

ces that are as yet here. The Count de *Burlemont* having been sent out with a party of 200 Foot, and 50 Horse, under his command, to attack a certain Post possessed by some of the Enemies Troops, they though superior in number, upon his approach immediately retired; but the said Count continuing there somewhat too long, gave the Enemy leisure to return with a far stronger party, who fell upon him, and routed him, though he made a brave resistance; he himself was taken prisoner with two or three Officers more, and about 30 common Soldiers; some were killed, and the rest made their escape. The Marquis of *Baden Dounlach* having some days since summon'd the City of *Montbelliard* in the name of his Imperial Majesty to open their Gates, and to receive an Imperial Garrison, an answer was returned not at all to the Marquis his satisfaction; In the mean time the Prince of *Montbelliard* has reinforced the Garrison there, and has sent to assure Monsieur de *Turenne*, that he will punctually observe the Neutrality granted him by his most Christian Majesty. The Duke of *Duras*, who has been some time in the Army, is gone to his Government of the *Franche Comte*, to look after matters there. The *Confederates*, upon the news of the march of our Army, have quitted the Castle of *Than* in *Sungow*, which they not long since possessed themselves of. We hear that *Brisac* is blocked up by the Enemy, and that it is very much frightned.

*Cologne, Decemb. 25.* Monsieur *Fazio* is on his march with the Dutch Troops under his command, having already passed *Crever* in the County of *Meurs*; but it is said that he hath received orders from the Prince of *Orange* to continue in this Diocesis near *Rhinbergh*, till the monies owing by our Elector to the States be paid. Monsieur *Fazio* has already written to his Electoral Highness on this subject, who referred him to the States of this Diocesis for an answer, and they have sent him back again to the Elector. The 23 instant arrived here the Dutchess Dowager of *Simmeren* Aunt to the Prince of *Orange*, and yesterday her Highness continued her journey from hence towards *Holland*.

*Brussels, Decemb. 28.* On Sunday night last a party sent out from *Maestricht*, fell into one of the Suburbs of *Huy*, and killed and took prisoners about 150 Dragoons that were quartered there. From *Liege* of the 26 past they write, that an Extraordinary Courier was arrived there, and had brought his Imperial Majesties final answer to certain Propositions made by the States of that Diocesis, for the preserving a Neutrality with the *French*, by which his Imperial Majesty declares; that he will by no means admit thereof; and that except those States do not renounce to all Treaties and Obligations with the Crown of *France*, they must expect to be treated as Enemies. Yesterday the Abbot of *Heylesem*, being on his way hither from *Louvain*, was taken prisoner by a *French* party belonging to *Charleroy*. Our last Letters from *Strasburgh* say, that *Brisac* is so closely blocked up, and the Inhabitants begin already to want so many necessaries, that unless the *French* find out some speedy way to relieve the place, it will be forced to surrender to the Enemy; that Monsieur de *Turenne* having gather'd what Force he could together, and made up an Army of between 20 and 30 000 men, is very unexpectedly advancing towards the *Franche Comte*, to forbid the *Confederates* passage into it, as well as to relieve *Besfort*; and some think that the chief design of Monsieur de *Turenne*'s march is to relieve *Brisac*, but that he is very much incommoded by the deep snow. It is still said here at Court, that the Count de *Montreney* will re-

turn yet this Winter for *Spain*, leaving the Government of these Countries to the Duke de *Villa Hermosa* pro interim.

*Paris, Decemb. 29.* The 20 instant, the Deputies that are here on the part of the Inhabitants of *Mouza*, were admitted to an Audience of his Majesty, of whom they took their leave in order to their return home. Our Letters from *Lorraine* tell us, that Monsieur de *Turenne* having reinforced his Army with several Troops that served in *Flanders* this Summer under the Prince of *Conde*, marches towards the Upper *Alsatis*, in order to the relieving of *Brisac*, or making some other attempt upon the *Confederates*, who begin to be very much straightened in their present quarters for want of provisions and many necessaries. From *Sedan* of the 22 instant they write, that the Spanish Regiments of *Louvain* and *de Massicrie* are arrived in *Luxemburgh*, where the *Spaniards* are bringing some Troops together in order to the raising of Contributions, which they have already demanded of the Inhabitants of *Mouzon* and *Douchery*, using great threats if they pay not the same within the time limited.

*Hague, January 1.* The Prince of *Orange* is now resolved to make a step into *Gelderland*, to regulate matters there, and some time the next week will begin his journey thither. About ten days since arrived here the Prince of *Newburgh*, *Inognito*, attended with a train of about 30 persons, and having visited the principal places of this Province, the 27 past he parted from *Rotterdam*, to continue his Travels; it is said his Highness intends next for *England*. Our Letters from *Germany* tell us, that Monsieur de *Turenne* is on his march, in order to the relieving of *Brisac*, as is thought, so that we may yet expect to hear of some action. From *Pomeroy* they write of great preparations that are making there by the *Suedes* for War, but cannot tell us when they will begin to march. Here is much discourse concerning several English Soldiers, who (it seems) not liking their entertainment, got a small Vessel at the *Briel* in the night, and are sailed, as is thought, for *England*. The Earls of *Ossory* and of *Arington* are still here, expecting a fair wind.

*Deal, Decemb. 23.* A Vessel being arrived this day in the Downs from *Rochel*, the Master reports, that two private men of War, the one of fourteen, and the other of seven Guns, both belonging to *Ostend*, being at an anchor off of *Rochel*, were in the late bad weather forced ashore, where the *French* soon made themselves Masters of them, and afterwards got them off again.

*Harwich, Decemb. 24.* The English Soldiers (which we told you in our last arrived here in a small Vessel from the *Briel*) are now come ashore, between 30 and 40 in number; they tell us, that their ill treatment in *Holland*, and the little care that was taken to provide them with necessaries for their subsistence, forced them to desert that service, as it hath done about 40 or 50 more, who (they affirm) came off in another Vessel at the same time with them, of whom we have not yet any news.

#### Advertisement

Lost out of the Parl of *Brist*'s house on Thursday Dec. 24: about one of the clock in the afternoon, a little Liver-colored Spaniel Bitch with a white spot in her Face, and a plain Leather Collar about her Neck, and white under the Breast and on the ends of her toes. Whom ever shall bring tidings of this Spaniel Bitch to the Earls house in *Lincolns-Inn-Fields*; shall have a good reward for their pains.