

The 31th preparations were made for another Assault; The French Army appeared again in the Front of our Line, and then retired to their Camp at *Gemblours*. The first instant in the afternoon His Majesty returned to the Camp before *Namur*, in order to give Directions for the further attack of the Castle, and in his way was informed, that the Besieged had desired to Capitulate: Hostages were accordingly exchanged; And the Articles of Surrender were concluded early the next morning, and part of the Outworks given up presently after; For which we made a treble discharge of all our Artillery, and 3 Salvoes in a running Fire along the Lines: The same evening the *Marschal de Villeroy* retired from his Camp at *Gemblours*, and continued his march all Friday night, and on Saturday passed the *Sambre* near *Charleroy* in great disorder. The 5th, according to the Capitulation, the Garrison marched out of the Castle at the Breach of the *Terra Nova*, being 4190 Foot and 1205 Dragoons, (whereof only 160 were mounted) most of them in a very ill Condition, with the *Marschal de Boufflers* and the *Count de Guiscard*, at the Head of them. The King was *incognito* in a Coach, and the Elector of *Bavaria* on Horseback to see them; They had not gone far, when Brigadier *l'Espang* advanced towards *Marschal de Boufflers*, and told him, he had Orders from His Majesty to Arrest him, by way of Reprisal for the Garisons of *Dixmuyde* and *Deyuse*, which were detained and ill treated by the French, contrary to their Capitulation and the Cartel, at which he seem'd much concerned, but being forced to submit, was brought away Prisoner to the Town, having first had the offer of his Liberty upon his Parole and promise to return in 14 days, or to procure the Liberty of our Men within that time. We found in the Castle of *Namur*, upon a Survey taken of the Artillery and Ammunition, 69 pieces of Cannon, *viz.* 7 twenty four Pounders, 3 sixteen Pounders, 2 twelve Pounders, 9 ten Pounders, 4 eight Pounders, 12 six Pounders, 18 five Pounders, 10 four Pounders, 3 three Pounders, and 1 two Pounder; as also 4 Mortars and 4 *Hautwizers* with the Arms of *France*; Powder about 281 thousand weight in several places, 50 great Bombs of 500 pound weight each, 2000 ordinary Bombs, 1000 lesser Bombs, 750 Granades of 24 pound weight, 40000 ordinary Granades *fixt*; 150 Barrels of Cannon Ball; Salt Pire and Brimstone 15 Tun, and 800 spare Muskets. And his said, the French after the Capitulation was sign'd, threw several pieces of Cannon into the *Sambre*, (which have not yet been found) together with a great quantity of Powder. The *Marschal de Boufflers* continued in the mean time at *Namur*, His Majesty having ordered his Guard to be taken off upon his giving his Parole to remain a Prisoner; And he is now removed to *Mastricht*, under the care of Monsieur *l'Espang*. The Hostages for performance of the Capitulation of the Castle of *Namur*, are returned on both sides. Last night we received Advice, That the *Marschal de Villeroy* had sent 2000 men to reinforce the Garison of *Dinant*, and was marched with the French Army towards their Lines near *Mons*. This day (the 8th) we marched to *Sombref*, being about 4 Leagues, and to morrow we shall continue our march 4 Leagues farther, to *Bois-Seigneur-Isaac*, beyond *Nivelles*; His Majesty having ordered the *Brandenburg*, *Hesse*, and *Lunenburg* Troops, to assist the Garison that is left at *Namur*, in levelling the Trenches, and other Works, and in repairing the Breaches; who are afterwards to march farther to observe the Enemy, between the *Sambre* and the *Meuse*, and towards the *Condraz*; His Majesty intending to march himself towards *Flanders*, to secure those Parts, and to dispose his Troops within their Winter Quarters.

Hague, Sept. 9 N.S. There appears an Universal Joy in these Provinces for the taking of *Namur*, which is so glorious for the Arms of His Majesty and His Allies, and of so great advantage to their Common Interests: The States have ordered that this good News be notified to all the Foreign Ministers here; and have appointed a General Rejoycing and publick Thanksgiving on this occasion. They write from *Flanders*, That the *Marschal de Villeroy* was retired towards *Mons*, having lost a great many Men who deserted in their long and disorderly marches; and that there had happened a warm dispute between some of our Troops and a detachment of French in the Wood of *Argenton*, where there is a very strong Pass which the latter would have made themselves Masters of, but were beaten off with considerable loss, insomuch that they had sent several Wagons with wounded Men to *Charleroy*. The Lord Viscount *Villers*, His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary, and Plenipotentiary at the Congress here, had this day his publick Audience of the States General, to which he was conducted with the usual Ceremonies.

Two days ago arrived in the *Maese* about 60 Merchant Ships, with 3 Dutch Men of War from *Scotland*. A Convoy of two Frigats and divers Merchant Ships bound to *London* will sail from the *Brill* with the first fair Wind.

