

Castle is a free Possession, and that the said Convention made with the Duke of *Simmeren* the 11th September, 1663, to the prejudice of the ancient Right of this House, had presently altered it was made, been declared null, the Dukes of *Newburgh* and *Deuxponts*, together with the chief of the Family, having then and since protested against it; That the said Bailiage was above 200 years since gained by Arms, and hath ever since without interruption continued in the Electoral House, as its proper Right, without the least contradiction on the part of the Elector of *Mayence*; That at present all the Estates of the Duke of *Simmeren* devolving to him (no part of which could be made away by any agreement whatsoever) this Bailiage is likewise his undoubted Right. However, if the said Elector of *Mayence* can pretend any thing farther, he will answer him in the Imperial Court at *Spire*. The young Prince of *Saxony* is advanced with 6500 Men as far as *Dach*, but in the mean time his friends are in pain, that he will not be able to find Quarters for them, without very much prejudicing his own Party.

Liege, Jan. 23. The Baron *d'Issola*, though he hath received a final answer from this Chapter, that they cannot consent to the violating the Neutrality, which they have professed, during this present War, yet continues still here, in expectation of a Convoiy for his safe return to *Cologne*. To which end, it was said some days since, that Monsieur *Spaube* was coming this way with 2000 Horse, but we now hear nothing farther of it. The Inhabitants of the Bishoprick of *Paderborne*, and other Countreys, where the Imperialists are quartered, complain very much of the ill Treatment they receive from the Soldiers.

Paris, Jan. 26. The Duke of *Chaulnes* is returned hither from *Vire*, after having happily concluded the Session of the States of *Britany*, which were assembled there, they having granted the King eight Millions of Liures to enable him to maintain the War this ensuing year; it is said, that the said Duke will very suddenly part hence again for *Cologne*, and that he will carry with him Instructions, which may facilitate a Peace. The King has given the Command of Colonel General of the Switzers, in his service, to the Duke of *Mayne*. On Sunday last the Duke of *Luxembourg* arrived at Court, and was very kindly received by the King. At *Charleroi* we hear, the Count *de Marial* is bringing together a Body of 7 or 8000 Men, designed to Convoiy Provisions, and other necessaries to *Monsieur*. From the Frontiers of the Duchy of *Burgundy* we have advice, That the Companies of the Regiment of Guards and other Troops, which are in that Countrey, were on their march towards the *French Conite*, by order of the Duke of *Navailles*, who Commands the Kings Forces in that Duchy; and that it was generally thought, that the design was to besiege a place called *Gray*; but since we hear that the Spaniards upon notice hereof, have put a Garrison of 2000 Men into the place, which may render this enterprize very difficult, especially considering the season; The Forces which the Duke of *Navailles* is said to have with him, are 18 Companies of Guards, 30 Companies of Foot more, besides the Regiment of *Lyon*, and 8 Regiments of Horse. Great preparations are making here against Spring, and we are told of a Fond of 80 Millions of Liures which will be provided for defraying the Charges of the War. The King has conferred on Monsieur *Schaumburg* the Honor and Title of Duke of *France*.

Brussels, Jan. 26. The Count *de Monterey* has given leave to agree with the French for Contributions, so that we shall be now forced to pay them within half a

League of this City. Our Letters from *Liege* confirm what we told you in our last, concerning that Government having refused to accept the Propositions made to them on the part of the Emperor, by the Baron *d'Issola*, and that they had declared, that they would not part from the Neutrality, which we are much satisfied at, because the French, as they have hitherto, so will continue, to draw the greatest advantage from thence.

Brussels, Jan. 27. The States General upon information that the most Christian King had given permission to all Vessels to come freely and Trade in any of his Ports, on certain condition, that his said Majesty had thereby already profited above 50000 Florins, and that several Ships belonging as well to the *Spanish Netherlands* as these Countreys, were on their Voyages to lade Salt, and other Commodities in *France*; the said States have taken the same into consideration, and have thought fit to direct the several Colledges of the Admiralty, what they consider speedily hereof, and report to them, the best means to prevent the prejudice which this State, and the advantage which the French may receive by this Liberty. At the Instance of the Province of *Zeeland*, the States have explained the Placets lately published for the Commanding all Privateers to return home before the middle of *March* next, viz. That those Capers which have passed the Lines, shall not be subject thereunto. The Count *de Hurne* is gone from *Utrecht* with 2000 Men, to make some attempt upon the Enemy. What was said in our last concerning a quarrel between the *Rhynegrave* and the *Sieur Fatio*, and of their being gone into *Brabant* to fight in *Duel*, proves to have been a great mistake. The Prince of *Orange* will make a step to *Utrecht* to settle things there, but has not as yet appointed the time.

Ditto, The States being lately in debate concerning the terms, on which they would be willing to conclude a Peace with the Crown of *England* agreed, That they would yield to His Majesty the point of the *Navigation* of the British Seas; That they would give His Majesty satisfaction in the business of *Saripam*; and the regulation of Trade in the *Indies*; besides 60000 Crowns towards the Charges of the War; and the restitution of the *New Netherlands*; But as for the point concerning the Fishing, they seem as yet resolved not to consent to it: of this Purport they have written a Letter to His Majesty; and we hope it will have a good effect.

Whitehal, Jan. 24. This morning His Majesty being come into the House of Lords, and being Seated in His Chair of State, clothed in His Royal Robes, and attended with the usual Solemnity, was pleased to send for the House of Commons, and they being come up, Communicated to both Houses a Letter, together with Propositions for Peace, which he had received from the States General of the *United Provinces*, by the hands of the Spanish Ambassador.

Advertisements.

Stolen out of *Bow-lane* about six at night, Saturday, *Jan. 24*, two Diamond Rings, one seven large Rose Diamonds, the other in fashion of a Heart, a Pearl Necklace three Rings, two Turkish Neckels of Gold, eight Mourning Rings, one marked J. D. one Twice-tis day married, one This day Married, this day Buried; a pair of Gold Ear-Rings; Whoever shall give notice hereof to *Mrs. Ann Brown*, *M. Richards*, shall receive five pounds.

On the 21 of *January* betwixt *Wild street* and the *New Exchange*, a fat Tumbler Pitch, on the right side of her Face black, both her Ears black, all the rest of her white; Whoever shall bring her to the Lord Marquis of *Windsor*'s House in *Wild street*, to the Porters, shall have Ten shillings for their pains.