

Princes of the Empire for regulating the Money, that should be allowed to be current, have had several meetings, but have not hitherto been able to come to any resolution therein, because of many Difficulties that arise. We told You in our last that there was a report of removing the Imperial Chamber from Spire, for that the Judges did not think that place of sufficient Security at this time that the French were making so great preparations as it were in its Neighborhood, which is confirmed by persons come from Spire. We are told here a very considerable piece of news, if it be true, that Monsieur Verjus, the French Minister at Ratisbone, has proposed to the Dyet, the making the Dauphin King of the Romans.

Strasburg, Decemb. 23. The Upper Alsace begins to be filled with the French Troops; and Monsieur Monclar, who commands them, has sent Orders to the principal Officers to repair to Brisac, to consult them as is said concerning some matter of importance; there are those that think this meeting more particularly concerns this City, and that it is in order to adjust the Execution of their Design against it: but whether it be so or no, this is certain, that the preparations they make, and the fautions we receive from several hands, do every day more and more allarme us.

Cologne, Decemb. 24. Count Ottingen after having been here some days, during which the Magistrates were several times with him, to inform him of the true state of the matter with relation to the Burgermasters, now under prosecution for several misdemeanors by them committed, is returned to Dusseldorp, finding his presence here would be altogether unnecessary, so that the proceedings against the said Burgermasters, which were stopp'd upon the said Counts arrival, will now be gone on with. From Ratisbonne they

Write, that the Bishop of Aichstadt, the Emperors Commissioner at the Dyet, was soliciting his Dismission on account of Age and infirmities of Body; and that it was believed he would obtain it, & that the Duke of Neuburg would be desired by the Emperor to take upon him the direction of the Dyet, in the quality of his Commissioner. And that in that case we may see other Resolutions taken than we have hitherto.

Cologne, Decemb. 28. Since Count Ottingens departure, of which we told You in our last the proceedings against the absent Burgermasters have been gone on with, and the thing is so far advanced, that it is expected they will in few days pronounce sentence. The Letters we receive from Lorraine and Alsace, speak hardly of any thing, but the great preparations the French are making, from whence every body concludes they have some great design in hand, and some particularly tell us, that they will begin with the City of Strasburg, but what real ground there is for that as well as some other Opinions that many people have concerning the designs of the French, a short time will now manifest.

Berlin, Decemb. 22. Our Elector is sending an Minister to the Court of Saxony as likewise one to the Hague, he resides there in the room of theieur Romswinkel, who is Chancellor of Cleves, and has Orders to return home. The Plague abates very considerably every where; and it is hoped that Leipsick and Dresden will both be wholly freed of it in a very short time. There is much discourse of the designs of the French; which appear by their assembling so many Troops together on the Rhine, and the disposing them into fresh quarters. We are likewise told, that the Emperor is going to reinforce the garrisons in the