

flurs, and Comescans, but without any certainty. We will needs have here, that the Chapter of *Liege* hath declared in favor of the Emperor, and that they will receive an Imperial Garrison into their Capital City, though our last Letters from thence seem'd to speak quite contrary; and that the Chapter was rather inclin'd to the French, and to maintain the Neutrality. The Heer Van *Hues*, and the Heer *Isbrants*, two of the Deputies of this State at *Cologne*, have leave to return home (as is said here) to look after their private affairs.

Rotte-dam, Jan. 6. The Prince of *Orange* is returning from the Army to the *Hague*, being very much dissatisfied with the Count de *Monterey*, for having, as is said, too much followed his own Councils. The Admiralty here hath appointed the Ships to be fitted out for this next Summers service, and the Carpenters are now at work upon them. All the Capers that are now abroad, are commanded to repair home before the first of *March*.

Hague, Jan. 6. We now, in a day or two, expect the Prince of *Orange* back here, and at the same time the Count de *Monterey* returns to *Brussels*, while both the Spanish, and our Troops, retire into their Winter Quarters. Many people will not believe that the Duke of *Luxemburgh* is march'd towards *Treves*, as was said, but that he continues in the Neighborhood of *Maestricht*, expecting till ours and the Spanish Forces are in their Quarters, and then will march to *Charleroy*; but our next Letters from *Liege* will fully satisfy us in this particular, and farther give us an account of the success the Baron d'*Issola* hath had there, in relation to the Propositions he made to that Chapter on the part of the Emperor. The Council of State, having drawn up the state of the War, for the ensuing year, and presented the same to the States of *Holland*, they have approved of it, and have written very pressing to the several Provinces to desire their consent to it: For as this Province appears more forward than the others, to continue the War, so is it chiefly concerned in hastning the preparations against Spring. The Pensionary *Faget* is gone for *Utrecht* to endeavor to settle Matters there, which hitherto continue in much disorder. The Dutchess of *Simmeren*, having been some time here, is now returning home, upon the advice she received of the Indisposition of the Duke her Husband.

Brussels, Jan. 6. Our Army under the Command of the Count de *Monterey* is now returning home, the Soldiery, especially the Cavalry being extremely harassed by their march, and very much out of order, which people are the poor dissatisfied at, because this Campaign has produced no other effect, than the ruining of many more Countrey people; for never could any Countrey be more spoiled and plundered than that part of *Liege* is, which our Troops pass'd; for when they could not compass their other designs, they were resolv'd to make good this, of destroying that Countrey, and have executed it to the utmost degree. Monsieur de *Montal* is bringing of a good Body of Men together, with intention, as is said, to go and meet the Duke of *Luxemburgh*, in case he be not already march'd the other way towards *France*, of which we expect an account. The Letters we have from *France* tell us, That his most Christian Majesty has resolv'd to raise Forty thousand Men against Spring, which joyn'd with those already on foot, will make up a formidable Army. The Emperor has likewise given out Commissions for the raising of ten Regiments of Foot, and two of Horse, in all 15000 Men.

Paris, Jan. 2. Many Commissions have been given

out for the new Levies now intended to be raised, and we are told, that they will amount to 40000 Men. The King is often present in the Council of War, to order Matters against the next Campagne, when it is said, his Majesty intends to act with three Armies, each to be compos'd of 30000 Men. It was some days since reported here, That the Prince of *Conde*, and Monsieur de *Turenne*, were command'd forthwith to repair to *Flanders* and *Lorraine*, to bring their Forces together to assist Monsieur de *Luxemburgh*, in case there should be occasion: For our Letters from *Brussels* endeavor'd to alarm us, by giving us an account of the march of the Count de *Monterey*, and the Prince of *Orange*, with the Forces under their Command, to cut off the passage of the Duke of *Luxemburgh*; and added further, That they had already to beset him, that he had no way to save himself, unless he retir'd under the Cannon of *Maestricht*: But our Letters which, at the same time, arriv'd from *Liege* and *Maestricht*, assur'd us, That all this noise would come to nothing, and that the said Duke could very well disengage himself, as he should think fit. Signior *Durazzo*, who some time since arriv'd here in quality of Envoy from the Republick of *Genova*, to adjust the differences at present depending between his Majesty and that State, hath at last been admitt'd to an Audience of his Majesty, not without great probability of bringing Matters to the wish'd for accommodation. His Majesties Ambassador in *Switzerland*, hath, as we are inform'd, given the King an account of the forwardness the Levies there are in, and that he doubts not but in a short time to perfect them. The Conde de *Melina* the Spanish Ambassador is still here in Town; but will depart very suddainly, having a good while since taken his leave of their Majesties. Our Ambassador is on his way home from *Spain*. Our Letters from *Cologne* continue to tell us, That the Negotiations there are wholly at a stand, and that two of the Dutch Deputies were returning for *Holland*.

His Majesty having been lately inform'd, That several Malicious Reports are spread abroad, as if it were intended to put new stops upon the Exchequer; and that the Farm of the Excise, lately Let to Geo. Daffwood, Peter Calverdy, &c. (upon which, a considerable Sum of Money hath been already advanced) should be Let again to others; by reason whereof, the said Farmers are much hurt in their Credit; as also, His Majesties Service highly prejudic'd by such Reports.

These are to give notice by His Majesties special Command, That the said Reports are false and scandalous, and that His Majesty is resolv'd to inflict the severest Punishments upon any that shall be found to be the Authors of them.

Advertisements.

A Little Bright Bay Mare, near four years old, a small Star in the Forehead, no other white; a Feather on each side the Neck, through paced; Stolen from *Sutton* in *Essex*, by a person of about 24 years old, dark brown, curled Hair, middle stature, full shouldred, pale-faced. Give notice to John Freeman, near *Waltham Abby* in *Essex*; or to Mr. Trankets in *S. Michaels Alley* in *Corwall*, *London*, shall be rewarded for their pains.

Lost on Wednesday night, being the last of *December*, out of *Giddyhal Park*, a Dapple-Grey Gelding about Fourteen or Fifteen hands high, about five years old, newly put to amble; a little thick necked, bob tailed, the hair worn off of his side with his traces, but coming again; he hath a splint or two on his Forelegs. Whosoever can give notice of him to Mr. Joseph Man over against the *Savoy* in the Strand; or to Mr. Dickens a Farrier in *Fan-Church-Street*, or to Mr. Henry Dims at the Lion in *Rainford*, shall have twenty shillings for their pains.