

the two Crowns, but as yet we remain unsatisfied as to this particular. From *Frisland* we have advice, that General *Raenstap* was ordered into the Territories of *Munster*, with intentions to plunder and destroy whatever he met. Colonel *Walden*, who Commands in chief during the Prince of *Orange's* absence, hath caused most part of the Infantry in Garrison in *Muyden Heide*, and *Norden*, to be drawn out into a Body, intending as is said, with intent to give the French a diversion, and to hinder them from having that way upon the Prince of *Orange*, which they might otherwise do. We are told of an Ambassador to be suddenly sent from hence to the Crown of *Spain*.

Hug. Oct. 17. We expect here by order of the States, two of our Plenipotentiaries from *Cologne*, more particularly to inform them of the Negotiations there. Monsieur *Kirshub* of *Delf* is Nominated to go Ambassador from this State to the King of *Sweden*. The first news we had from the Prince of *Orange* was from *Hertrals*, where he was then Encamped, having joined the Spanish Troops; we cannot yet penetrate into his design, though some people take, that *Bynnet*, *Grave*, or *Coeveker* will be Besieged. From *Zeland* they write of 180 Cases that were fitting out here, besides those that were already abroad.

Amsterdam, Oct. 14. In the *Texel* and the *Uyde* several Merchantmen ready to sail, with four or five men of War appointed to be their Convoy, they are bound to the *Soual*, and other place to the Northward. All the news we have here is, that the Count de *Montreux* will now in a day or two certainly declare War against the French; and that the Prince of *Orange* is Marched from *Resendael*, in order to the attempting something considerable upon them.

Amsterdam Oct. 18. Yesterday, we hear, Don *Bernard de Silius* acquaints us that the Count de *Montreux* has sent a Trumpeter the 16 instant to go and declare War against the French: and at the same time our Letters from *Antwerp* tell us of a Proclamation that has been published at the Castle there; whereby Licence is given to the troops in service of those Countreys, to enter into the French Territories, all there to plunder and destroy whatever they met with, by way of Reprisal, for the damages they pretend to have received from the French; and this is what we call a Declaration of War.

Ghent, Oct. 14. The Count de *Montreux*, our Governor, continues still at *Antwerp*, from whence all the Troops, as well Horse as Foot, that were quartered thereabouts, Marched the 12 instant farther into *Brabant* towards *Louvain*; and at the same time the Prince of *Orange* began to move from *Resendael*, with the Cavalry and Dragoons he had with him there, for his Infantry lies most part of it at *M. den*, we are as yet altogether in the dark, as to the design in hand, and people discourse variously of them, & are of thoughts, that the Prince of *Orange* having joined the Spanish Troops, will march towards *Liège*, to Besiege *Maseyck*, or some other place the French possess in those parts, or else that they will pass that way onely to secure themselves good winter Quarters: In the mean time frequent Expresses pass between *Brabant* and the Prince of *Orange*, who I lodged last night with his Cavalry at *Hertrals*. Our Letters from *Cologne* tell us, that the Imperial Army under the Command of General *Montecuculi*, having passed the *Meuse* at *Lux*, was advanced as far as *Hanow*: The said Letters give us daily more and more cause to despair of the success of the Treaty, the Dutch raising still new difficulties, accompanied with so much insolence and obstinacy, that the Mediators openly complain of them.

Ghent, Oct. 17. The Count de *Montreux* parted the 13 instant from *Antwerp*, and took his way towards *Michelen*, where he is since arrived; Our Forces we hear begin to march; The 12 instant Don *Antonio Francisco d'Agurto* arrived at *Cumbray*, with several Squadrons of Horse under his Command, and was to pass thence the next Morning, to enter into the French Territories, as all our other Forces have likewise orders to do, and there to commit what Hostilities they please, in revenge of the damages we pretend to have received from the French to which purpose a kind of Proclamation was yesterday Published at *Brussels* and *Antwerp*, which some call a Declaration of War. The Prince of *Orange* being Encamped at *Erenbaut*, between *Lisro* and *Hertrals*, a considerable Body of our Forces joyned him there, under the Command of the Marquis *Affenar*, Maître de Camp General of these Countreys, since which, his Highness is broke up from thence, and on his March, though we cannot yet say whither. On Wednesday last the Prince de *Condé* decamped with his Forces from *Andenarde*, and having marched with them till within three Leagues of *Tournay*, left them to Encamp there, himself proceeding to *Arras*.

Bruges Oct. 17. Having for several days together been told of a Declaration of War, which was intended to be made by this Government against the French, we at last hear from *Antwerp*, of a Proclamation published by the Government of the Castle there, according to which, it is said, many other Commanders will do the like; The Honor of which being very extraordinary, we herewith give you a copy of it, and at the same time we say, that this is not to be counted an open Rupture with the Crown, but that we only proceed by way of Reprisals for the damages we pretend to have received from the French.

Don *José de Villaspardo*, Marquis, &c.

It has it been resolved to Treat the Subjects of the most Christian King, as Declared Enemies of our Majesty and his Kingdoms, and to use all Hostilities and Force of Armies, at sea, and otherwise, admitting any Correspondence, Communication, or Commerce with them, but by all means to make them feel the rigor of the War. All persons are required to take notice thereof by the Place. At the Castle of *Antwerp*, October 16, 1673.

Calais, Oct. 7. Yesterday a party of Spaniards, in all about 400 Horse and 10 Foot, who came from *Ornars*, fell into a small place called *Gur*, 8 or 9 miles from hence, which they set on fire in several places, but without any great execution, the fire having been soon quenched by the Inhabitants upon the retreat of the Spaniards who not daring to make any stay there, retreated to sea again, which however they too late now go to soon, but that they were pursued by the French, who tell us on their Rear killed many of them, and brought several prisoners thither.

A *Verisements*.

Lost on Thursday evening, being the second of *October* in *St. James's Park*, a small panel Bitch, brown and white, the ears all brown, a speckled nose, and a snip on her forehead, her right leg before all brown, with a small cut tail, whoever brings news of her to the Queens Hack Street discovers where she is, shall be well rewarded for their pains.
 Tollen Sop 30 from the Grounds of *Mythen Bowes Inn* 1 Colver at the *George in Farnington*, one brown Bay Gelding, fifteen hands high, his off foot behind white, a few white hairs in his forehead, four years old; one other Bay Gelding, between 13 and 14 hands high, a pound star in his forehead, and a little white on the upper lip, about nine years old, all his Paces; whoever gives notice of them or either of them to the said *Henry Bowes*, or to Mr *Robert Tabor* at the black Bull Inn in *St. James's Lane London*, shall be well rewarded.