

French Commissioners concerning the Pretensions of the Dutchess of Orleans on the Palatinate. Several of the Kings Officers in Lorraine who bought the Places they now lose by reason of that Dutchy's being restored to the Duke of Lorraine, are come hither, in order to Petition the King that some Consideration may be had of them.

*Brussels, May 25* The Elector of *Bavaria* went the 22th Instant to *Tournhout*, to meet the Electoral Prince his Son, who arrived there the next day from *Cologne*, and last night his Electoral Highness came to *Town*, as did likewise the young Prince, who was this morning Complimented on his arrival by all the Foreign Ministers and Persons of Quality at this Court. The Letters from *Madrid* of the 8th Instant say, the King of *Spain* continued in a very good way of Recovery, and would stay some time at *Toledo*, that Air being thought very proper for him. The Conde d'*Oropesa* remained at *Madrid*, the King having committed to his Care the chief Management of the Publick Affairs.

*Hague, May 27.* N. S. The Czar and his Ambassadors, with their whole Retinue, went yesterday from *Amsterdam*, on their way towards *Germany*. The Baron de *Plettenberg* is arrived here, with the Character of Envoy Extraordinary from the Bishop of *Munster*, and will set forward in 3 or 4 days for the French Court. The Baron de *Lillieros*, Ambassador from *Sueden*, is on his departure home. Monsieur *Hop* is arrived here from *Amsterdam*, in order to receive his Dispatches for the Imperial Court, whither he is going to reside as Minister from the States-General, and will shortly begin his Journey.

*Windsor, May 19.* This day the Count de *Tallard*, Ambassador Extraordinary from *France*, had his Publick Audience of His Majesty, being conducted hither by the Right Honourable the Earl of *Stamford*, and Sir *Charles Cottrell* Master of the Ceremonies; in the Kings Coach, followed by two Coaches of their Royal Highnesses the Princess and Prince of *Denmark*, the Ambassador's own, and several other Coaches with 6 Horses each. Being come to the Castle, His Majesties Foot Guards then upon Duty, were drawn up in the Court, the Officers Saluted him with their Hats as he passed by, and all other Ceremonies were performed that are usual on the like Occasions. The Audience being over, he and his Retinue were Splendidly Entertained at Dinner. And in the Afternoon he was Conducted back to *London* in the King's Coach, followed by their Royal Highnesses, his own, and other Coaches, in the same manner as he came.

*Whitehall, May 20.* The Count de *Tallard*, Ambassador Extraordinary from *France*, had this day his Audience of their Royal Highnesses the Princess and Prince of *Denmark*, being Introduced by Sir *Charles Cottrell* Master of the Ceremonies.

*Kensington, May 21.* The King returned hither this Evening from *Windsor*.

*Whitehall, May 21.* The Right Honourable the Earl of *Manchester*, His Majesties Ambassador Extraordinary to the Republick of *Venice*, arrived here last night, and this Evening waited on His Majesty at *Kensington*.

*Whitehall, May 22. 1698.*

Whereas Mr. *Ralph Davenant* was barbarously Murdered in the Garden of his Lodgings in *Grey's-Inn-Lane* on Wednesday the 18th of this Instant May; which Murder is believed was committed with a design to Rob the House. His Majesty has been graciously pleased to promise His Pardon to any of the

Persons concerned in the said Murder, who shall first discover the rest of his Accomplices, except the Person by whom the said Mr. *Ralph Davenant* was actually killed.

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The Royal-Lustring-Company will expose to Sale a parcel of *Narrow and Broad Allamode, Renforcez, and Lustring*, on Thursday the 2d of June next, at their House in *Austin-Friers*, at 9 in the morning. The said Goods may be seen at the said Place the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before the Sale, where Books of the Sale will be delivered.

Advertisements.

Mr. *William Read*, an Experienced and Approved Optick, and in that Quality sworn Servant in Ordinary to his Majesty, having performed with good Effect and Success several curious Operations, as well in Couching of Cataracts, as Curing the Goutt Serens, and other Distempers incident to the Eyes, to the restoring sundry Persons to their Sight, who had been many years actually Blind, (as appears by sufficient Testimonials from our own and several Foreign Universities) being now in *London* upon performance of his said Operation upon sundry Persons, who are under his Cure, is ready also to do his best Endeavours for the Benefit of others, who shall desire it, and it to be spoken with at his House in *St. Bartholomew-Clouk*, near *West Smithfield*, every day till Two of the Clock in the Afternoon, where he will Cure the Poor gratis, till *Michellmas*, and after wards at his House at *St. Edmundsbury* in *Suffolk* till next Spring, and then in *London* again.

