on his Highness during life, or at least until farther order; in the mean time the respective Deputies, have sent to acquaint their several Principals, with what the States of *Holland* have done herein, whose resolutions thereupon we may suddenly expect will be returned hither, and so this affair finally concluded; though many are of opinion, that some of the Provinces will make difficulty to agree with that of *Holland*, in the point of time.

It is now discoursed, that instead of raising the new Troops, we shall receive into our Service, several Foreign Forces from some of our Neighbours, who have offered to serve this State; with several Regiments both of Horse and Foot. On Monday last the Spanish Envoy here, received, as is said, farther orders from the Court at *Madrid*, to perfect the Treaty as present on Foot, between that Crown and this State. The Deputies of the States of *Holland*, have daily conferences with the Council of State, concerning the Military affairs, where the Prince of *Orange* was yesterday and this day present.

Here is at present an Envoy from the Duke of *Curland*, and is, as we are told, treating with the States, concerning that Dukes sending two Regiments into the Service of this State, under the Command of the Prince his eldest Son. We hear not as yet, of any answer the States have returned to the Memorial given in by his Excellency the English Ambassador, in which it is said, he demands satisfaction for *van Ghents* having refused to strike this last Summer to the *Merlin*.

*Paris*, *January 23*. We are told of a Treaty concluded by Monsieur de *Louvois* with the Elector of *Treves*, by which his Electoral Highness promises to continue Neutral, and to give free passage to such Troops, as his most Christian Majesty shall have occasion to pass through his Territories, &c. From *Metz* they write, of 12000 Men that had marched in three several Bodies from thence, towards the Electorate of *Cologne*; and were upon their arrival there, to be quartered in *Nuis*, *Bon*, *Keyserwaert*, and *Lin*. At *Liege* great quantities of Corn and other Grain, have been of late provided for the use of his Majesties Troops.

From *Theonville* they tell us, of the 14 instant, that there had some days before passed near that place 2000 Horse, on their march towards the Territories of *Cologne*; and that they daily expected 2000 Switzers, together with other Troops, who were to take the same way. Monsieur *L'Estrade*, hath been some days since to visit the Dutch Ambassador here, by order from the King, what his Errand was, is not certainly said, though we since hear, that the said Ambassador despairing of being able to effect any thing, in order to the settling matters between his Majesty and the States his Masters, is preparing for his return home.

*Plymouth*, *January 14*. Yesterday arrived here the *Holmes* Frigate from the *Streights*; at the same time came into this Port four English Merchant men from those parts; the Seamen tell us, that they met with an *Argiers* man of War, who offered them not the least violence, but on the contrary, used them with much Civility; from which Treatment of the *Turks*; we conclude, that Sir *Edward Spragge* hath certainly concluded a Peace with them.