

for that there is within a Garrison, reckoning the Boors, of near 2000 Men, and that the French are not above 5000 strong. Here is a report in Town, as if the Duke of Lorraine intended to draw a Body of 5 or 6000 Men together, which are at present quartered in this neighborhood, and to go and relieve this place. The Confederates meet with great difficulties, as to the matter of their Winter Quarters, for the Countreys of *Franconia* and *Suabia*, have absolutely declared, that they will not grant them to any foreign Troops, by which they mean, those of *Brandenburg* and *Lunenburg*, who were design'd to Winter there.

*Hailbron, Jan. 29.* The 25 instant the Elector of *Brandenburg* arriv'd with his Army in our neighborhood; The 27 he parted with some Regiments of Horse towards *Sweinsfurt*, in order to his return home, leaving the rest of his Forces to take their Winter Quarters in *Franconia* and *Suabia*, which, it seems, the Nobility of those Countreys oppose. The Garrison of *Philipsburg* continue to make daily incursions, to the great destruction of the Palatinate.

*Hamburg, Jan. 29.* Though the Swedish Troops are enter'd into the Territories of the Elector of *Brandenburg*, and that they now begin to live in a more unfriendly manner than they did at first, yet we cannot say that a War is as yet actually begun between that Crown and his Electoral Highness, and some there be, that after all, seem to think an Expedient may be found out to prevent it, of which the generality of people see but small appearance; and on the other hand, expect with some impatience to understand, how the King of *Denmark* will comport himself in this Conjunction. The Dutch assure us, that the King of *Denmark*, by virtue of the late Treaty concluded between the Emperor, &c. and his Majesty, is oblig'd to break with the Swedes, in case of a War between them and the Elector of *Brandenburg*; while on the other, the Danish Ministers speak only of continuing in Amity and good Correspondence with that Crown. The Inhabitants of *Staadts*, in the *Stift Bremen*, have Orders to lay up a provision of Corn, as may serve their respective Families for a year.

*Copenhagen, Jan. 29.* The 11 instant arriv'd here the Count *Brabe*, Ambassador from the Crown of *Sweden*, and the 18 had Audience of his Majesty, and since several Conferences with the Commissioners appointed to Treat with him; his Excellencies Proposals consist'd in four points; The First, relating to a Marriage between the King of *Sweden*, and the Princess of *Denmark*; The Second, about the confirming the present Peace between the two Crowns; The Third, concerning the affair of *Oldenburg*; And the Last, about his Majesties remaining Neutral, in case a War should happen between the King of *Sweden* and the Elector of *Brandenburg*; what answer our Commissioners have returned to these several Articles, we do not yet know, but in general we are told, that they assur'd his Excellency, that the King their Master desired nothing more; then to continue the Friendship and good Correspondence between the two Crowns. All the Dutch Ships that are in the Ports of this Kingdom bound for *Sweden*, have, at the instance of the Dutch Minister here, been stop'd by his Majesties Order, till it be seen how things will fall out.

*Liege, Feb. 1.* The French sent out by the Governor of *Maastricht*, have demolished *Vifet*, having blown up the Gates, and made a breach in the Wall, that 300 Men may enter it a breast, they carried away with them all the Corn they found there, and order'd the Owners to come and receive their Money for it

at *Maastricht*; upon which, the States of this Diocess have made complaint to Monsieur de *Cartieres*, the French Resident here, though it is thought they will not obtain any satisfactory answer: Thus between the Imperialists, and French; this Country is reduced to the greatest misery imaginable.

*Hague, Feb. 5.* The States of *Gelderland* having finally resolv'd to offer his Highness the Prince of *Orange* the Sovereignty of that Province, with the Title of Duke, they accordingly by a Deputation of 4 of their Body, acquainted his Highness the 30 past, being at his House at *Zuytlestein*, with their resolution, praying his acceptance of it; Hereupon his Highness has written to the other Provinces to have their advice in it; and the States of *Holland* will meet on Thursday next, purposely to consult upon this affair. Monday next completing 100 years since the first establishment of the University at *Leiden*; that day will be celebrated there, with great solemnity, the University having sent to pray his Highness, will please to grace their Festival with his Presence, which as well as some other affairs, may put off his Highness journey in *Gelderland* for several days longer. We are told, that the Elector of *Brandenburg* has by his Minister here, assur'd the States of his resolution, to make good on his part the Treaty he has with them and their Allies, provided they comply with the obligation that lies upon them, in the punctual payment of the Subsidies, and the giving the Crown of *Sweden* a diversion towards *Bremen*. Upon the first news of the Swedes being enter'd into the Territory of the Elector of *Brandenburg*, Orders were prepar'd here for the march of several Troops, which have layn ready for these 10 days, but are not yet given out; It is said that the Swedish Ministers have declar'd, that if the Elector of *Brandenburg* does but withdraw his Person and Court from the Confederates in *Germany*, the King of *Sweden* will cause his Forces to return immediately into *Pomerania*, though it is generally thought, that things are gone so far, that it is now hardly to be avoided, but a War must follow between that Crown and his Electoral Highness, in which that these States may not engage themselves, the Ambassador of *Sweden* hath two days since given in a Memorial, containing many Arguments to dissuade them from it; as likewise a Letter from his Majesty to them on the same Subject. Some difference having lately happen'd between Prince *Henry of Nassau*, Stadtholder of *Friesland*, and Monsieur *Rabenhaup*, and very sharp words on occasion thereof passing between them, Monsieur *Rabenhaup* sent the Prince a Challenge, to meet him on Horseback, with Pistol and Horse in hand, of which the Prince hath sent to complain to the Prince of *Orange*.

*Paris, Feb. 5.* The Troops that compos'd the Army Commanded by Monsieur de *Turenne*, are all gone into their Winter Quarters in *Lorraine*, except 5 or 6000 Men which are left in *Alsacia*, under the Command of the Marquis de *Vaubrun*, who at present besieges *Dachstein*; the only place possess'd by the Confederates in that Country; In the mean time all the discourse here is, concerning the preparations against Spring, which it is said, are very forward, and that the Campaign will be begun very early on our side; the Prince of *Conde*, who is now perfectly recover'd of his late illness, has already given Orders for the preparing his Equipage. From *Mousson* they write, that Monsieur de *Louvigny*, who had drawn a Body of 5000 Men together, out of the Spanish Garrisons, not having been able to effect his designe, had dispers'd them again into their several Quarters.