This Monday, the 23d Instant, will be sold by Auction the remaining part of the Library of the Reverend Dr. *Gabriel Towerson*, in Latin, Greek, and English Books, with other variety of Rich Goods, v. z. Pictures, Japan Goods of several sorts, and Artificial Flowers, Nans work, &c. at the House of Mr. *Towerson*, next Door to the Crown Tavern over-against *St. Clements Church Yard* in the Strand, beginning exactly at 4 afternoon, and continuing till 8, and so daily till all the Book and Goods are sold. The Goods may be viewed, and Catalogues may be had at the Place of Sale.

Stolen the 22th Instant, about 9 in the morning, out of a Gentleman's Lodgings, by one *Ralph Measer*, a Ring with a Ruby and 12 Diamonds, a Gold Chain with 7 Links, a black Mourning Ring with a Stone, a small Gold Ring having an Epitaph on Queen *Mary* written under a Chrysal, with several other Rings and Lockets, besides Money and other Things of value; He is a well-set middle sized Man, with lank dark brown Hair, aged about 30, having a crooked Nose, and wants two Teeth before on the upper-side. Whoever secures him, and gives notice to Mr. *Early* at the Half-Moon in *Bell Yard* over-against the Temple, so that the Goods may be had again, shall have 4 Guineas Reward, or proportionable for any part.

A Commission of Bankrupt being awarded against *George Mallett* of *St. James's*, *Westminster*, *Linnen-Draper*, all Persons that owe him any Money, or that have any of the said Bankrupts Goods or Effects, are desired forthwith to pay and deliver the same unto Mr. *Thomas Pitkin* of *Chespide*, *London*, *Linnen-Draper*, otherwise they will be sued for the same.

The 17th Instant, about 6 afternoon, a Girl delivered to a Gentleman at the Sun-Tavern in *Threadneedle-street* (by mistake) a Hair-Portmanteau Trunk, in which was wearing Cloaths, *Linnen*, two Paper Books, and Writings. Whoever gives notice of the said Trunk and Things, so they may be had again, to Mr. *H. Bonwick*, Book-binder, at the *Red-Lyon* in *St. Pauls Church-Yard*, shall have Five Guineas Reward for the whole, or One Guinea for the Books and Writings.

Two Thirds in Number and Value of the Creditors of *Seamus Wood* of *London*, Oylman, having Executed a Deed of Composition with him for their Debts, they and others his Creditors are desired to come to Mr. *Tho. Cooper* in *Queens-street*, *London*, any Forenoon within 14 days, of whom they may receive their Money pursuant to the said Agreement.

Of some time since an Exchequer Bill, N<sup>o</sup> 77878 for 5 L. dated Aug. 10. 1697. If it be offered in payment you are desired to stop it, and giving notice to *William Meade* at the Ship in *Fenchurch-street*, shall have 10 s. Reward, care being taken to stop it at the Exchequer.

On the 7th Instant two Men in Seamen's Habit rid away with two Horses from *Dover*, one is a Dun Horse, with a black List down his back, full aged; The other a bay Nag, paces all, both about 14 hands. Whoever secures the said Horses, or either, and gives notice to Mr. *Robert Hogben* in *Dover*, or to Mr. *Joseph Taylor* in *Little Tower-street*, *London*, shall have Half a Guinea Reward for each.

On the 24th of April last from Mr. *Anthony Warham* of *Leigh* near *Windsor*, *Dorsetshire*, a Stone-horse 15 hands high, 6 years old, some white in the Forehead, a white list on the right Leg behind above the Lock bone, his Eyes very bad. Whoever secures the said Horse, and gives notice to Mr. *Warham* afore said, or to Mr. *William Warham* in *Sheare-lane* near *Temple-bar*, *Goldsmith*, shall have a Guinea Reward.