

† *Brussels, Dec. 3.* From *Maeſtricht* of the 29th past, we have advice, that the Dutch Troops lie still not far from *Tongres*, which place our Troops have beset on one side, and the Dutch on the other; in the mean time the French are very busie about fortifying that place as well as *Mafeyck*, and do not doubt but that they shall be able to put themselves into so good a posture of defence, as not to fear any attempt that may be made upon them; The same Letters farther add, That the Dutch Troops find themselves reduced to great straits for want of Forage and other Provisions, and that which encreases their perplexity is, that they cannot return homeward without dishonor, considering how they have filled all people with the expectation of some considerable action to be exploited by them, nor advance without danger; *Tongres* and the other places possessed by the French in the Countrey of *Liege*, are at present so well provided with men, and all other necessaries for their defence, that they can hardly promise themselves any success, in case they should attack them, so that in the whole it is thought the Dutch with themselves well at home again. The Duke of *Duras* is marching with the French Cavalry towards *Nut* to join with 4000 Horse, sent from the Army by Monsieur de *Furenne*, who is on his way along the *Moefel* towards *Lorraine*, to make a conjunction with the Forces the Prince of *Condé* hath brought together in those parts.

Ditto, Decemb. 6. Our Letters from *Liege* tell us, that the Prince of *Orange* besieges *Tongres*, having received a considerable reinforcement of Spaniards under the Command of Count *Mateya*, yet most people are of opinion, that they will not be able to do any good upon the place, it being at present in a very good posture of defence; and that the weather is very bad, which kills abundance of Men and Horses. The Chapter of *Liege*, notwithstanding all the instances of the Dutch, have declared, they will be Neuter in the present conjuncture.

Maeſtricht, Decemb. 3. The 30th past, as well ours as the Spanish Cavalry returned by this place, and passed the *Maes*, taking their way upward towards *Haregeeracde*, where some of our Troops continue still to invest *Tongres*; our Cavalry complain very much for want of Forage and instead of framing any design, all the Consultations of the principal Commanders seem at present onely to be, how to furnish Provisions for Horse and Men; The Duke of *Duras* is not yet passed the *Roer*, by reason of the very high water. The Prince of *Orange* is at present near *Gangetz*, in the Countrey of *Fuliers*.

Amsterdam, Dec. 6 From *Hambrough* our Letters tell us, that 1000 Swedes were arrived in three Men of War in the *Elbe* from *Sweden*, and that several thousand more were daily expected to be landed at *Staudt* in the Duchy of *Bremen*, where it is said they are to be kept on foot to be ready in case that Crown shall have occasion to employ them in pursuance to their Treaty with his most Christian Majesty. We seem here much concerned that our Army marches to and fro, without doing any thing that may be for our advantage, and now many sober Men begin to wish they were well at home again. Our neighbors the French continue to do us daily one mischief or another, notwithstanding all the care that we take to prevent it. From *Gouda* and *Gorcum* they still tell us of parties that are very often sent out from thence, and though it is always said, that they return with a great deal of Honor and Booty, yet when we inquire into particulars, we seldom find their purchase greater, then some small quantities of Turf, or a prisoner or two, who are commonly such of the Countrey people they happen to encounter.

Beill, Decemb. 6. Yesterday arrived in the *Maes*, the Swedish Ambassadors from *England*, their Embassy, being the same they had to His Majesty of *Great Brittain*, viz. to offer to the States the Mediation of the King their Master, for the putting an end to the present War; By a Vessel bound for *Ostend* from *Norway*, and put in here by bad weather, we have advice, that the 12 Men of War and five Fire-ships that lately went out, under the Command of Vice-Admiral *Van Nesse*, did lye on the *Dogger*, the said *Norway* man having in his passage hither, been Commanded on board the said *Van Nesse*.

Hague, Decemb. 6. The Bishop of *Munsters* Troops having retaken *Diekerſcans* near *Groningen*, in fewer hours then we had lost weeks before it, ere we could make our selves masters of it, new Forces have been sent out from *Groningen* and other places, to endeavor to take the said *Scans* a second time, in which they will be assisted by the Troops which the young Prince of *Courland* has brought into the service of this State, being 1500 Men Horse and Foot. The States of *Holland* and *West-Friesland* are at present Assembled, and all their consultations are about raising of Moneys for carrying on the War, which it is thought they will have great difficulty to do. The Count of *Horne* hath been for several days here in Town, to give the States an account of several matters, and to morrow returns again to his Quarters at *Oudewater*: The French have, as is reported here for certain, quitted *Monfort*, though at the same time they fortify *Caltenburgh*. From the *Indies* we have advice, that we have destroyed some French Ships at *Goa*, but this meets with no great credit, till it be farther confirmed.

Paris, Decemb. 7. On Tuesday last Count *Tos*, Ambassador extraordinary from the Crown of *Sweden*, made his Publick Entry here, with the usual Ceremonies: The Prince of *Condé* is laid to lye ill of the Gout at *Theuville*: Here is not any discourse at present, of the Kings journey to *Metz*: It is reported here, that the Elector Palatine, will put *Frankendale* into his most Christian Majesties hands; but of this we must expect to hear farther.

Ostend, Decemb. 8. The 6th instant arrived here a Spanish man of War of 38 Guns, with 3 Merchantmen belonging to this place, under his Convooy from *Cádiz*; they have amongst other things on board, a considerable quantity of Plate.

Whiteha, Nov. 3. His Majesty valuing the many eminent Services of the Right Honourable *Thomas* Lord *Clifford*, Treasurer of His Majesties Household, and one of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, and more particularly his great Abilities and Experience in the affairs of His Majesties Treasury, was pleased on Thursday the 28th instant, to advance him to the place of Lord High Treasurer of *England*, remaining void since the death of the late Earl of *Southampton*; and accordingly his Lordship having that morning received the Staffe, was accompanied by the Great Officers, and other principal Personages of the Court, to *Westminster Hall*, where in the Court of *Chancery*, the usual Oaths were administered to him by the Lord High Chancellor of *England*.

The place of Treasurer of the Household, was at the same time conferred by His Majesty on the Right Honourable the Lord *Newports*, and that of Comptroller, formerly possessed by his Lordship, given to the Right Honourable the Lord *Mansfield*, as a mark of the esteem His Majesty is pleased to retain of his constant Loyalty and affection to His Majesty and the Crown.

Advertisements.

These are to give notice, That Monday the 9 of *December* instant, is appointed by the Right Honourable the Lord high Treasurer of *England*, for the receiving Propositions, for Farming the Impositions laid by Act of Parliament on Proceedings at Law: And all Persons who desire to Farm the said Duties, are to make their Propositions in Writing and seal them up, endorsing their Names on the outside thereof, and deliver them to the Honourable Sir *Robert Howard*.

The Master and Brethren of *Trinityhouse*, do hereby Certify, That the Beacon upon the *Shoore* being down, a white Buoy shall forthwith be laid in the roome thereof, till the season of the year will permit to set up another Beacon; And if any person shall give notice at the *Trinityhouse* in *Water Lane*, what Ship or Vessel did run down the aforesaid Beacon, he shall be well rewarded for his pains.