

dered all the Cavalry which are spread through that Country, to draw near that place for its better security; That the Fortifications there are carrying on with all possible vigor.

The 12 instant his Excellency the Count *de Monterey* went hence for *Ghent*, to forward as was thought by his presence, the Resolutions of the States of that Province now assembled there, concerning the raising of the extraordinary Subsidies; and this day his Excellency returned hither again; it is yet said, that his Excellency will very suddenly go for *Luxemburgh* and those Neighbouring parts.

Here is at present much discourse as well of the new Levies his Excellency intends to make, as the recruiting the Forces already on foot, and the raising of several Companies of Dragoons. We are told of strict orders that have been sent to the Magistrates of *Ghent*, *Antwerp*, *Bruges* and other places, for the due executing the Plaçaets for the forbidding of French Brandy Wines, and that they proceed with all severity against those, that shall be taken offending therein.

Our Fortifications go on apace, all persons of what quality soever they be, taking their turns to be on the Walls, to the extraordinary encouragement of the ordinary people, who finding that those of the chiefest quality are fellow labourers with them on these works, contribute their pains and labors with the greater zeal and willingness.

Hamburgh, September 16. The Count *de Conningmarke* is still here, very intent on the making the Levies for his most Christian Majesties Service, though we cannot as yet hear of any considerable progress he hath made therein, by reason several Princes of the Empire have not so readily given leave for the raising of Men in their Territories, as he had perhaps expected.

From *Cologne* they seem to write of their having given over almost all hopes of an accommodation with their Elector, in regard of the many difficulties which are dayly made in that matter, which it is feared, may in a short time break off all farther Treating, when the Mediators, who by their extraordinary endeavors keep the Treaty at present on foot, do more and more discover the little inclination there appears to be in our Elector for the concluding this affair; who on the contrary seems rather by the provision he is making of vast quantities of Corne, the setting up of Magazines, raising of Men, &c. to think on a rupture.

That there was arrived the Envoye from the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, together with the other Deputies of the Circle of *Westphalia*, as well to Treat on several matters which were left unfinished at *Bylewelt*, as to endeavor a Composure of things there, which if not timely remedied, it is jully to be feared may occasion much disturbance in the Empire: They farther write, that in case that Treaty succeeds no better then hitherto it hath done, that the Electors of *Mentz* and of *Treves*, together with Prince *Maurits* of *Nassau* will come thither in person to try what power their interposition may have in this affair.

From *Heytelbergh* we are told, of the Triumphal Arches and other very splendid preparations that are there making for the Reception of the Princess of *Danemark* now on her way thither. The weather hath been of late very tempestuous, accompanied with much Thunder and Lightning; all these Parts are full of several strange Visions, reported to have been seen in the Air, as of Armies fighting, &c.

Hague, September 17. On Sunday last the Fleet *van Odyke* went hence for *Zealand*, to be present in

the Assembly of the States of that Province, who are in few dayes to meet there. The States of *Holland* have not that we hear done as yet anything considerable since their Session, having been busied these few days in bestowing of vacant charges, and dispatching of several other matters, which though they are not of so publick a concern, yet come of course first before them; which being done, it is thought, they will take into debate by what means they may best raise a Summe of Money for discharging this years expence at Sea, and proportionable to their other occasions; as likewise the matter concerning the forbidding the importation of French Wines, &c. We now dayly expect to hear who may be appointed to go Ambassador on the part of these States to the Crown of *Sweden*.

The Heer *van Beverningh* hath made his report to the States General of his negotiation in the Court of *Spain*, to their great satisfaction, having been dismist with the publick thanks for his careful and discreet management of things during this Embassy. The States of *Holland* have directed the Deputies of the respective Admiralties to repair immediately hither, in order to the more particular informing themselves, in several matters concerning the Fleet, which it is said, may now in some short time be recalled home.

Paris, Septemb. 23. Yesterday was dispatched hence an Extraordinary Courier to *Rome*, as is said, with Letters from the King, which presse his Holiness to a publick Declaration of the Promotion of the Bishop of *Lyon* to be Cardinal, which it seems that Court avoided, to give some ease to the Emperour, who had likewise his pretences.

The Mareschal *de Grammont* continues very ill, so that we still doubt his recovery.

We are told as if the King intended to make a new Levy of 4000 Dragoons, and to give the command of them to the Marquis *de Raigny*.

According to our Advices from the Mareschal *de Crequi*, he arrived the 8th instant with the forces under his Command at *Dofforquemes* on the *Sarre*.

Chester, Septemb 13. This day his Excellency my Lord *Berkley*, Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*, went hence towards *Holy-head*, on his way for *Ireland*; having been complemented here, and accompanied out of Town by the Right Honourable the Earl *Rivers*, the Lord Viscount *Colchester*, and other Persons of Quality.

Advertisement.

These are to give notice, that the Lords Commissioners of His Majesties Treasury, have given additional Instructions to the Trustees for Sale of His Majesties Fee-Farm-Rents, viz.

That where the immediate Tenant hath elapsed his time to Contract, those persons who have Orders charged on those Rents, may be admitted to contract upon their Orders, giving not less then Eighteen years purchase. The Principal and Interest due upon their Orders (where Interest is payable on them) to be accepted one half of the purchase money, and the other half to be paid in Money into the Exchequer.

That where any purchaser shall contract for any Rents now in joynture to the Queens Majesty, half with Orders and half with Money, then the purchaser shall buy in Reversion for nine years purchase.

That where any person shall Contract for any Rents wholly for Money, that he may purchase the same for sixteen years purchase, if Ten pounds per Annum or upward; if under ten pounds per Annum at Eighteen years purchase, and for any Rents in Joynture to the Queen, to buy in Reversion for Eight years.

That all such as shall make any Contract for any Fee-Farm-Rent, and pay in one Moyety of their Money before the 29 of September next, shall have allowance of the half years Rent then due.

And whereas His Majesty hath given Liberty as above said, that all such as have Orders Registered, may purchase for half Orders and half Money; that it is His Majesties pleasure that no Interest be paid upon Orders for Fictitious Loanes, which shall grow due after the Feast of *St. Thomas* the Apostle, next after the date hereof.