

Some say that to that purpose a Treaty hath been lately concluded between that Crown and his Electoral Highness. Our Letters from *Vienna* tell us, that the Emperor has given out a great many Commissions for the making of Levies all over his Hereditary Country, and it is pretended, that they will have a considerable Body of Men on foot next Spring to go and enforce their Army now on the *Rhine*. From *Poland* we have advice that their Army is returned to goe into their winter Quarters, and that the 15 of the next month the Dyets is to meet at *Warsaw*.

Luxembourg, Dec. 22. Monsieur *de-Turenne* as we formerly told you, having left his Troops in their Winter Quarters all along the *Saar*, went for *Paris*, about the beginning of this Month, where he is certainly arrived by this time; but within these few days, Orders are come to his Lieutenant General, to draw all the Forces out of their Quarters again, and to March with them towards *Thionville*, to pass the *Moselle* there, and so to go and meet Monsieur *de Luxembourg*, who is coming that way with the Forces under his Command, and accordingly they begin to March, as is above said. Our last Letters from *Brussels* told us, of a great Army that was preparing there, to go and beset the Duke of *Luxembourg*, of the success of which, they seemed to consent, that we cannot but expect with some impatience to hear how things have gone.

Cologne, Dec. 26. The Imperialists omit no pains to persuade our Elector to quit his Treaty with the Crown of *France*, and in order to it, continually represent to him their pretended advantages on one side, and on the other, the ill consequence, which they say, will attend his adhering to the Interests he is engaged in; but, as yet, we cannot hear that they have any ground to promise themselves success in it. The Treaty here seems wholly at a stand; for though his most Christian Majesty has offered to settle the Affair of *Lorraine*, by an Article to be inserted in the Treaty now on foot, yet the Dutch continue obstinate, not to proceed any farther in the present Negotiations; and at the same, all impartial men must observe from it, that their only aim is, to raise and continue difficulties to obstruct the progress of the Treaty. The Baron *d'Issola* having been to confer with the Count *de Monterey*, is returned hither again, having left his Excellency full of hopes to beset the Duke of *Luxembourg* with the Forces under his Command, and to keep him all this Winter under the Cannon of *Maastricht*, to the great exhausting of the Provisions of that Garrison. The Imperial Horse is still in the *Roeer*, to hinder the French from retreating that way. We are told, that Prince *Willem* of *Furstenburgh* will go for *France*, on the part of our Elector.

Paris, Dec. 29. Their Majesties continue with the Court at *St. Germain*, where the King intends very suddenly to hold an extraordinary Council of War, of which, in his Majesties absence, the Prince of *Condé* is to be President; It is said here, that Monsieur *de Turenne* will in some weeks return again to the Army. From *Sedan* of the 27th instant they write, that the Duke of *Luxembourg* had advanced with his Forces towards *St. Hubert*, to return by that way into *France*, but having with him near 3000 Baggage Waggons, which did very much hinder his march; and besides, being informed that the Dutch and Spanish Troops, in all 30000 Horse and Foot, under the Command of the Prince of *Orange* and the Count of *Monterey* were come to *Namur*, from whence they might easily fall upon his Rear, and very much disturb him in his

march, turned about, and marched back towards *Maastricht*.

Brussels, Dec. 29. The news we had here some days since from the Armies was, that the Spanish and Dutch Troops commanded by our Governor the Count *de Monterey*, and the Prince of *Orange*, assisted by 5000 Imperial Horse, had so beset the Duke of *Luxembourg*, that he was forced to change his resolution of marching by the way of *St. Hubert* towards *Sedan*, and retreat back with all the diligence he could towards *Maastricht* to shelter himself under the Cannon of that place; and we expected our next Letters would not only have brought the confirmation hereof, but given us a farther account of some great distress he was in, when on the contrary, we have this day advice, that the French are marched towards *Treves*, to join with Monsieur *de Turenne's* Army (as it seems they always intended) and our Forces are returning home, with the Honor, as is said here, of having given the Enemy an opportunity to fight them, though according to our own reckoning, the French were not above 10 or 12000 strong. On Tuesday last the Count *de Monterey* lodged at *Hainault*, and having reposed his Troops there two days, yesterday broke up from thence, and that night arrived at *Judoigne*, the Forces taking their way towards *Tillemont*, and to-morrow his Excellency is expected here. We are much concerned that this Expedition has so much wanted the success we had promised our selves, for which, many blame the proceeding of the Imperialists, as if they had not done their part. Monsieur *de Bellefonds* continues still in our neighborhood with a good body of French Horse; and at *Charleroy* they are preparing a great Convoy to go to *Maastricht*, under the Conduct of Monsieur *de Mantal* Governor of that place. It is said that his Excellency has agreed with the Dutch to prohibit the Importation of all French Merchandises and Manufactures into these Provinces, which on their part the States have already done.

Hague, Dec. 29. We are much dissatisfied to hear that the Count *de Monterey* is coming back again with his Forces for *Tillemont*, without having done any thing, and the more, because we were told, that the design put on: the retreat of the Duke of *Luxembourg* was so well laid, that it was almost impossible it should want success, but it seems it has, and that Monsieur *de Luxembourg* is marched towards *Treves*. The Taxes for the year ensuing are now finally agreed on, and will raise a vast sum of Money; and that the Moneys may be brought in the quicker, the States have ordered, that an abatement shall be made of 4, 3, and 2 per Cent. to those that pay their Moneys due for the whole year in *January*, *February*, or *March* next. The Deputies of the several Admiralties have had frequent Conferences with those of the States, concerning the number of Men of War to be fitted out against the next Spring, to compose their Fleet, and have at last finally agreed to set out 80 Men of War, to be all the greatest Ships they have; We are likewise told, that they begin to take Seamen into their service, allowing them 6 and 7 pence a day, till such time as they shall be put on Shipboard.

Amsterdam, Jan. 1. Our Letters which ought to have arrived this day from *Cologne*, are not yet come, so that we have at present no other news of the Armies then what we receive from *Brussels*. and that is, That Monsieur *de Luxembourg* is marched towards *Treves*, but we will not here give any credit to it. The Prince of *Oranges* Baggage is returned to the *Hague*, but when his Highness will arrive there is uncertain.