

Fortifications are which the Imperialists are making there; and hence he will return to *Bona*, where a great many people have of late died of a new and pestilential distemper, but at present it is much abated. The Marquis de *Sade* continues still here. The Dutch Ambassadors have given us great hopes, that they would at last proceed in the Negotiation, in order to a Peace; but, in effect, have not yet done any thing which may promote it. Our Elector has given liberty to his fish three days in the week, during the Lent, by reason of the great scarcity of Fish.

**Brussels, Febr. 6.** On Sunday morning last, two Companies of Dragoons, and one of Foot, were commanded to go and clear a certain Wood, about a League from thence, where a party of French had lodged themselves to the great damage of all passengers, and the Country people thereabouts: Our Soldiers, executed their Orders effectually, and having killed five of six upon the place, for the French made a brave resistance, they brought fourteen or fifteen prisoners hither, with three Flemings, who had served for their Guides. About six this morning broke out a very dangerous fire in the Palace here; how, or where it began is not known, but was first discovered in the Rooms of the Finances, which had not been opened in eight days: Many Books and Papers concerning the Revenue are burned, with all the rich furniture and hangings that were in that apartment; however, it was at last happily quenched without much damage, except in the Rooms of the Finances, yet it put this Court into great disorder, and has hindered the great Ball, which was intended to have been danced this night.

**Diris.** From the *Hague* they write, that the States General have received the Deputies of the Province of *Hutch* into their Assembly, in the same rank they held formerly. That Monsieur *Fario*, late Governor of *Machrich*, is very much dissatisfied that the *Rhinegrave* is made General of the Infantry, which he thinks very greatly reflects upon his honor. Monsieur *Wurtz* and some other Swedish Officers are, it is said, quitting the service of the States, with intention to pass into *Sweden*, to command there, which makes the Dutch more and more apprehensive that the Crown will engage its Arms in favor of the French. That the States of *Holland* are to meet the next week, and are then to order several Matters concerning the Fleet, which in the mean time, is sitting out with the greatest diligence possible. From *Amsterdam* we hear, that the people in general are extremely dissatisfied at the many and heavy Taxes that are imposed upon them, and particularly those lately laid on Shoes, Boats, &c. and on Taverns, &c.

**Offend, Febr. 7.** Our Spanish Fleet being in all Twenty seven Marchantmen, lies still before *Flushing*, in expectation of a fair wind: It is said, that they have orders to go round by *Scotland*, and not to pass through the Channel, for fear of the French.

**Hague, Febr. 2.** This day the States of *Holland* will meet again, which we expect with the greater impatience, because we shall then see, what resolution they will take concerning the making the Prince of *Orange* Hereditary Stadtholder. It is confidently said, that Monsieur *Wurtz* has received Letters from *Sweden*, to desire him to return with some other Officers at present here, into the service of that Crown: So that we cannot doubt, but that the *Swedes* intend to have an Army on foot this Spring; and the rather, to give greater authority to their Mediation, which they find not without some displeasure, to have been hitherto so ineffectual. We do not hear, as yet, what progress our

Minister at the Court of *Denmark* has made, but we are told, That he is instructed to offer his Majesty, among other things, the same Monarchy *Suldy* this State, at present, pays the Emperor for the benefit of his Troops. The Deputies of the Province of *Hutch* have taken their place in the Assembly of the States General. It is reported, that the French are about quitting *Aerzhem* and *Zurphen*, but without certainty.

**Paris, Febr. 5.** Monsieur *Colbert*, late Ambassador from this Court in *England* is arrived here, and has given his Majesty an account of the posture he left affairs in. In the mean time our Letters from *Holland* speak of great appearance there seems to be of a Peace, between His Majesty of *Great Britain*, and that State; and some add, that the Ambassadors are to be recalled from *Cologne*, but all with great uncertainty, so that we must leave it to time, better to inform us. Great Levies are making in all parts of this Kingdom, and the Canton of *Berne* hath given our Ambassadors liberty to raise what Men his Majesty pleases in their Territories. The Duke de *Navailles* according to the Orders he hath received from the King, hath deferred his expedition against the *Franche Comte*, and the Cavalry which was advanced, is countermanded, occasioned chiefly by the badness of the weather, which rendered their march extraordinary difficult.

The Persons appointed to Preach before His Majesty this ensuing Lent, are as follows.

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| March 4 | Wednesday    | Dean of the Chapel              |
| 5       | Friday       | Dean of <i>S. Pauls</i>         |
| 6       | Sunday       | Bishop of <i>Sarum</i>          |
| 7       | Wednesday    | Doctor <i>Pierre</i>            |
| 8       | Friday       | Dean of <i>Gloucester</i>       |
| 9       | Sunday       | Bishop of <i>Gloucester</i>     |
| 10      | Wednesday    | Doctor <i>Craddock</i>          |
| 11      | Friday       | Dean of <i>Canterbury</i>       |
| 12      | Sunday       | Bishop of <i>Bath and Wells</i> |
| 13      | Wednesday    | Doctor <i>Lithuan</i>           |
| 14      | Friday       | Dean of <i>Redebers</i>         |
| 15      | Sunday       | Bishop of <i>Cheshm</i>         |
| 16      | Wednesday    | Doctor <i>Partridge</i>         |
| 17      | Friday       | Dean of <i>Sarum</i>            |
| 18      | Sunday       | Bishop of <i>Cheshm</i>         |
| 19      | Wednesday    | Doctor <i>Compton</i>           |
| 20      | Friday       | Dean of <i>Worcester</i>        |
| 21      | Palms-Sunday | Bishop of <i>Hiroford</i>       |
| 22      | Wednesday    | Doctor <i>Stillingfleet</i>     |
| 23      | Good-Friday  | Dean of <i>Westminster</i>      |
| 24      | Sunday       | Abbot Lord Almoner.             |

Advertisements.

Of the seventh of January last, one Locker of Gold Enamelled, with a very large Emerald Stone in it, above an inch long, and near an inch broad. If any person shall make a discovery thereof, either in the Gold, or loose out of the Locker, unto Mr *Thomas Bromhal*, at the sign of the *Margmaid* upon the *Royal Exchange*, shall have Five pounds for their part.

There are to give notice, That on Tuesday the 29th of December last, there were two Bay Horses with Bridles and Saddles, left at the Post-house the sign of the *White Lion* at *Hassard Bridge*, in the County of *Somersetshire*. If the right owners come, or send, and pay for their meat, they may have them; or else they will be prized and sold suddenly.