

Work on the Right being full of Ruins, and requiring more time, and a greater quantity of Fascines than ordinary to finish; the Enemy made a Sally there yesterday morning with 10 Companies of Granadiers, and put the first Regiment into some disorder. While Brigadier Evans was bringing up the next Regiment to succour them, he was taken Prisoner, with Colonel Grove of the Lord North and Grey's Regiment: We had besides 20 Officers and Soldiers killed, wounded and taken; but the Enemy, upon the first Fire of our Men, retired in great haste, without attempting any thing upon the Works. The Brigadier, and such Officers as are not wounded, are come back to the Camp upon their Parole, having been used with great Civility. His Grace the Duke of Marlborough, since the opening the Trenches, has been daily to visit the several Attacks. At that of General Lottum a second Parallel is considerably advanced, which will be finished this Night; and several Cannon and Mortars being already mounted, the whole, as well at this Attack, as the other two, will be ready to fire on Sunday Morning. Our Batteries began yesterday to fire upon Fort Rouge, and have had to good Effect, that the Garrison has beat a Parley, and desired to march out upon honourable Terms. P. S. His Grace has just now received an Account, that the Garrison of Fort Rouge, consisting of 200 Men, have been obliged to surrender themselves Prisoners of War.

Hague, December 28. N. S. The Baron of Somerdick is gone to Amsterdam, where he is to go on Board, and Command a Ship of 70 Guns, belonging to the Squadron designed for the Mediterranean. We hear from Tournay, that the French Army were marching into Winter Quarters, and seemed to have laid aside all thoughts of attempting the Relief of Ghent. The States have received an intercepted Letter which was directed to Count la Motte from Mr. Chamillard, wherein that Minister orders the Count to defend Ghent to the last Extremity; and represents, at the same time, how much is expected from him, to repair his Misfortune at Wynnendale, as well as that he may promise himself to be made a Marshal of France for his Services on the present Occasion. Letters from Paris say, that the Marshal Boufflers, Governor, and the Chevalier de Luxemburg, Lieutenant-Governor of French Flanders, have received Orders to hasten thither, and put all things in a readiness for the early opening of the next Campaign in those Parts. The French Court, by reason of the great Scarcity of Money, has postponed the Payment of such Mint-Bills as were to be discharged the next Year, to the Year 1710.

From the Camp at Meerlebeck, December 30. N. S. The Works at our several Attacks before Ghent being carried on with very good Success, and little Loss, and all the Batteries finished yesterday in such a manner that Orders were given for the Cannon to fire at six this Morning, the Mortars, Carcasses, and red hot Bullets at 10, Monsieur de la Motte sent out a Trumpet about Noon, with a Letter to his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, desiring that some Officers of the Garrison might have Leave to attend him: Thereupon his Grace sent him a blank Passport; and in the Evening the Prince d'Isenghien, Brigadier Cano, and the Count d'Aubigny, Colonel of the Regiment Royal, came hither with Offers to surrender the Town and Castle four Days hence, provided that the Garrison should then March out with all Marks of Honour, if we were not obliged to raise the Siege in the mean time; and his Grace having agreed, they should have 'till Wednesday Morning, they were sent back with Directions to return to Day at six a Clock; whereupon Orders were immediately sent to our Batteries to forbear firing. Accordingly the same Gentlemen came this Morning, with a Deputation from the Clergy, the Magistracy, and Commons of the Town; and all

things being settled with them, it is agreed, That Hostages shall be immediately exchanged for the Execution of the Capitulation; that the Gate, at the Attack of St. Pierre, shall be put into our Possession to Morrow Morning, and the Porte de Secours of the Castle at the same time; that the Garrison shall march out on Wednesday with the usual Marks of Honour, in order to be conducted to Tournay. To Morrow his Grace designs to send a Summons to the Garrison of Bruges, to surrender the Town.

Whereas there was brought from India, in the Ship *Albemarle*, (which was driven ashore at Pielport near *Plymouth*, about the 9th of this Instant December) Three Busses of Diamonds, which are now pretended to be missing or lost, viz. One of the said Busses, mark'd E. R. F. No. 1. One other of them mark'd E. No. 2. And one other of them mark'd F. S. Amongst which said Diamonds was one very uncommon, remarkable Diamond, viz. One cut Table Stone of the first Water, and in all Perfection, weighing about 26 Carrats and a Quarter; And one Pointed rough Stone, weighing about 18 Carrats and a Quarter; And one other rough Stone weighing about 21 Carrats, a Point something fallen, *Christaline, White and Clean*. Her Majesty is graciously Pleased to declare, That she will grant her Pardon to any Person or Persons, who hath or have taken the abovemention'd Goods, provided such Person or Persons shall discover the same to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State on or before the 20th Day of February next; or otherwise, that such Person or Persons, who hath or have taken, or concealed the said Goods, shall be Prosecuted with the utmost Severity of the Law.

SUNDERLAND:

Whoever shall, on or before the 20th of February next, discover all the abovementioned Diamonds taken from on Board the *Albemarle*, to Sir Stephen Evance in Lombard Street, so as the right Owners obtain them, shall receive for the same the Sum of One Thousand Guineas, to be Paid by the said Sir Stephen Evance, or in Proportion for any of the said Diamonds accordingly. Or if the said Diamonds, or any of them, shall be offer'd to be Sold, Pawned, or Valued, whoever stops the Person that brings them, and secures the said Diamonds, so as the right Owners obtain them, shall receive the said Reward of One Thousand Guineas for all the said Diamonds, or in Proportion for any of the said Diamonds.

By the Receiver-General for Prizes.

Notice is hereby given, that the Officers and Company of her Majesty's Ship *Weymouth*, will, on Thursday the 30th Instant, be paid their Proportions of the Prize Ship *Marquis de Bernier*, according to the Directions in her Majesty's most gracious Declaration for the Encouragement of her Ships of War, &c.

Further Notice is hereby given, That a small Prize, called the *Tour of Montfort*, taken by her Majesty's Ship *Natingham* (part of whose Company came out of the *Weymouth*) is also in course of Payment.

Notice is hereby given, by the Agent to the Captors, That the Officers and Seamen lately belonging to Her Majesty's Ship the *Cambridge*, may, on Monday the 3d of January next, at *Chatham*, on Board her Majesty's Ship the *Somerset*, to which they now belong, receive their several Shares of the *St. Anthony*, and five more Corn Vessels, lately condemned as Prize, according to the Directions in Her Majesty's most gracious Proclamation of the 20th of May, 1708, and that the Shares of such as shall not then be received, may, during the space of three Years, be every Thursday Morning received at Mr. Master's House on Great Tower-Hill, London.

The Governor and Company of Merchants of London trading into the East-Indies do hereby give notice, That by Order of their General Court of the 14th of this Instant December, all their Adventurers are to pay into their Treasury, at their House in *Leadenhall street*, London, a second Ten per Cent. on their respective Stocks, on or before the 25th Day of January next ensuing, in further pursuance of the Award made by the most honourable the Lord High-Treasurer of Great Britain; and that the said Payment may be made in Money, or the said Company's Bonds, for which the Adventurers shall be allowed Interest after the Rate of Six per Cent. per Annum, from the time of Payment, to the said 25th Day of January next. And they do also further give notice, That the Transfer-Book of the said Company will be shut up from the 24th Day of this Instant December, 1708, to the 7th Day of January next, in order to ascertain every Adventurer's Stock, &c. which the said second Ten per Cent. is called in as aforesaid.