

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. Burris, 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 Prenipotentiary from their Imperial Majesties to this Congress.

Hamburgh, 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 Cantoonments, 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 Fas- cines, 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 Meohlin 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.

Helvoetsluys, 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.

Helvoetsluys, 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 further 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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