

order to, the attacking the Fort which lies before *Philipsburgh*. The *Sieur Verjus*, Envoy from *France*, hath not as yet made any Proposition to our Magistrates, so that we know not hitherto what we have to hope or fear from that side. They write from *Bussweiler*, the Capital of the County of *Hannau Lichtenberg*, that the *French* have commanded the Boors of that Countrey to bring all their Corn, Hay and Straw to *Haguenaw*, for the subsistence of the Flying Army they intend to have in that Neighborhood.

Cologne, March 21. Yesterday our Elector received by an Express, that the *French* were going to quit and demolish the Cittadel of *Lidge*. Our last Letters from *Strasbourg* told us, That all the *French* Troops which are quartered in the *Upper Alsatia*, had orders to march to *Brifac*; That on the other side the *Imperialists* assembled about *Lauterburgh*; That the Marquis of *Baden*, General of the Imperial Artillery, had been with a good Body of Horse and Foot near *Philipsburgh*, and having put Garisons into several Castles and Towns near that place, returned back, and had repassed the *Rhine* at *Lauterburgh*, from whence it is supposed that the *Imperialists* intend to block up *Philipsburgh* again. *Monsieur Verjus* has not yet made any Proposals to the Magistrates of *Strasburgh*, which people are in great expectation of.

Brussels, March 24. The *French* Troops continue to march towards our Frontiers, without that we can yet penetrate into their design, that is, whether they intend to open the Campaigne. The *French* we hear are building more small Frigats at *Tournay*, though we do not yet know what particular use they intend to put them to. The *Sieur Montal*, Governor of *Charleroy*, is gone for *Guisse*, to give some orders there. Our Governor General, the Duke of *Villa Hermosa*, has commanded all the Boors to carry their Corn into the strong places that lie next to them. From *Lorraine* they still write, That the Most Christian King was expected at *Metz*, but that he would not make any long stay there. The Letters from those parts speak much of the design of the *French* to retake *Treves*, which we do not make much account of; for besides that there is a Garison of 7000 Men, the *Confederates* will have a flying Army of about 10000 Men, which will act near the *Moselle*, by way of diversion; to which the Elector of *Brandenburgh* will contribute 2000 Horse. From *Spire* of the 17 instant we are told, that the Marquis of *Baden* having received an account that the *French* of *Philipsburgh* had burnt *Bruchsal*, immediately commanded Major General *Schultz* to pass the *Rhine* at *Lauterburgh* with several Troops; That the next day, being the 15, the Marquis followed himself with some other Troops, and so together advanced towards *Philipsburgh*, near which place he held his station all night, till he had put Garisons into all the Castles and Bourgs near that place, and then returned again to *Lauterburgh*; so that we now again look upon *Philipsburgh* as blocked up, and make no question but it will be formally besieged very suddenly. This day, according to our advices from *Liege*, the *French* have blown up the Fortifications of that Cittadel; many people here very much wonder they quit a Post of so much importance, and believe that they will find the misfortune. P. S. We just now receive Letters from *Germany*, which inform us of the death of the Electors of *Bavaria*, which it's thought may occasion some change of affairs in that Countrey, at least we here would promise our selves so.

Idem. The *French* Troops continue to march towards *Philipville*, *Marieburgh* and *Charleroy*; in which last place great quantities of Corn have been laid

up sufficient to maintain the Army for a month. From *Aeth* they tell us, That they are baking there great quantities of Bread, and that they have laid several Bridges over the River *Scheldt*, between *Oudenard* and *Ghent*. The *French* Cavalry is to Rendezvous the 26 instant at *Guisse*, and *Monsieur de Montal* is gone to be present at it. Yesterday came hither two Deputies from *Binch*, to desire that Town may be permitted to remain Neutral, which the Most Christian King has already granted them. From *Liege*, of the 22 instant, we are told, That all things being ready for the blowing up that Cittadel, this day was appointed for it, but that at the pressing instance of the Elector of *Cologne*, and of the Magistrates of *Liege*, the *Marschal d'Estades* had given orders for the deferring it, till the return of a Courier which he sent to know if the King would not please to spare the outworks of the Cittadel, which serve for a wall to the Town on that side.

Hague, March 24. His Highness, we hear, has given strict orders to all the Forces to be at their Rendezvous at *Langstraet*, upon the sixth of the next month. The Duke of *Qsnabrug* is said to be in a readiness to march with his Army. Besides the eight Men of War my last told you were sailed out of the *Texel*, there are six more gone from *Zealand*, mounted with 20 Guns each, on the same design.

Paris, March 25. To morrow will be held a general Review, and then within three or four dayes the Infantry will begin to march towards *Flanders*. It is now discoursed again at Court, that the Prince of *Condé* will command the Army in *Flanders* this Campaigne, and that the King will go to *Metz* in *Lorraine*. It is said that his Majesty has commanded that the necessary orders be forthwith dispatched for the assembling the Ban and Arrièban of this Kingdom. The Marquis of *Beauhune* will now part very suddenly for *Poland*, whither he carries the Order of the Holy Ghost for that King, which will be accompanied with several rich Presents from their Majesties. There are Letters from *Messina*, which make mention of a Conspiracy that had been discovered there, for the letting in the *Spaniards*.

Rye, March 16. On Saturday last, past by this Port to the Westward, 12 Sail of *Dutch* ships, of which 8 or 9 were Men of War going towards the *Mediterranean*, to reinforce the Lieutenant Admiral *de Ruyter*.

Advertisements.

These are to give Notice, That at *Faux-Hall*, in the Parish of *Lambeth*, in the County of *Surrey*, behind the *Plume of Feathers* Tavern, adjoining to the River of *Thames*, over against *Westminster*, there is newly erected Mills for the Sawing, Smoothing, and Polishing of Marble Stones; where all sorts of White Marble Paving-Stones, from Eleven Inches to Twenty-four, and all Sorts and Sizes of Table-Stones and Grave-Stones, Tombs and Statues, of White Marble, and all Stones for Buildings, are to be sold at reasonable Rates and Prices. Inquire at the Mills, or at *Mr. Gerard Weymans* Merchant, in *Thames-street*, over against *Cole-barbor*, where you may know further.

Lost the 9th instant, out of the Stable of *David Lewis Esq.* in the County of *Monmouth*, a brown bay Nag about 13 hands and an half high, with a star in his Forehead, and a snip on his Nose, his hinder Feet white, a black Main, bob-tailed, a little dale backt, and three small patches of hair worn off his Neck on the near side, and one broad patch of hair worn off the other side; a brown leather Saddle quilted with Silk, and a Bitt Bridle with a blew Ribbon. Whoever gives notice of the Nag to *Mr. Leigh* at the *Blew Bell* in *Fleet-street*, or at the *Lyon* in *Abergavenny*, shall be very well rewarded.

His Majesty hath been pleased to Grant a Fair to *George Pennie Junior*, of *Tollar-Wilme* Esq; and his Heirs forever, to be held yearly on *Tollar-Wilme Downes* near *Honshore* in the Parish of *Corfoome* in the County of *Dorset*, from the 14 day of *May*, to the 25 inclusive.