

out on the 8th Instant for Ulm, to be present at the Diet of the States of Swabia, to whom he is accredited; and he will be followed in a Day or two by Mr. Burriſh, his Britannick Majesty's Minister to ſeveral Princes and Circles of the Empire, who returned hither Yeſterday from Bonn, the Reſidence of the Elector of Cologne. Baron Hagen ſupplies the Abſence of M. de Ramſwach, as Miniſter Plenipotentiary from their Imperial Majesties to this Congress.

*Hambourgh, Feb. 11, N. S.* The new Imperial Miniſter Count Raab, who is accredited in that Quality to the Circle of Lower Saxony, came to Town Yeſterday, and was complimented this Morning on the Part of the Magiſtrates.

*Antwerp, Feb. 10.* The French continue round about Bruſſels, and block it up very cloſely, but the bad Weather has prevented their doing any Thing againſt the Town. They have made no Batteries as yet, but ſuch as ſeem to be to guard their Cantonments, having erected only Three, of four ſmall Field Pieces each; one is on the Cauſeway to Antwerp, another on the Cours, and the third juſt by it. They are making Roads with Trees and Faſcines, but the Ground is ſo very marſhy, that they have been obliged to ſtop, and ſome of their Battering Cannon is at preſent ſtuck in the Ground, and they cannot move them. The Dutch Officer, who commanded the 250 Men in the Caſtle of Vilvoerden, ſurrendered it the 7th for Want of Proviſions, and he and his Garriſon are made Priſoners of War.

*Antwerp, Feb. 14.* We have Advices here, that Fitzjames's Regiment of Irish Cavalry, with their Horſe Furniture, and two Regiments of Irish Foot, were embarked at Oſtend in ſix large Transports for Scotland.

*Antwerp, Feb. 14.* A Perſon is juſt now arrived from Bruſſels, who brings Word, that the Garriſon continues to make the moſt gallant Defence, and had made a ſucceſſful Sally; that the French had been firing upon the Town ſince Saturday, and had attacked the cover'd Way Sword in Hand on the Side of Scharbeck, but had been repulſed with the Loſs of 180 Men. The Prince of Waldeck has juſt given Orders to the Garriſon of this Place, which conſiſts of Six Hanover and Four Dutch Battalions, and Seven Squadrons, to hold themſelves in Readineſs to march at a Moment's Warning, and that every Soldier be provided with 30 Charges.

*Hague, Feb. 15, N. S.* By an intercepted Letter from a French Engineer, employed before Bruſſels, to the commanding Officer of that Nation at Louvain, dated the 12th inſtant, it appears, that the Trenches were opened on the 9th inſtant. That on the 12th there were but Six Mortars, and Four pieces of Cannon in Battery. That the Garriſon kept an inceſſant Fire, having killed in that Space 180 Men of the Enemy; and had made ſeveral ſmall Sallies, which had retarded their Approaches. The ſaid Engineer adds, that from the Countenance and Behaviour of the Garriſon, and the bad Management of his own People, Bruſſels was like to give them much more Trouble than they had imagined; and he did not expect to carry the Place under

Ten Days more. Letters from Mechlin of Yeſterday ſay, that the French had then got up a ſecond Battery of 14 Pieces, and that they had formed but one Attack between the Gate of Louvain and Scharbeck. As ſoon as the Auſtrians, who are ſaid to have paſt the Maeſe on the 10th inſtant, join Prince Waldeck, he hopes to be in a Condition to give the Beſiegers ſome Diſturbance.

*Helwoetſluys, Feb. 14.* The Embarkation of the Heſſian Infantry and Huſſars was finiſhed Yeſterday Morning, and the Transports are now all here ready to ſail with the firſt Opportunity, which it is hoped will be this Evening. His Highneſs the Prince of Heſſe is in good Health on board the Gibraltar Man of War.

*Helwoetſluys, Feb. 15.* This Morning at Six the Men of War, with the Transports having on board the Heſſian Troops, ſail'd from hence with a fair Wind for Scotland.

Whitehall, January 31, 1745-6.

*Whereas it has been represented to the King, that on Wednesday the 15th of this Inſtant January, about Eight o'Clock in the Evening, a Fire broke out in the Manſion Houſe of John Cheſhyre, Eſq; at Benington Place, in the County of Hertford, which in a few Hours Time entirely conſumed the ſame; and that there is great Reaſon to ſuſpect the ſaid Houſe was ſet on Fire by ſome malicious Perſon or Perſons unknown: His Majesty, for the better diſcovering and bringing to Juſtice the Perſon or Perſons who committed the ſaid Crime, is pleaſed to promiſe his moſt gracious Pardon to any one of the Offenders who ſhall diſcover his Accomplice or Accomplices, ſo as they, or any one or more of them, may be apprehended and convicted thereof.*

HARRINGTON.

*And as a farther Encouragement for the making ſuch Diſcovery, I do hereby promiſe a Reward of One Hundred Pounds, to be paid upon the Conviction of the Offender or Offenders.*

J. Cheſhyre.

Whitehall, January 31, 1745.

*Whereas it hath been represented to the King, That on Saturday the 25th Day of January Inſtant, about One o'Clock in the Morning, a Fire broke out at Beddington, in the County of Surrey, in a Stack Yard belonging to Mrs. Hillar, Tenant to Sir Nicholas Hackett Carew, Baronet, which in a few Hours entirely conſumed two Stacks of Corn, and four Ricks of Hay which were ſtanding therein, and that there is great Reaſon to ſuſpect the ſame were wilfully ſet on Fire by wicked and ill deſigning Perſons, with Intent not only to have conſumed the ſame, but alſo to have burnt down and deſtroyed her Dwelling-Houſe, Barns, Stables, Out-houſes, and four other large Stacks of Corn which ſtood near adjoining to the ſaid Stack Yard: His Majesty, for the better diſcovering and bringing to Juſtice the Perſon or Perſons who committed the ſaid Crime, is pleaſed to promiſe his moſt gracious Pardon to any of the Offenders who ſhall diſcover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices, ſo as he, ſhe, or they, or any of them, be apprehended and convicted thereof.*

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

*And as a farther Encouragement for the making ſuch Diſcovery, the ſaid Sir Nicholas Hackett Carew does hereby promiſe a Reward of One Hundred Pounds to the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall make ſuch Diſcovery, to be paid upon the Conviction of the ſaid Offenders, or any one or more of them.*

Nicholas H. Carew

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