[illegible] and Degrees whatever. Since the beginning of the [illegible] we have had more very short [illegible] days. There have been sent to all our Frontier Garrisons to have their Troops in a constant readiness to march, in order to oppose any design of the Enemy, who, we hear, are making preparations for some present Enterprise, and it is [illegible] great quantities of clay in Alsace, Dauphiny, and Nassau. [illegible] Letters of the 5th of the last Month, that with much ado and [illegible] other great Towns in the [illegible] of France, the Burghers are continually [illegible] to make Arms, and to keep a strict Guard at their Gates, in order to hinder the coming in of the Peasants of the Country, and their Cattle, for an Entrance Money, and to murder all the poor Peasants, to get Bread. They [illegible] also, that Money is [illegible] scarce and hard to be found in France, that more [illegible] would borrow any [illegible] to the Conquerors. In every Town of the Conquered Countries the French have placed an Officer, to whom the Brewers are obliged to make a Livelihood by such Rules as they can agree for, before they are allowed to Brew. The great [illegible] is [illegible].

Brussels, Jan. 11. The French have begun to draw some Troops together about Ypres and Namur, but the [illegible] being gone, they are [illegible] to their Garrisons. The King of Spain has augmented the Bavarian Troops with his Electoral Regiments [illegible], to serve in these Countries, viz. 1 Regiment of Foot consisting each of 2000 Men, and his Electoral Regiments Regiment of Foot Guards, and a [illegible] Regiment of Horse Guards, 2000 Men, four Regiments of Cuirassiers, and one of Carabiniers, which is [illegible]. On Monday arrived here the Lord [illegible] and yesterday he [illegible] to his Lordship's Lodgings.

Hague, Jan. 5. The Dutch Merchants of Smyrna [illegible] that were lately done in the Island by order of the King of Denmark, continued still on our Coast, [illegible] Arrest, but several [illegible] Dutch Ships bound to the Sambier have [illegible] Arrest without any Deliberation, being told by the Danish Officers that they had Orders not to molest any Dutch Ships. In the mean time the Danish Envoy here has given in another Memorial about the Ships that are lost, and brought to Copenhagen by way of Reprisal, for the Danish Ships that have been brought in by the Subjects of this State. The Envoy from the Emperor at Venice sent his last Wednesday in a Dutch Man of War in the Texel, in order to his return home, being accompanied by an Officer appointed by the States for that purpose. The Council of State have agreed with several Persons to furnish Horses, Carriages, Oxen for their Train of Artillery.

Hague, Jan. 12. The States-General have given the Envoy of Denmark an Answer to his late Memorials, and [illegible] that they [illegible] the Seizing of all Ships [illegible] with Danish Colours. The Duke of Holstein-Plön is gone to his Government of Kiel, where he will [illegible] the end of this month. The Deputies of the respective Admiralties are now here, and have had several Conferences with those of the State. They write from Lisbon, that on the 23rd last a French Corvet with 30 Merchant Ships bound to Cadiz and other Commodities for France, sailed out of the same towards their Rendezvous in Biscay, but that on the 26th in their way were by contrary Winds driven back into the Harbour.

Hague, Jan. 16. N. S. The Sieur Gaspar, Envoy Extraordinary of the Elector of Brandenburg, is returned from Germany, where he went lately, and has [illegible] Conferences in the Congress at the Hague. The last Letters from Germany say, that the Emperor has received [illegible] Letters, [illegible] Prussia [illegible] Silesia [illegible] Prussia [illegible] Silesia [illegible] Elector [illegible] Silesia [illegible] Elector [illegible] Silesia [illegible] Elector