

burnt with such Violence, that the whole Town was reduced to Ashes, except the Church, which has al o suffered greatly.

*Vienno, March 7.* The Empress Queen and the young Archdutchess are both extremely well, and 'tis thought her Imperial Majesty will soon be able to appear again in Publick. Last Sunday a Fire broke out in this City, which burnt down about 15 or 16 Houses, and a Monastery, before it could be extinguished.

*Turin, March 7.* By Letters from Spain we are informed, That the Infanta's Journey is fixed for the Middle of April, and she is expected here by the Beginning of June. The King of Naples has appointed the Abbe Castromonte to come hither as his Ambassador, to compliment his Sardinian Majesty on Occasion of the Marriage between his eldest Son and the Infanta of Spain. This Court has lately borrowed One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Pounds Sterling, at Four per Cent. of some principal Persons in the Republick of Berne, in order to pay off some other Sums they were obliged to borrow during the War at Five and even Six per Cent.

*Dresden, March 8.* The King's Departure for Poland continues fixed for the 20th of April. His Majesty has appointed the Chevalier de Champgny to be Colonel of Horse; and the Company of Grenadiers, vacant by the Death of M. Priskorn, has been given to M. Bellegarde.

*Bon, March 9.* Last Wednesday Evening his Electoral Highness our Sovereign arrived here from Westphalia, to the great Joy of the Nobility and Inhabitants of this City, his Highness having been absent near five Months; and the next Day he was complimented upon his Arrival by all Persons of Distinction. The Count de Wartenleben, Minister from the States General to this Court, having executed his Commission, will shortly set out from hence for some other Courts of the Empire.

*Francfort, March 10.* Yesterday we received Advice, that in the Night between the 5th and 6th Instant, a Fire broke out in the Electoral Palace at Munich, which had entirely destroyed one Wing of that grand Edifice. Several Persons belonging to the Court perished in the Flames, amongst whom was the Baroness de Wolffskell, Lady of Honour to her Electoral Highness, Mademoiselle de Lerchenfeld, one of her Maids of Honour, and two of his Electoral Highness's Pages. All the rich Furniture and Paintings in that Wing were destroyed, which makes the Loss, very considerable. Their Highnesses are retired for the present to Nimphenburg. On the 21st Instant died at Berlenburg in the Wetteraw, in the 50th Year of her Age, the Countess of Sayn and Wittgenstein, as did three Days after the Count her Husband, in the 55th Year of his Age, leaving behind them eight Children.

*Dusseldorp, March 12.* The Court has sent Orders for all the Officers to have their respective Regiments complete against the Spring, when Commissaries will be sent to review them; and 'tis said the Elector Palatine has even resolved to augment his Troops with one Battalion of Foot and four Squadrons of Horse. Letters from Mayence say, that there are already arrived in that City a great Number of Merchants, with all Sorts of Merchandizes, particularly from France, so that it is imagined their approaching Fair will be very considerable.

*Hambourg, March 12.* On the 10th Instant, about Noon, we had a most violent Storm of Thunder and Lightning, by which the Church of St. Michael, and three Houses adjoining to it, were entirely reduced to Ashes, and several

other Houses very much damaged before the Fire was extinguished; but we do not hear of any Persons having perished in the Flames.

*Paris, March 13.* On Sunday last the King went to Choisy, and returned to Versailles on Monday Night; and the next Day gave Audience to several Foreign Ministers. On the 11th his Majesty signed a Contract of Marriage between the Marquis de Chatenoy and Mademoiselle Brietuil, Daughter of the late Secretary at War. The Count d'Aucourt is set out for his Government of Perpignan.

*Berlin, March 14.* Prince Henry, the King's Brother, has been appointed Lieutenant in the Regiment of Fusileers; and M. Van Osten has been raised to the Rank of Colonel. His Majesty has appointed M. Plotho and M. Heiligenstadt to be his Privy Counsellors. Prince Maurice of Anhalt Dessau set out on the 4th Instant for Stargard, in order to review his Regiment which is in Garrison there.

*Hague, March 19.* On the 16th Instant M. Berkenroode had a long Conference with his Serene Highness the Prince of Orange, and several of the Lords of the Regency, after which he set out on his Embassy to the Court of France. Their High Mightinesses, at the Request of the Prince of Orange, have conferred on Baron de Wassenauer the Office of Drossard of the Town of Gorcum, and Superintendent of the Diques of Altena. His Highness has appointed M. Seve, late Captain-Lieutenant in the Regiment of Dragoons of General Trips, to be Captain of the late M. Visscher's Company in the said Regiment. The Hereditary Prince of Brandenburg-Anspach, and the Prince of Nassau-Usingen, who came hither on the 11th Instant, are set out on the 14th Instant on the Celebration of the Anniversary of the Births of the Hereditary Prince and the Princess Caroline his Sister, are set out on their Return to Utrecht. The States of Holland and Westfrizeland separated on the 14th Instant till after Easter.

Tower of London, Feb. 19, 1749.

*The Principal Officers of His Majesty's Ordnance do hereby give Notice to all Persons whatsoever, who are willing to undertake the Masons and Bricklayers Work for the New Fort intended to be erected at Ardersfer Point, near Inverness in Scotland, that they may leave Proposals in Writing, sealed up, at the Office here, on or before Friday the 30th of March next, when they will be duly considered; and those contracted with, who will engage to execute the same with the best Materials, in the most substantial and workman like Manner, and on the cheapest Terms.*

*By Order of the Board,*

Charles Buth.

General Post Office, Jan. 30, 1749.

*Publick Notice is hereby given, That the Correspondence, by Letters, between these Kingdoms and the Kingdom of Spain, is now opened by the Means of Paquet Boats, between Falmouth and the Groyne, and that the first Mail for Spain will be forwarded from this Office upon Tuesday the 20th Day of the next Month of February, and will continue, for the Future, to go out from hence upon the Tuesday of every Fort-night, as usual heretofore in former Times of Peace.*

*By Command of the Post-master General,*

Geo. Shelvocke, Secretary.

River DEE Office St. Swithin's-Lane near London Stone, March 13, 1749.

*A General Court of the Company of Proprietors of the Undertaking for Recovering and Preserving the Navigation of the River D E E, will be held at their Office on Thursday the 29th of March Instant, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, being an Half Yearly General Court; and for the Election of four Committee Men, in the Room of four Gentlemen who have not qualified themselves: Of which all concerned are desired to take Notice.*

*By Order of the Committee,*  
James Blackwell, Secretary.