

**Hamburg, December 25.** They write from the Court of *Hannover*, that Prince *Maximilian*, second Son to the pretent Duke, is confined to his Chamber, and a Guard set upon him; and the *Sieur de Molke*, with a Lieutenant-Colonel of that Name, and the Secretary of the Duke, of *Woltembustel*, are imprisoned, upon the discovery, as 'tis said, of some Correspondencies, which they held in opposition to the Duke of *Hannover's* design, which he has long had, to Unite the two *Principals* in the Person of his Eldest Son.

**Geneva, Dec. 17.** The fresh Account we have of the Siege of *Montmelian* is, that the French have lodged themselves at the foot of one of the Bastions; That their Cannon has very much ruined that part of the place upon which they could bring their Batteries to bear; And that their Bombs do very much annoy the Belieged; But that all this does not discourage the Garrison, who make a continual Fire upon the Enemy, and kill many of them; *Monieur Vauban* and *Monieur Castinat* reckoned to be Masters of the Place by the 16th of this month; but finding they have great Difficulties still to struggle with from the steepness of the Rock where they are to make their Assault, and the other natural Advantages of the place, as well as the great Bravery of those that defend it, we may very well hope they will be mistaken in their Calculation. In the mean time we hear, that the Duke of *Savoy's* Troops are marching to relieve *Montmelian*, or, which seems more probable, to attack *Susa*; However it be, *Monieur Castinat* has sent several Detachments to secure the Passages of the Mountains, which besides are rendered in a manner unpassable by the Season.

**Paris, Dec. 21.** The Letters from the Camp before *Montmelian*, of the 13th Instant, give an account, That on the 7th they lodged themselves on the side of the Ditch, and the night following cast up a Trench to secure that Lodgment; after which the Miners went to work, and having finished their Mine, it was sprung the 12th about Three in the Morning, with good Success, having thrown so great a Quantity of Earth and Rubbish into the Ditch, as would facilitate the making a Lodgment there, and the fixing the Miner to the Bastion of *Beauvoisin*, which is the weakest side of the place. The *Sieur de Brac*, Colonel of the Regiment of *la Sarte*, was killed in the Descent into the Ditch; and we lost besides in that occasion 3 Ingenieurs, 8 Officers, and about 30 private Soldiers. Since these Advices an Express is come from *Monieur Castinat*, with an account, That the Miners were fixed to the Bastion of *Beauvoisin*, and that the Place could not hold out long; and that upon Notice of the Duke of *Savoy's* Troops being on their March to Relieve it, he had sent Detachments to secure the Passages, and prevent their Design. Orders are sent to the Governour of the Citadel of *Casal*, to deliver up to the Duke of *Manua* the *Marquis de Fasciati*, who was Governour of the Town, and was lately seized by the French, on pretence of his holding Correspondence with the Germans.

**Breussels, Dec. 26.** The Letters from *Madrid* of the 30th of the last Month tell us, That on the 28th a great Council was held in the King's Presence, upon a Letter his Majesty had received from the Elector of *Bavaria*, wherein he declared his readiness to accept the Government of the Spanish Netherlands, upon such Conditions as his Majesty should think fit; having no other aim in it than to endeavour the restoring of those Countries to their ancient Splendour, and to show his Zeal and Affection to his Majesty's Interests; when upon the King, as we are informed, declared his Intention of giving the said Government to his Electoral Highness, but the same was not yet made publick when these Letters came away. They write from *Munich*, That the Elector of *Bavaria* will return thither in the beginning of the next Month; That in February his Electoral Highness intends to go to *Cologne* with the Elector his Brother, and thence on to *Holland*; and 'tis very confidently said, That we may expect his Electoral Highness here in the Month of *March*. In the mean time our present Governour, the *Marquis de Gastaing*, prepares for his Departure. The Prince de *Vaudemont* and the *Marquis de Bedmar* are come back from visiting the Garrisons of *Chalerey* and *Namur*, and a further Reinforcement has been sent to the last of these places. Several Detachments drawn out of the French Garrisons, are moving towards *Phillipville* and *Charlemont*, where 2000 Horse and a greater number of Foot is lately arrived from *France* and *Lorraine*. They write from *Chamberi* of the 16th, That they had Letters of the day before from the Camp before *Montmelian*, which said, That the Miners had begun to work under the Bastion of *Beauvoisin*, but that the Belieged did still defend themselves with great Vigour.

**Hague, Dec. 28.** The States of *Holland* are Adjourned to the 8th of *January*. In *Flanders* things seem at present very quiet; however great quantities of Bread, and Carriages, are provided for our Army in case there should be occasion. The last Letters from *Geneva* say, that the French lost a great many Men before *Montmelian*, not a day passing that they had not 40 or 50 killed or wounded, and that the Duke of *Savoy* was actually on his march with all his Foot and Dragoons to relieve the Place; though those that know how difficult it will be to pass over the Mountains at this time of the year, rather believe that the design is upon *Susa*.

**Poussin, December 27.** This morning appeared in the *Ouse* about 50 Sail of Ships, and by a Boat that came from them, they are said to be Dutch bound for *St. Tubes*. The Dutch Squadron continues at *Spithead*.

