

that the Elector had in the pass he had given him, for the safe Conduct of his Regiment towards the Territories of the States General of the United Provinces, declared his intention of having the said Regiment visited in its passage by *Keyserwaert*, in order to the stopping such persons, who have formerly been in his Service, and deserted it, which our Magistrates have promised their endeavors to remedy; in the mean time the Troops of the Circle of *Westphalia*, are to Rendezvous the first instant at *Mulheyem* and the third to come into Garrison here. On Monday last 700 French Horse, bravely Mounted and Armed, together with 1000 Foot, marched by *Brenil*; The next day several Troops likewise marched on the other side of the *Rhyn*, which they passed at *Andornath*, not far from this place, towards *Westphalia*, with design, as we are told, to go and take their quarters in *Dorsten*; so that all these parts fill daily more and more with Foreign Forces, it being said, that we shall have in the Spring, an Army of 30 or 40 thousand Men in these Territories.

Monsieur *Louvois* is gone from *Nuis*, on his return to the Court of France. The Duke of *Luxemburgh*, is together with Prince *Willem* of *Furstenburgh*, and the French Minister Monsieur *Verjus* at present here.

Paris, January 30. Some days since dyed at *Versailles*, Messire *Pierre Segurier*, Chancellor of France, in which eminent employment, he had served his Majesty, for the space of 39 years, with great esteem; having some days before his death, for that he found his weakness to encrease upon him so far, that all hopes of his recovery, seemed quite past, by his Son the Duke de *Couslin*, returned his Majesty the Seals which were in his keeping. Here is arrived the *Comde de Molina* from *England*, being to reside at this Court, in quality of Ambassador from the Crown of *Spain*.

The Marquis de *Lionne* hath lately received a very dangerous hurt by a fall out of a window, insomuch, that his Physicians begin to doubt his recovery. Some difference having happened between the Archbishops of *Rheims* and *Paris*, in that the former would have solemnly officiated in the Jesuits Church here, on the occasion of Celebrating the Canonisation of *St. Francis de Borja*, without having first desired leave for doing it, from the Archbishop of *Paris*, as being in his Diocess; the King hath been pleased to take notice of the matter himself, and finally to reconcile it, to both their satisfaction.

From *Dunkirk*, they tell us, that there were fitting out 10 or 12 small Men of War, upon private accounts, to be employed, as their Commissions mention, against the Kings Enemies, who they are, the Governor of the Place, being to declare to them before they set out.

From *Aire* in *Artois* we have advice, that the Governor of that place, was lately arrived there from *Brussels*, bringing orders with him from the Count de *Monterey*, to demolish the Suburbs, for the greater security of the Town, and that in order to it the Inhabitants were quitting their Houses there, and removing to others within the Walls. Monsieur *Grotius*, Ambassador from the States General of the United Provinces, hath reiterated his Instances for his last Audience of his Majesty, his Excellency intending, since he can hardly expect any success in his Negotiation here, to make what haste he may home.

By an Extraordinary Courier arrived with Letters from the Bishop of *Laon* at *Rome*, we have advice, that his Holyness had resolved to send a Nuncio forthwith hither, with this farther Decla-

ration, that till he was admitted at this Court, he could not receive the Duke d' *Esrees*, the French Extraordinary Ambassador. From *Metz* they write, that the last Squadron of the 12000 Men, marched thence the 18 instant, towards the Electorate of *Cologne*. That the Troops which are already arrived there, had taken the Oath of Fidelity to that Elector. Monsieur de *Louvois* is daily expected here from those parts.

Brussels, January 30. On Sunday last returned hither the Duke de *Bourbonville* from *Flanders* and *Artois*, where he had been by his Excellency the Count de *Monterey*'s order, to visit the several Garrisons of those Provinces. On Monday last they began here first to collect the twentieth penny on the rent of Houses, which it is thought, will bring up a very considerable sum of Money. Our Governor continues very watchful to observe the motions of our Neighbors, and accordingly makes every where all possible provision for the good defence of the respective Countries under his Government.

Our last Letters from *Madrid*, tell us, that his Excellency the Earl of *Sunderland*, Ambassador Extraordinary from His Majesty of Great Britain, arrived there the 9 instant; That they heard not as then of any positive answer the Queen Regent had made to the Proposals of the French Ambassador, in relation to the present conjuncture of affairs.

Hague, February 2. The Imperial Ministers having lately given in a Memorial to the States General, in which, they represented, that as well the Elector of *Cologne*, as other Princes of the Empire, were not a little concerned at the great numbers of Forces which they daily draw down towards their Frontiers on the *Rhyn*, as if it were with intention of attempting something on their Neighbors; It is said, that the States have since replied to the said Memorial, to this effect; That as they never had the least thoughts of any such design, which might directly or indirectly prejudice their Neighbors, either within or without the Empire; so they wished they had no cause given them, to be apprehensive of the preparations that are making, and the great numbers of Foreign Troops that are gathering together in the Empire, &c.

This day are arrived here, most of the Deputies of the States of *Holland*, who will be to morrow compleat again, in the mean time little of moment passes here, the great expectation being of what these States will finally resolve on at their next meeting, in several matters of great importance which are before them. Yesterday arrived here an Express from Monsieur d' *Amerongen* at *Berlin*, bringing, as is said, a good account of that Ministers negotiation at that Court.

From *Maestricht* they write, of an other Fire that had lately happened there, which though it did not much mischief, yet put the Garrison into a great allarme, the Soldiers in their first frights looking upon the accident, to have been the plot and contrivance of their Enemies, who they now thought ready to storm the Town from without, whilst they were thus disordered within; but the Fire being quickly quenched, they began to be better satisfied, and to discover how vain these their fears had been.

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LOst the 12 of January by the Lord *Asson*, one Balcon; whosever hath taken up any such Hawk, or can discover to the Lord *Asson*, at his House at *Truxa*, any one that conceals such Hawk, so that the Lord *Asson* may recover again the same Hawk, shall have five pounds for a reward, and his charges born for bringing or sending the Hawk, Tixell two Miles off *Stafford*.