

grave of Hesse his two Sons *William* and *Charles*, with the Dutchesss their Wives being here before.

*Brussels, Feb. 2.* The season for action being past, our Governor with the rest of the Nobility and Persons of quality entertain themselves with Balls, Masquerades, and other Divertisements; though in the meantime no diligence is omitted, which may advance our preparations for the next Campaign. The Chapter of *Liege* have refused to accept of the offer made them on the part of the Emperor: our Governor has ordered that whole Countrey to be set under Contribution, and our Troops have already in great measure put those Orders in execution. We talk much of 4000 Spaniards, who are said to be on their way, as likewise 1500 Italians to recruit the Regiments of that Nation now in the service of this Countrey. Our new Levies are in all to make up 12000 Men, and according to calculation, we shall have in the Field 20000 Men, besides Auxiliaries: His Excellency had given directions for the raising the pay of the Soldiers, but at present apprehending it may have ill consequences, has contradicted them, and the pay is to be as formerly. The Duke de *Navailles*, Governor of the Duchy of *Burgundy* for the French, having brought a good Body of Men together, had marched with them with a resolution to attempt something in the *Franche Comte*, but was hindered by the badness of the weather, and other difficulties.

*Antwerp, Feb. 2.* Our Letters from *Holland* give us great hopes of a Peace, and at the same time we receive Letters from *Coëgne* which tell us, That the Ambassadors there are entered upon a new Negotiation. All this Countrey is set under Contribution by the French, almost to the Walls of this City. All the discourse here is, concerning the great preparations that are making against *Spain*.

*Ardrem, Jan. 24.* The Marschal de *Huy* continues his residence at *Nimwegen*, taking particular care to fortify that place, which before very strong, will by these new Works, that are now making, receive a great addition of strength. We are likewise here raising two new Half Moons, which will be quickly finished; and in all places great Provision is making of all things necessary for their defence.

*Hague, Feb. 2.* We are here in a general expectation of Letters from *England*, which among other things may give us an account of the success of the late Letter written by the States to his Majesty; we talk here very much of Peace, and we believe, because of the great likelihood there seems to be at present of it, that the Prince of *Orange* has hitherto deferred to give out his Commissions for the several Commanders of the Fleet; however, the Equipage in the meantime advances with all diligence, that so we may be able to make Peace with the sword in our hands, or else be in a better posture to pursue the War. To morrow the States of *Holland* will be again assembled, when it is expected they may come to some resolution upon the Propositions of the Deputies of *Haclem*, concerning the making the place of Stadtholder Hereditary to the Prince of *Orange* and his Heirs: The States have resolved that the resolution for the readmitting the Province of *Utrecht* into the Union, shall be applicable to the other two Provinces now possessed by the Enemy, when they shall be quitted by them; but the States of this Province as to the affair of *Utrecht*, continue resolved to retain the Sovereignty over such Forts which they have built during this War in the Province of *Utrecht*, as likewise to have free access to the Dikes and Sluces of that Province, and to drown the Countrey, when they shall see occasion, though in the Territory of the Province of

*Utrecht*, for the preservation of *Holland*; and that all disputes concerning the said Dikes shall be determined by the Court of *Holland*. It is said, that the Rhynegrave will be made General of the Infantry, and the Count of *Scherpenberg* Lieutenant General, though not without giving dissatisfaction to the Sieur *Fario*, late Governor of *Machriest*, who it is said, has declared to the Prince of *Orange*, that in case the Rhynegrave be preferred before him, he shall be obliged to quit the service of this State. The Tax Imposition of Shoes, &c. and on persons that drink in Taverns, does not answer expectation; so that we expect another new Tax.

*Paris, Jan. 30.* From *Liege* we have advice, That that Government demands the restitution of *Mastick*, and the other places possessed by our Troops, in that Bishoprick, to be recompensed for the great damages they have sustained by our Troops; and that his Majesty will Ratify the Treaty concluded between them, and the Duke of *Luxembourg*, now lately, on the terms they engage to observe punctually the Neutrality, and not to listen to any Propositions which may be made them to the prejudice of it. The Troops which composed the Duke of *Luxembourg*'s Army, are put into Winter Quarters all along the Frontiers of *Picardy*, to hinder the incursions of the Spaniards.

*Paris, Feb. 2.* In our last we told you, that we had advice that the Duke de *Navailles*, who Commands his Majesties Forces in the Duchy of *Burgundy*, was on his march with a Body of about 13000 Men, to make some attempt upon the Spaniards in the *Franche Comte*; but we are since informed, that his Majesty has sent Orders to the said Duke to defer this expedition, till the weather be more favorable than as present it is; the Rivers being every where in those parts so overflowed, that the Soldiers cannot march without very great difficulty. From *Sedan* our Letters of the 24 past tell us, That the Marquis de *Rasnel*, who Commands the Cavalry of the Elector of *Cologne*, was past through the Duchy of *Bouillon*, to go and joyn the Duke of *Navailles* in *Burgundy*. We have likewise advice that the Count of *Starembergh* was on his march with several Imperial Troops towards the *Franche Comte* to assist the Spaniards there; and that Colonel *Maffelle* was likewise advanced with a party of Spanish Cavalry on the side of *Altaisa*, to favor the passage of *Starembergh*, the said Marquis de *Haubrun* had likewise marched with the Forces he commands in that Countrey along the Rhine towards *Balle*, and had possessed himself of the passages, so that the Imperialists could not proceed.

*Hull, January 25.* The *Mudwich* Sloops brought in a small Dutch Cabin of three Guns, and thirty five Men.

#### Advertisements.

THESE are to give notice, That His Majesty has been Graciously pleased to renew the Charter of the ancient Burrough of *Osney*, in the County of *Salop*; and thereby Incorporated them by the name of the Major, Aldermen, Common Council, and Burgesses of the said Burrough, and appointed Mr. *Richard* to be Mayor, confirming unto them all their ancient Privileges, and adding thereto one Fair, to begin yearly on the second of *March*, and to continue three days, changing their weekly Market from Monday to Wednesday, with several other privileges not heretofore granted to the said Burrough.

A person, aged twenty years, short stature, thick, round favoured, long Flaxen Hair, sad coloured Cloaths, with a great gray Coat, ran away from his Master *William* of *Windsor* the 23 instance, with a milk white Geding, near sixteens hands high, a plain blunt mask on the nose blank, short Tail, white Mane, and Traits only. He that can give notice hereof to Mr. *Collins*, Stationer, at the Middle Temple Gate, shall have Forty Shillings for their pains.