**Whitehall, December 21.** His Majesty was pleased this day to appoint Sheriffs for

*Stafford*, *Hony Vernon* of *Hilroy*, Esq;  
*Cornwall*, *Baller junior*, Esq;  
*Cambridge and*  
*Huntingdon*, Sir *Robert Dacres*;  
*Dorset*, *Richard Rose* Esq;  
*Nottingham*, *Edward Mordaunt* of *Clith*, Esq;  
*Kent*, Sir *John Mordaunt* Baronet;  
*Southampton*, *John Falkener* of *Kings-Clerk*, Esq;  
*Gloucester*, *Andrew Barker* Esq;  
*Wilt*, Sir *W. Dams Pinfens* Baronet.

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*Anglesey*, Sir *Thomas Mestyn* Baronet;  
*Brecknock*, *John Williams* of *Combdy*, Esq;  
*Carnarvon*, *David Parry* Esq;  
*Cardigan*, *Daniel Evans* Esq;  
*Carmarthen*, *Francis Brown* of *Freed*, Esq;  
*Denbigh*, *Sydney Thelwall* of *Llaneddar*, Esq;  
*Flint*, *William Hammer* of *Betsfield*, Esq;  
*Glamorgan*, *William Seys* of *Swanzy*, Esq;  
*Merioneth*, *Oliver Thomas* of *Baler*, Esq;  
*Montgomery*, *Philip Eyrour* Esq;  
*Pembroke*, *George Meare* of *Rosi-Crowther*, Esq;  
*Radnor*, *Thomas Vaughan* of *Brandrick*, Esq;

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\* \* \* An Essay on Poetry; By the Right Honourable the Earl of Mulgrave: Together with a Latin Version, by a Learned Hand. Printed for Jol. Hindmarsh at the Golden Bull opposite the Royal-Exchange in Cornhill.

**A**T the Twisted-Posts in Charles-street, Westminster, in a large House, well Wainscoted and Painted, with all sorts of Conveniency, to be Lett or Sold.

**L**ost or stolen near Whitehall, a black Shock-Dog of the Spanish kind, with a white Lift down the Breast and white Feet. Whoever brings him, or gives notice where he may be heard of, to the Porter of Whitehall, shall have a Guinea Reward.

**D**isferred out of Lieutenant-Colonel John Skelton's Company, in Their Majesty's second Regiment of Foot-Guards commanded by Major-General Talmach, viz. George Smith, a tall black Dutch-man; George Villers, John Lee, John Apthorpe, Robert Edmonds, and Teunis Vander-Vall. If any of them surrender themselves within 8 days, they shall be forgiven: Or whoever gives notice of them to Lieutenant-Colonel Skelton at his Lodgings at the Elephant at Charing-cross, shall have a Guinea for each man.

**W**ard Langham, some time a Porter, and pyled at or near the Castle Tavern by Grays-Inn in Holborn, is earnestly desired as soon as possible to come, or send notice where he may be found, to Mr. Sare Bookseller at Gray-Inn Gate, who has some Business of Moment to acquaint him with, which may be for his Advantage; But if the said Langham is gone into any Foreign Part, or dead, his Relations are desired to signify the same to the said Mr. Sare.

**L**ost the 4th of November last betwixt Fleet-street and the Tower, or about the Custom-house, a Canvas Bag, wherein was a Counter-part of a Mortgage for 50 l. and other Deeds belonging to the same Estate. Whoever brings them to Mr. The Sanders at the Ring on Ludgate-hill, shall have 20 s. Reward.

**L**ost the 11th Instant, a Book of Accounts in a Parchment Cover, marked Margaret Hues. Whoever brings it to the said Margaret Hues in Ropemakers-Alley in Little-Moor-Fields, or to Mr. Barwell at the Black-Bull in Cornhill, shall have 5 s. Reward.

**D**ropt the 12th Instant, betwixt Weigh-house Yard in Cornhill and the Post-house in Lombard-street, going through Exchange-Alley, a round course Bag of Money, containing 10 l. wherein was 5 Guineas and a Pistol, and the rest Silver. Whoever brings the said Money to Mr. Jeremy Bright at the 3 Rabbits in Cannon-street, shall have 5 l. Reward.

**S**tolen the 11th Instant out of Mr. Robert Tradts Dye-house near Cole-harbor in Thames-street, London, 24 yards of white Salisbury Cloth, which was Lifted, and some part of it stained Reddish. Whoever secures it, and gives notice to Mr. Tradt aforesaid, or his Copartner, shall have 40 s. Reward, or proportionable for any part.

**L**ost about 7 weeks since out of Gerrard-street, Westminster, a black and white Dog much like a large Southern Hound, with a black Head and Fans, and a white Break down his forehead, two large black Spots on each side reaching over his Eyes, black upon his Rump, and a cut Tail. Whoever brings or gives notice of him to Mr. John Parsons, Coach-maker, at the Sign of the upper end of the Hay-market, shall have 10 s. and Charges.