

make a Bridge, and proceed farther, as there shall be occasion; From *Stockholme* we do not as yet hear of the arrival of the Marquis de *Feuquieres*, Ambassador from his most Christian Majesty, nor of that Kings Coronation; but they continue to tell us from thence, of the preparations that are still making in that Kingdom, for the bringing a considerable Army on foot in their Territories in *Germany* against *Spring*; to which end they transport Forces daily over into *Pomeran*, and the *Sveit Bremen*, which it is said, the Velt Heer *Wrangle* will follow himself some months hence, with a more considerable Body of Men; how this *Crown* will act with these Forces, is not yet certainly known, however the Elector of *Brandenburgh* seems in the mean time very much concerned at these preparations. We have an Account here of a very lamentable Story, which is this; That a Ship sailing lately from *Riga*, bound for these parts, and having besides its Ships Company, a great many Passengers on board, one or two of the Seamen made a Conspiracy against all the rest, and taking their opportunity one night, they Murdered all that were on board, to the number of above 20 Men and Women, and afterwards getting as near to some shore as they could; they quit the Ship, taking with them in the Boat, what Moneys and other portable Goods they could, they had the good fortune to get ashore, but had hardly disposed of their so ill gotten purchase, before they were apprehended, and confessed this horrid Fact, which was confirmed by some Fishermen coming in, who found the said Ship floating on the Seas, without any body in it.

Groningen, Dec. 31. On Tuesday last marched out from hence 1200 Foot, Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel *Eybergen*, and Major *Wilder*, and five Troops of Horse, and two of Dragoons, under the Command of the Heer *Sickinga*, to attack *Oversten*, then in the possession of the Bishop of *Munster*; the Cavalry was Commanded out first to beset all the passages, and if possible to prevent the Enemy from having any intelligence of this design; the first day our Troops marched not far, the next day being Wednesday, they came within four Leagues of *Cooerden*, where they continued till Thursday noon to refresh themselves, and that evening arrived before *Cooerden*, where they found the Enemy sufficiently advertised of their coming, having beset all their Posts, and put themselves in the best posture of defence they could; upon which our Officers held a Council of War, and therein resolved not to attempt any thing till the next morning, and that then they would storm the Town at three several places; in the mean time, the Bridges which they had brought with them to that purpose, were cast over the Ditches, and the next morning between 7 and 8, our Men began the attack; Major *Wilder* on the *Bentem Gate*, Major *Sickinga* upon the *Frieze Gate*, and Major *Iberden* attacked the Castle; after some dispute we made our selves Masters of the place, the Governor flying with 300 Men into the Principal Church, and begging for quarter which he had; 300 of the Enemy were killed, there having been in all 600 in the Garrison; we on our side lost but 20 Men.

Utrecht, January 3. The Duke of *Luxemburgh* is returned hither again, from visiting the Enemy at *Bodegrave* and *Swammerdam*, with as great Gallantry as Success, having defeated five Regiments, almost secured in their Retrenchments, and burnt at *Bodegrave* 700 Houses, at *Swammerdam* about 400, and all the Buildings on both sides the Dike from *Niverbrug*, as far as *Goudesluys*, which may

in all be counted 3000 Houses, amongst which were some very considerable ones, and very well furnished; the French burnt besides above 30 large Vessels, laden with Provisions, and of five Frigats that lay there, burnt two, and brought the rest away, together with 20 pieces of Cannon, all which was done with the loss onely of 40 or 50 Men on the French side; for the particular of which Action the Reader is referred to the Relation of it, which is now Published for publick satisfaction.

Hague, Jan. 7. We are yet hardly recovered of the confusion we were some days since in, upon the Enemies being advanced as far as *Bodegrave*; though in the mean time our Principal Commanders have had several conferences about taking all possible care for our security, which since the loss of these considerable Posts, ought to be provided for, considering how open we lay to the attempts of our Enemies in case of Frost; and some think themselves to secure here that they talk of removing the meeting of the States to some better place of strength. His Highness the Prince of *Orange* is still here in Town, and hath had several consultation with the Council of State, concerning the present conjuncture, though as yet we cannot learn what Answer hath been given to the Swedish Ambassadors, as to the offer of Mediation of that Crown, for the determining the present War: The taking of *Cooerden* by our Forces of *Friesland*, is very much talked of here, and it is said, that besides the great store of all kind of military Provision that they took in the place, they found there above 24000 Rixdollars in Money.

Paris, January 11. Their Majesties are at present at *St. Germain*, where they have been pleased since their return from *Compiagne*, to entertain the Court with a Grand Ballet. His Majesty hath received Letters from the Duke of *Duras*, telling him of his arrival with the Forces under his Command at *Masfeyck*. We have farther advice, that some part of the French Army was already arrived at *Wesel*, and that Monsieur de *Tuvenne* was following with the Gros of the Army. The preparations against next Spring, are carried on with much vigor.

Whitehal, Jan. 6. His Majesty was pleased this day to create the Marquis of *Blanquetfort*, younger Brother to the Duke of *Duras*, a Baron of *England*, by the Title of Lord *Duras*, Baron of *Holdenby*, in the County of *Northampton*, to encourage his eminent Virtue and Merit in his service; and his Royal Highness to render this Grace of his Majesty the more compleat, hath bestowed the Honour of *Holdenby* upon him the Lord *Duras*, he having been actually these ten years past, in his Royal Highnesses service; in his first entrante to which he was Naturalized in this Kingdom, and hath particularly signalized himself in the many and memorable occasions at Sea, in which his Royal Highness hath exposed himself during this present and the former War, in which he was ever a near attendant on his Royal Highnesses Person.

Advertisements.

Lost the third of *January*, a Locket, with a Deaths Head, set round about with Diamonds, and Enamelled with Black and White, with E. F. C. in Letters; Any one that can bring the said Locket to *William Gee*, Stationer, at his Shop over against the *Swan Inn*, near *Charing-Cross*, shall have the full value thereof for their pains.

Lost at *Whitehall Gate* on Friday night, the third of this instant, between eight and nine a Clock at night, a little white Schok Bitch, spotted with black, she was seen by some persons to be taken up by a Hackney Coachman; whoever can bring her to Mr. *Thynall*, living next door to the Kings Coffee-House near *Kings Horse*, shall be well rewarded for his pains.