

preparations of our Elector have been, since this Agreement, in any manner discontinued, or carried on with less diligence than heretofore; upon which it is said, That some of the Foreign Ministers here having pressed His Electoral Highness to desist on what account he had made these Preparations, he had answered, That, seeing his Neighbours Arms so powerfully, it was but necessary he should do so too.

Paris, January 6. On Monday last the Heer *Gruin*, Ambassador from the States General of the United Provinces, had Audience of his Majesty, to whom it is said, he represented, that the States his Masters, being so near Neighbours, could not without some jealousy take notice, of the great preparations his Majesty is making, especially when the common report publishes, how much they ought to be concerned at, them; but what answer the King made him, is not yet said.

Monsieur de *Louvois* is still in *Flanders*, where he hath visited the several Garrisons and Fortifications belonging to this Crown. The Duke of *Essex* having for some time desired his departure from hence for *Rome*, whither he is designed Extraordinary Ambassador, in expectation to have heard first of the promotion of his Brother the Bishop of *Laon*, but finding it at present very uncertain, when that promotion may be, especially since his Holiness seems willing to defer it, till there be more places void in the Sacred Colledge, he hath resolved to lose no more time, but to depart in few days on that Embassy.

Hague, January 5. On Tuesday next the States of *Holland* will be assembled again, when we cannot but expect, they will come to a resolution in the affair of his Highness the Prince of *Orange*, especially considering with what forwardness several of the Provinces have already declared themselves upon that Subject, as likewise in the matter of the Levies and the Equipage for the next year; the former it is not to be doubted, but will be readily agreed to by all the Provinces, though the latter may meet with some difficulty, especially, as to the number of Men of War to be fitted out; they of *Holland*, desiring the Fleet for that next year, may consist of three score Sails, besides Fireships and other lesser Vessels, whilst some of the remoter Provinces, seem to be of opinion, a less number will be sufficient. The States General have issued their general Letters, for the holding a publick Fast on the 20 of *January*, for the averting those evils which seem to threaten them from abroad. The Heer *Brasser*, hath received all his dispatches, and may in a day or two at farthest, begin his journey for *Lunenburg*, whither he goes on the part of these States, to confer, as is said, with those Dukes, concerning the present conjuncture of affairs, and to know how far this State may expect their assistance, in case they should stand in need of it.

About the middle of the next week, the Prince of *Orange* is expected back here from our Frontiers on the *Rhyn*, where he hath visited our several Garrisons and Fortifications, to the great satisfaction of those Inhabitants, having been every where received by them, with all possible demonstrations of respect and affection. Here are at present great numbers of Foreign Officers in Town, and more arrive daily, to be employed in the new Levies. We are told, as if some overtures have been lately made for an Alliance between this State, and the Duke of *Lorraine*; that Duke offering to send several Troops into their service, at the ordinary pay. The *Rhyn* was his journey towards the *Rhyn*, is deferred for some time,

as is thought, upon the advice we have from *Cologne* of the differences between that Town and Elector being accommodated, though as yet we hear not of the removal of Colonel *Bampfilds* Regiment from thence, nor of the admission of the Garrison of the Circle of *Westphalia* into the Town, which was, as is said, two of the main points of the agreement; here are some Letters from those parts, which tell us, that the Town had desired, before they put in execution any of the said Articles, that the Treaty might be ratified by the Emperor, these States, and some other Princes of the Empire. The Heer *d' Amerongen*, is according to our last advice from *Cologne*, parted thence on his way to *Berlin*, where he will, as is thought, make no long stay, and the rather, since his being designed, at his return from that Court, to go Ambassador to the Crown of *Danemark*.

The Deputies of the States General, have daily conferences, with the Imperial and Spanish Ministers, and the more, since the advice they have had, of the miscarriage of several dispatches, that were lately sent from *Brussels* to *Madrid*, relating to the work they have in hand here. The States of *Holland* had before their last adjournment, proposed in the Assembly of the States General, the keeping in their service 10000 Seamen this Winter; that, besides the present use that could be made of them, they might be ready to be put on board their Fleet early in the Spring; nothing hath been yet done in it, though it is thought, the States of *Holland* will at their next meeting farther press it.

Hague, January 8. The Instructions framed for a Captain General, have been brought into the Assembly of the States General, to be by them communicated to their respective Principals. The States of *Holland* are again assembled, but have not as yet done anything in the affair of the Prince of *Orange*. This day his Excellency Sir *George Downing*, Ambassador from His Majesty of *Great Brittain*, had his publick Audience of the States General, with the usual Ceremonies.

Paris, January 9. It is now said, that the King hath declared his having changed his resolution of going for *Chalons*, so that several persons of quality, who had already sent their Baggage thither, have ordered the same to return again. Monsieur de *Louvois*, who went lately hence for *Flanders*, is, as we are told, gone thence for *Nuis*, to confer with the Elector of *Cologne*.

About the latter end of this Month will be a *Re-devouz* in the Plain of *St. Denis*, of all the Italian Forces, and other Foreign Levies. Here is a discourse of a Treaty concluded by Monsieur *Pompeu* with the Crown of *Sweden*.

Whitehall, January 3. Yesterday in the forenoon, the Right Honourable *Ralph Montague* Esquire, Master of the Horse to Her Majesty, and His Majesties Ambassador to the Crown of *France*, (from whence he lately arrived) was admitted of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council, and having had the usual Oaths administered unto him, took his place in the Council accordingly.

Advertisement.

John Sale, a young man about 18 or 19 years of age, Apprentice to *George Nolsch*, in *Princes Street* end in *Drury Lane* Turner; ran away from his Master on Monday last at night, being the first of *January*, and hath stoln from him to the value of one hundred and fifty pounds; he is round faced, a dimple in his chin, short flat nosed, hath long light coloured Hair, and a Gray Camlet Coat; if any man can give notice of the said *John Sale*, to Mr. *John Knapp* valter in *Wapping* street, Mr. *John Whearty* Serivener in *Lothbury*, or Mr. *Matthew Walford* Brushmaker in *St. Michells Lane*, shall have five pounds for his pains.