

to consider of them, and to advise whether they are consistent with his Power and Prerogative, which gives us here no small dissatisfaction.

**Hamburg, Dec. 10.** From several parts of the Empire we are informed that many Emperors are endeavouring to divert the Princes and Electors of the Empire from their Concurrence with the Agreement of the General Diet for raising forces for the security of the Empire, but tis believed the work is so well advanced as not to be frustrated by any private machinations.

The Deputies of the Rhine Elector Palatine and Duke of Lorraine continue their Conferences, and tis believed with good effect, having propos'd an exchange of the County of *Falkenstein* for the Provostship of *Salz*, endeavouring to satisfy the Bishop of *Spire* for his pretensions.

**Brussels, Dec. 17.** Several informations have been taken for the discovery of the persons that were concerned in the assassination of *Don Juan de Toledo*, but as yet without any success; this fact has wrought so great an apprehension in the Members of the Council, that they have since thought fit to retire their lives in better time to their houses, that they may not by their late stay give an opportunity to any ill-affected persons to offer them violence.

Yesterday the Constable of *Castille* was pleased to deliver to the Count de *Sorre* of the house of *Croy* His most Christian Majesty's Decree for the taking off the Sequestration from the Estates lying within the French jurisdiction, whose Proprietors have their Residence in the Spanish Quarters, to which we are told, obedience is given in all parts.

On Monday last arrived here from *Spain* by Post, a Courier with the Queens Letters and dispatches for the Prince de *Ligne* to be Viceroy of *Sicily*, who is accordingly preparing for his voyage thither; and may set forwards immediately after the Holidays, and the Count de *Monterey* designed to succeed him here in his Charge of General of the Horse.

Sir *Mark d' Ognate* is designed to be sent into *England* in the place of the lately murdered *Don Juan de Toledo*.

The 12th instant we had here a warm allarm given us, that the French were in a body of about Ten thousand men within three Leagues of *Ghent*, bending their course towards *Alost*, which intelligence caused the Constable to command all Officers to repair immediately to their respective Charges, and to take care that the soldiers might in all places be in readiness to march upon the first Orders, but we are since satisfied of the vanity of our fears the French designe in appearance being nothing more then only to change their Quarters and so gather in the arrears of Contribution from the Country.

The States of *Frabant* have had several debates upon the allowance they are to make for the maintenance of their proportion of the Militia for the defence of the *Netherlands*, and tis believed may resolve upon the summe of 1200 thousand *Francs*.

**Hague, Decemb. 17.** The States are daily preparing for the security of the Frontiers, having particularly given Order for the Fortification of several Towns of *Overysse*, and upon the borders of *Westphalia*. They intend also to send several of their Forces to *Boileduc*, and *Sas Van Gent*, and to double the Garrisons upon the Frontiers; and have caused Letters to be Written to the several Provinces, to invite them to come to such Resolution as may be of most advantage to the Publick Safety, considering the present posture of Affairs.

This day the Officers taken into the Service of the States took their Oaths of Fidelity, and put in Security for performance of their Agreements, and particularly for the bringing their several Companies to a Rendezvous at the time appointed: The Principal Officers are as follows.

1 Colonel of a Regiment of Horse, *Heer Van Almeloo*: 1 Major, *Adam Van Lockborst*: And 6 Captains. 3 Colonels of Foot, viz. *Philips Jacob Van Brent*, *Bou-*

*dewijn Van Soutelande*, and *Willem Nrybeer of Brent*. 3 Lieutenant Colonels, viz. *Willem Heer Van Nieuwlands*, *Jan Bartholt*, *Heer Van Yarken*, and *Dieterick Van Ringelbergh*. 3 Majors, *Moise de Panceyin*, *François de la Barthe*, and *Iohn Scot*: And 33 Captains, whose Names for brevity we omit.

Since this they have made choice of two other Colonels of Foot, viz. *Comis de Nassow*, and the Baron de *Chauvet*, who the next week may nominate their subordinate Officers, who, as well as those before mentioned, are, according to Order to give proofe of their Abilities by Exercising Companies before several Persons of greatest abilities in Martial Affairs, and to give sufficient testimony of their former Services in the Warr.

**Edinburgh, Decemb. 8.** This day was published here an Act for the Naturalization of strangers within the Kingdome of *Scotland*, declaring, That all strangers of the Protestant Religion, that shall think fit to bring their Estates into the said Kingdome, or shall come to set up new Works and Manufacturies therein, shall be Naturaliz'd, as Native-born Subjects of the said Kingdome to all intents and purposes. His Majesty Declaring, That upon Application made unto His High by such strangers, he will grant unto them the Free and Publick Exercise of their Religion in their own Language, and the Liberty of having Churches within the said Kingdome of *Scotland*; but no persons to have the benefit of the said Act untill first by Petition to the Lords of His Majesty's Privy Council, Containing an exact Designation of their Names, places of their Birth and former Residence, and that they are of the Protestant Religion, it be found by the Council that they are qualify'd according to the said Act, and ought to have the benefit thereof. Further Declaring, That the said Act, with an Extract of the Act of Council in their Favours, shall be to them a sufficient Naturalization; which Extract shall be given to them freely, without payment of any money or Composition, save onely the Fee of Nine pounds Scots Money to the Clerks of the Council and their servants.

**Plymouth, Decemb. 10.** On Wednesday last arrived here one Ship of this Town for *Portugal*, and 3 others from *Malaga*; here is also put in one Dutch Merchant ship, laden with *Sugar* and *Tobacco*, homewards bound.

**Lyme, Decemb. 11.** The 8th Instant put in here by contrary Winds the *Margaret of Topham* homewards bound from *Rotterdam*, informing us, That the Dutch seem very apprehensive of the Great Preparations making by the French both by Sea and Land, and have upon that account given Order for the Securing of their Frontire Towns, and new Forming their Militia, having entertained 400 Officers, and given them Commissions to raise Men for their Service.

The 11th Instant came in the *Lilly-Rose* from *Merlin*, telling us, That some dayes before she sailed thence, Monsieur de *la Roche* arrived there, having been employed in visiting the Coasts, and Listing the Seamen into His Majesty's Service, the whole number of them being computed to consist of 26 Thousand Men; a third part of whom are by turns to serve yearly aboard His Majesty's Men of Warr, and the rest of the time to be at liberty to take employment amongst the Merchants, but so, as always to be in a readiness to serve in their Course.

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