

3000 men, besides money and provisions. We are told, that the *Sieur de Valbelle*, upon his arrival at *Messina*, having landed what Troops he had on board his ships, resolv'd formally to besiege the Castle of *St. Salvador*, and accordingly the second of *October*, at night opened the Trenches, which were continued till the fourth at night; that the *Spaniards* in the mean time were forced from their outmost Palisades, and the besiegers seiz'd on a Well about 50 paces from the Castle, from whence they within had all their water. That the fifth of *October*, the *Spaniards* capitulated, and it was agreed, that the Castle should be surrendered, if not relieved in eight days; that during that time, several Batteries were rais'd by the *French*, in order to the continuing the siege, if assistance should come to the besieged: to hinder which, the *Sieur de Valbelle* anchored with his ships under *St. Salvador*. The tenth of *October*, the *Spanish Armada*, consisting of 20 Sail, appeared, and came to an anchor, in some disorder, between *le Paradis*, and *Nostre dame de la Grotte*; the besieged either apprehending them to have been *French* men of War, and consequently looking upon themselves as lost, and therefore not so careful in keeping their guards, or for some other reasons which we know not, gave the *Messinians* an opportunity to enter the Castle; which they did without the least difficulty, and made themselves Masters of it, and of the Officers and Soldiers that were there, who were carried prisoners to *Messina*. That the 12, the *Spanish Fleet* continuing still at anchor, and in the same disorder, several of the ships having lost their Rudders, or sustained other damage, the *Sieur de Valbelle* finding the wind favourable, set sail with his Squadron, consisting in five large men of War, and three Fireships, with design to attack the enemy, and to endeavor to burn some of their ships, in which the favorableness of the wind, and the disorder they were in, seem'd to promise him success; but the enemy perceiving his intention, immediately set sail, and retir'd; whereupon the *Sieur de Valbelle* went on shore again, and having given orders for the repairing the Fortifications of *St. Salvador*, and assured the Senate of *Messina* of his Majesty's protection; and received their acknowledgments for the great assistance his Majesty has already been pleas'd to send them, he parted with his men of War for *Toulon* or *Marseilles*.

Ditto, Decemb. 1. Our last Letters from the Army tell us, that *Monsieur de Turenne* decamp'd the 20 past, and took his quarters nearer *Hagenau* than he was before, in a place very convenient to receive provisions and all necessaries from *Lorraine*. The *Confederates* keep their station still near *Strasbourg* though it is said their Cavalry is reduced to great straits for want of Forage. The Nobility of the *Arrierban* have leave of his Majesty to return to their respective homes. The *Imperialists* have made themselves Masters of the Castle of *...* in all 100, having

fence, and killed several of the *Germans*, but the 22 they Capitulated, and the Town and Castle was surrendered, the *French* Soldiers that were there being permitted to march out with Bag and Baggage, but those that were Natives of *Liege* remaining prisoners of War. We have advice from *Germany*, that the Duke of *Lorraine* having join'd 8000 of the other *Confederates* with his own Troops, is march'd towards *Burgundy*, to endeavor the recovery of that County, by the assistance of the Inhabitants. Our Letters from *Spain*, bring us an account of the arrival of their *New Spain Fleet*.

Ditto, Decemb. 1. General *Spork* having put a Garrison of 1800 into *Dinan*; and possess'd himself of *Chinay*, and other considerable Posts in the Country of *Liege*, is come back to *Huy*, in order to the reducing likewise the Castle there. To morrow the Prince de *Vaudemont* parts hence for *Spain*, to negotiate several matters at that Court, as well publick as private. It is now said, that the *Dutch* Troops which are march'd under the command of *Monsieur Farjo*, being join'd with those of the Elector of *Treves*, and some others, will be sufficient to carry on the Siege of *Treves*, and that the *Imperialists* commanded by General *Spork*, will take their Winter-quarters in the Countrey of *Liege*. We are confidently told, that the *Swedes* have declar'd for *France*, and that they are bringing their Forces together to enter with them into the Territories of the Elector of *Brandenburgh*; and from the *Hague* they write on this subject, that the Prince of *Orange* will forthwith draw together an Army of 12000, to assist the said Elector, who will (it is said) have likewise the King of *Denmark* on his side.

Ditto, Decemb. 4. It is reported here, that the Castle of *Huy* is surrender'd to the *Imperialists*, and that they have sent a considerable party towards *Thyon*; it is not doubted, but the *Imperialists* will take their winter-quarters in the Country of *Liege*, or else in the Countrey of *Treves*, and the Elector of *Saxony*, where they were the last Winter. To morrow his Excellency goes hence for *Antwerp*. From *Zealand* we have advice, that the Earl of *Coffey*, and the Earl of *Arlington*, arriv'd the 26 past, at *Middleburgh* from *England*, and thence continu'd their journey for the *Hague*.

Advertisements.

♣ *Marriage Asserted.* (In answer to a late Book, entituled, *Conjuginum Conjugium*. Written by *William Seymar Esq;*) By a Country Gentleman.

♣ *Reflections on Aristotle's Treatise of Poetic.* Containing the necessary, rational, and universal Rules for *Epic, Dramatick,* and other sorts of Poetry. With *Reflections* on the Works of the ancient and modern Poets, and their Faults noted. Both sold by *H. Herringman*, at the Anchor in the Lower Walk of the *New Exchange*.

His Majesty hath lately been pleas'd to grant unto *Richard Wain* Esq; and his Heirs for ever, two new Fairs to be held at the Town of *Selby* in the County of *York*, on Tuesday in *Easter Week*, and on the Feast of *St. Barnaby* yearly, for sale of all manner of Cattle and Merchandizes.

A Yellow dun Gelding, stole or strayed out of *Woodstock Park*, the 16 of *November* instant, his Main half thorn, seven years old, likewise a bay Mare, with a sprig Tail. Whoever gives notice of them to *Mr. Hize* His Majesty's Gamekeeper in *Woodstock*, shall have twenty shillings for their pains.

Friday by instant, was taken away 20 *Spanish Quadruples*, and 20 *German Quadruple Ducats* of Gold, a Scarlet Coat with Gold and Silver Lace, several Pieces of Ribbon, and Laced Linnen, two new Perukes of lightish Hair, a Trimming Bason, Pot, and round Box of Silver, &c. A large Coat of *Brussels* Camblet, Cinamon colour, lined with Searge of the same colour, by *Charles de la Sierra*, a *Spaniard*, who speaks *English, French, Dutch, Italian* and *Spanish*, of a middle stature, Reddish frised Hair, 40 years of age, lean faced, with a pair of Buff Breaches, a *French* Druggert Coat, and Gray Wadded Stockins. If any person shall give notice of the Man or Things to *Mr. Lacher*, living by *Charing Cross*, he shall have Ten pounds for a Reward.

London in the Savoy, 1674.