

The same Letters say, that the Marquis de Beretti Landi had desired a Conference with the States General on the 9th, in which he endeavoured to palliate the Conduct of the Prince of Cellamare, in attempting to raise a Rebellion in France, and deliver'd to them a Memorial of the said Prince in his Justification, but that the same was received in a very cold Manner.

Hague, Dec. 24. The States of Holland this Day took into Consideration the Draught of a Convention proposed to this State, upon some Points relating to their Trade in the Baltick, the Settling whereof alone retarded their coming into the Quadruple Alliance; these Points being unanimously approved, there remains no Difficulty with this Province about entering into the said Alliance; and the Provinces of Friseland, Utrecht, and Groningen being likewise ready to do the same, that Affair is in Effect concluded.

For the better preventing the Exportation of any Arms or warlike Stores to Spain, the States General have ordered the Men of War which were to have convoyed the Fleet bound thither from Amsterdam, to be countermanded.

Paris, Dec. 24. We have an Account from Madrid, that the King of Spain's Indisposition increasing upon him, the Duke de St. Aignan thought fit to delay his Departure for some Days after he had taken his Audience of Leave. Whereupon Father Aubenton, the King's Confessor, went to him, and acquainted him, that the Court thought it extraordinary he should stay after he had taken his Leave. This having no Effect, the President of the Council of Castille went to him the next Day, and signified to him in the King's Name, that he should depart: The Duke made Answer, That he could not receive Orders from him, but that he knew the Respect due to the King of Spain, when his Majesty should signify his Pleasure to him directly, by the proper Minister. This Dispute was ended by a Detachment of

the Life-Guards, which was sent to the Duke two Days afterwards, and conducted him the first Stage on his Journey from Madrid. On this Occasion of forcing the Duke de St. Aignan to leave Madrid, Cardinal Alberoni wrote a Letter to the Prince of Cellamare, directing him, that in case he were ordered to depart Paris on a sudden, he should let Fire to all his Adverses.

H. g. Dec. 27. The Marquis de Lamoignon set out this Morning for Brussels. He had Yesterday a Conference to take Leave of the States, and to invite them in the Name and on the Part of his Master, to enter into the Quadruple Alliance. He represented in the strongest Manner the Necessity of their renewing their former Friendship with the Emperor. He assured them his Imperial Majesty desired to live in the strictest Union with them; of which the many and great Advantages in the new Convention for the Execution of the Barrier Treaty were an undeniable Proof. They were extremely satisfied with what the Marquis said; and M. Wymberg, the President for foreign Affairs, answered in the Name of the States, that they were very sensible the Emperor's Friendship was of the highest Importance to them; and that this happy Conclusion of the Barrier Treaty would, they hoped, be the Foundation of a perpetual Amity and Alliance. The States of Holland are separated; but are to re-assemble on the 4th of January, N. S.

Office of Ordnance.

Whereas Richard Dodd, Matross, aged 32 Years, five Foot nine Inches and half high, a Shoemaker by Trade, born at Ashford in Kent, did lately Desert out of the Detachment of one of the Companies of the Royal Artillery at Chatham, commanded by Lieutenant Jonathan Lewis, and has carried with him his Regimental Coat, Waistcoat and Breeches. Whoever shall secure the said Person, and give Notice to the abovesaid Lieutenant at Chatham, the Commanding Officer of the Company at Woolwich, or at the Office of Ordnance in the Tower, shall receive three Guineas as a Reward.