Tarmouth, Sept. 6. On the 3d instant happened a most violent Storm at N. E. which continued all day with great Rains; during which, several light Colliers that were bound to *Newcastle* were forced ash re between *Cromer* and *Blackny*; and some laden Colliers that were coming from thence, are likewise lost; but all the Men of War that were their Convoys, are come safe into several Ports, though not without having received some damage in their Sails and Rigging.

Deale, Sept. 6. Yesterday came into the Downs His Majesty's Ship the *Prince of Orange*, and the *Roebuck* Ketch, being forced from the *Maese* by the bad weather.

London, Sept. 7. The *Mitchel* and *Eagle* Packet Boats came from *Holland* together on the 2d instant, but were separated in a violent Storm the next day. The *Eagle* arrived at *Dover* the 4th in the morning with one Mail, and the *Mitchel* some hours after with the other two that were due.

Advertisements.

†† Ode de Mr. Boileau Despreaux sur la Prise de Namur, avec une Parodie de la mesme Ode par le Sieur P. Moutaux; et une Parodie d'une Scene du Cid sur ce sujet par Messieurs d'A & M. Ches R. Bentley Libraire a la Poste au Covent Garden, P. Parker a la Licorne sous la Bourfe Royale, & tous les Libraires Francois a Londres.

†† The General History of England, as well Ecclesiastical as Civil, from the earliest Accounts of Time, to the Reign of His present Majesty King William, &c. By James Tyrrell Esq; Being in several Presses, and a great part of it Printed. Those that expect the Benefit of Subscribing, must send in their first Payment, *viz.* 15 s. by the first day of the next Term, being the 23th of October, to any of the Undertakers, H. Rhodes in Fleetstreet, J. Dunton in Jewen Street, J. Salubury in Cornhill, and J. Harris in the Poultry.

†† The 17th Volume of the Athenian Mercury is now published, Resolving all the most nice and curious Questions proposed by Ladies and Gentlemen, relating to Divinity, Philosophy, Love, Marriage, History, Physick, Law, Mathematicks and Trade, &c. from Tuesday, April 2. to Saturday July 13. Printed for John Dunton at the Raven in Jewen Street.

Taken from a Gentleman's side, on Friday at 7 at night, in Bartholomew Fair, a small French Rapier, the Hilt Steel inlaid with Gold, the handle silver double gilt, the upper part of the Blade next the Shell being Graved. Whoever restores it to the Owner Mr. Champney, at Mr. S. Creary Trumbals Office in Whitehall, shall have 10 s. more than what any Goldsmith or Sword Cutler will give for it.

✧ The Life of the Famous John Baptist Colbert, late Minister and Secretary of State to Lewis XIV. the present French King. Done into English from a French Copy Printed at Cologne this present year 1695. Printed for R. Bentley in Covent-Garden, J. Tonson at the Judge-head in Fleetstreet, H. Bonwick at the Red Lion in St Pauls Church yard, W. Freeman at the Bible against the Middle-Temple gate in Fleetstreet. and S. Manship at the Ship in Cornhill.

†† The Exact Prices of Merchandizes in London; together with a Weekly Collection of most Staple Commodities Imported and Exported, with the Customs Inwards, and what is drawn back on Exporation; exactly drawn up to the twentieth part of one Penny: Also the price of the Bank of England, Blank and Benefit Tickets of the Million Lottery, East-India Stock, Orphans Fund and Credit in the Chamber of London, &c. Published every Friday by S. Proctor in Mark-lane near Tower street; where any Person may be accommodated with it at 20 s. per Annum, or 6 d. a piece; its likewise Printed in French.

R Un away the 19th past from Col. Holt at Salisbury, with their new Clothing, William Ball, black swarthy Complexion, black Hair something curling, aged about 30, born at Norton Stiz-Worin; John Winter, with a light bob Wig, a scar on the right Cheek from the Eye to the Mouth, aged 26, born at Norton near Taunton; John Nicholas, aged 25, a thin man, with brown Hair, pale faced; Richard Paris, a tall thin man, with black Hair something curling, a cut on the left upper Eye-lid, aged 28, both living at Beer Crookham, all of Somersetshire. If they return to their Colours at Salisbury by the 20th instant they shall be kindly received: Or whoever gives notice of them to Col. Holt, or the Commander in Chief at Salisbury, or to Mr. Peter Gery at the Crown in Fleetstreet, London, shall have 4 Guineas for each.

L Ose the 7th past between the Fleeces Tavern in Fleetstreet and Temple-chais, a Gold out Case of a Biking Watch, with holes in the side and cover pierced and filed in Branches, engraved all over, it was lined, the bottom with Cherry coloured Satin, the side and cover Cherry coloured Lutestring. Who ever brings it to Jonathan Peller, Clockmaker in Red-Lion-Court in Fleetstreet, shall have two Guineas Reward.