

they are raising their Great Band, as they terme them, under the Command of the Count d' Egmont their Colonel, which will consist of 6000 Horse, to be maintained at the expence of that City: and that the whole Country is proportionably levying all the force they are able, giving liberty to all that please to take armes.

Several persons are lately dead of the Plague in *Lille*, and 'tis said also in *Douay*. The Citizens and Souldiers have no good correspondence between them, but by the prudence of the Governor, they are as yet kept from any great disorders. The Chevalier de *Monguiraut*, sent by his Majesty to *Lille*, is there arrived, and consulting for the building of a Citta-del in that place.

A Party of 200 of the Spanish Horse have lately appeared near the Gates of *St. Quentin*, from whence they returned with no opposition, and a very considerable booty.

The Governor of *Luxemburg* in revenge of the Contribution levied in that *Dutchy* by the Marquis de *Creguy*, has likewise demanded of *Metz*, and several Cities on the Frontiers of *France* a like Contribution of 1600 Pistols or *Louis d'Or*.

At *Strasbourg* they are somewhat allarm'd with the news of some forces which are lately marching towards *Lorraine*, least by the instigation of the Prince de *Furstemberg*, who is now raising a German Regiment, they may be employed against that City.

His Majesty has given Order to demand in his Name a sum of monies of the free Cities of *Alsatia*, or else that they to admit his Forces to quarter amongst them.

The King has a design to form a new Company of 100 German Gentlemen for his Guard, each person thereof to be obliged to make sufficient proof of his Gentility before admission.

Some of the Emperors Forces begin already to march, we being informed that 2 or 3000 Horse and Foot are already arrived near *Ratisbonne*.

The Squadron under the command of Monsieur *Almeras*, lately forced back by storm to *Rochel*, and *Bell-Isle*, was much endamaged; particularly the great ship lately built in *Denmark*, and commanded by Monsieur *la Roche Gate-liere*, with much difficulty got in, having taken in 8 foot of water, which spoiled all his powder.

Hague, Dec. 9. The Deputies from the several Colledges of the Admiralty are here arrived, and frequent consultations held about our Maritime affairs, and the setting out a considerable Fleet that is to put to sea this next Spring.

Three of the States Deputies were the 9th instant sent to the Count de *Donna* the Swedes Ambassador, with whom they had several hours conference. His Excellency has now received Orders from the King his Master to pass for *England*, and is already preparing for his Voyage; but first intends to finish his business here in relation to the exchange of the Ratification of the Treaty, which is still retarded by the *West-India Company*, who have not as yet paid in the sum agreed to by the said Treaty.

The Military Employments are not yet disposed of, the consideration of that affair being put off to a longer time.

Prince *Maurice* and the *Heer Beverning* are preparing for their Ambassy to *Vicna*, and may set forwards about the beginning of the next month.

On Saturday last the Commissioners from the States entered in a Conference with the Ministers of the Dukes of *Luzenburgh* at *Ofnabrug*, where some resolution will be taken about the forces raised by those Dukes for the service of the States.

Ditto, Dec. 12. Yesterday arrived here the Lord of *Furstemberg* Bishop of *Strasbourg*, who is lodged at the house appointed for the entertainment of foreign Ministers, and has been this day visited by his Highness the Prince of *Orange*, Prince *Maurice*, the French and Spanish Ambassadors, with several other Ministers and great Persons.

The States having been informed that the Marquis de *Casel Rodrigo* had prohibited the importation of Cottons into *Brabant* or any other of the Spanish Provinces, have by their Deputies complain'd of it to the Spanish Ambassa-

dor, as a thing inconsistent with the former Treaty between *Spain* and *Holland*.

Yesterday and the day before arrived about 12 French ships at *Ulushing* from *Bordeaux*, intended for *Middleburgh* having received some damage by storms at sea: one ship laden with Salt from *Rochel* has been lately wreckt without the Port; and 'tis said a Swede of 36 Guns has been lately cast away near *Bologne*.

Several French ships are lately put into the *Texel*. The *Patience* from *Bordeaux* is cast away, and 'tis said also the *Fortune* has run the same fate.

From *Cologne* we are informed that the young Prince of *Tuscany* was passed by that place, intending for *Amsterdam*, where the Elector of *Cologne* was arrived incognito.

Upon consideration of the great Impossibility which the French have put upon Merchandises brought from *Holland*, these Provinces have also raised their Customs upon all Commodities that are of the growth or manufacture of *France*.

Bruges, Dec. 11. We are somewhat apprehensive lest the French may have some design of attempting this same place, having drawn together 4000 horse which have been seen between this and *Ghent*, where they plundered our passage Barques; and met with some considerable prize: they have lately drawn into *Lille* 12 Troops of horse, whereof 6 from *Arras* and as many from *Beihun* to strengthen that Garrison, where the Plague begins to abate much, but jealousies are still fomented between the Townsmen and the Souldiers.

A new Order is lately published at *Lille* for Passports, by which each travelling Waggon is to pay monthly 20 *Paracoons*, each foot Passenger that is not of the Town 6 *Florins*, those of the Town a third part less; and each horseman 12 *Florins*: these sums to be paid to the Kings Intendant, and to be put into the Finances.

Bristol, Dec. 2. The Trade of this Town is much quickened by the arrival of the *Barbades Fleet*, most of those ships being richly laden. The great *Charles*, a vessel of 300 Tuns which was supposed to have foundered at sea, is arrived in *Kings-road*, but the Pilot meeting with much difficulty in coming in, the wind blowing hard at *South-west*, put her into the place call'd *Broad Pill*, where the Tide leaving her she sunk aside, and is every Tide under water, to the great prejudice of her lading and danger of the ship, being so ill placed that it will be a matter of great difficulty to get her off.

Harwick, Decem. 7. Yesterday was launched here with much ease and security the *Resolution*, a very large and beautiful third rate Fregat.

The Collier which was thrown upon the *West Rocks* is wholly destroyed, nothing of her now appearing.

Whitehall, Dec. 7. His Majesty out of his gracious care of the good of his Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, having taken notice of the many great abuses committed by the Company of *Woodmongers* in the sale and vent of Fuel of all kinds, to the great oppression of the poorer sort; and after frequent consultations thereupon, the Lords of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council having found it fit for the Conveniency of the Publicque, that their Charter of Incorporation should be surrendered; the said Company have accordingly on Thursday the 5th instant surrendered the said Charter to His Majesty before Sir *Walter Littleton*, one of the Masters of the Chancery in Ordinary, which is enrolled in Chancery, and their Patent of Incorporation made void.

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