

the next day he gave publick Audiencies, as he continues to do; his Excellency has, as we are told, resolved to raise forthwith five Regiments of Walloons, the Colonels are not yet named, but will be in few days. To-morrow the Marquis of *Burgemene* parts hence by his Excellencies order for *Vienna*, whither he goes to see in what readines the new Levies are that are making in the Hereditary Countreys, for the service of these Provinces, and to hasten them all he can; as also to adjust some matters with the Ministers of that Court, concerning the next Campagne. On Thursday last Don *Francisco Marcos de Velasco*, Lieutenant General of the Cavalry, went hence for *Ostend*, where he embarks for *England*, being sent by his Excellency, to make his Compliment to his Majesty, upon his Excellencies coming to the Government of these Countreys, The French make great preparations on all their Frontiers, and from *Paris* they write, that the King resolves to Command his Army in Person this Campagne, and that his Household is ordered to be ready to march against the 10 of the next month.

*Ditto*, Feb. 22. This day the States of the Province of *Hennaut* were with his Excellency, to represent to him the miserable condition of that Countrey, totally wasted and destroyed by the last years Campagne; and yet farther impoverished by the Taxes they pay the State, and the Contributions the French exact from them, which hath reduced the Inhabitants to that condition, that they are not longer able to pay the one or the other. His Excellency, as we told you, is about raising of five new Regiments, which are to consist each in 20 Companies, and each Company in 50 Men, but as yet, none of the Colonels are appointed, except the Marquis of *Deynse*, who has made an agreement with his Excellency, to raise one Regiment, and will very suddenly begin his Levies. We are told from the French Conquests, that Monsieur de *Cregui* has been some days at *Charleroy*, having a Body of 8 or 9000 Men together about *Philipville*, with which it is thought, he intends to fall upon the Imperialists in their Quarters, in the Countrey of *Liege*; and that at *Charleroy*, a great Convoy is preparing for *Mastricht* and *Niascyck*. Don *Emanuel de Lyra* is returned to the *Hague*, and Don *Pedro de Ronquillos*, being pretty well recovered of his indisposition, is preparing to begin his journey for *England*, where he goes to reside on the part of the Crown of *Spain*.

*Ditto*, Feb. 26. This morning by an Extraordinary Courier, his Excellency received advice from *Spain*, of her Majesties having bestowed the Command of General of the Horse in these Countreys, upon the Duke of *Montalto*, and of her Majesties having at the same time, made the Prince of *Vaudemont*, General of the Foreign Cavalry here.

*Hague*, Feb. 26 His Highness the Prince of *Orange* having seized the Magistracy, and other Matters of *Gelderland*, parted from *Aornheim* the 22 instant for *Swoll*, taking his way by *Dieren*; It is generally believed his Highness will not go into *Friesland*, but that from *Swoll* he will return hither, however, it is uncertain. The States General have lately received a Letter from the Elector of *Brandenburg*, in which it is said, his Elector's Highness assures them of his firmness in the Alliance he has with them, and prays them to make good on their part, the obligations of it, which though the States profess themselves most ready to do, and that in favor of the Elector, they have already resolved to make War against the Crown of *Sweden*, yet we do not see as yet any preparations made here for the carrying on of that War; neither is there at present so much discourse as formerly, of having a Fleet this Summer in the *Baltick*, which makes many

Men think, that Matters are not yet so far gone between the King of *Sweden* and the Elector of *Brandenburg*, but that they may admit of an accommodation; of which, time must inform us. We have advice of the arrival of Count *Waldack*, the 10 instant at *Vienna*, and that the next day he was appointed to have an Audience of the Emperor; It is said, he has Orders to propose to the Emperor; that the Imperial Army may joyn this next Campagne with the Troops of the several Circles, and act in the Empire, while the Forces of *Brandenburg* and of *Lunenborg*, joyn with those Commanded by the Prince of *Orange*; and it is added, that on this subject, it is likely there will be a Conference between the Elector of *Brandenburg*, and the Prince of *Orange* at *Cleves*. We do not hear that the States have as yet given an answer to the Memorial of the *English* Ambassador, by which his Excellency pressed in the name of the King his Master, that *Nimgen* might be the place of Congress.

*Paris*, Feb. 26. We have at present but little to write from hence, except to tell you of the great preparations that are making against the approaching Campagne, and that they are so forward, that it is generally said, our Armies will take the Field the beginning of *April*. Monsieur de *Cregui* assembles several Troops between the *Sambre* and the *Meuse*, in order to force the Imperialists out of their Quarters in *Liege*. We have Letters from *Masseles* which speak of a Barque arrived there just at the coming away of the said Letters from *Messina*, the Patron of which reported, that *Talleyrn* and *Trapani* had followed the example of the *Messinians* and had revolted, to which we cannot give any entire credit, till we hear farther.

*Ky*, Feb. 17. Yesterday lay at Ankor off of *Dungeness*, five French Men of War, one of which being mounted with 45 Guns (by what accident we as yet know not took Fire, and the Men to save themselves, run her ashore, where she was burnt.

#### Advertisements

If any Person offer to sale or pawn a Silver Inkhorn, made hanging ways, and upon the Pen Case, the Earl of *Essex's* Arms and a pair of Snuffers, on the backside of which are my Lords Arms, likewise, and on the Branch of them is written (Earl of *Essex*) You are desired to give notice to Mr. *Skymshire*, Goldsmith at the Golden *Lyon* in *Fleetsfree*, and you shall have the full value of the things, and 40s. as a Reward.

Off on Thursday the 11 of this instant *February*, between *Furnivals* Inn and the Temple, a Riders Almanack, bound in Red Leather, clasped with one Clasp on the side, wherein was writ several Notes of Instructions and Accounts, with a Bone, and several other V<sup>al</sup>ues therein. Whosoever has taken up, or can give intelligence of it, they are desired to give notice to Mr. *John Place*, Stationer, at *Furnivals* Inns Gate, and they shall have forty shillings for their pains.

If any Person have found a parchment Deed of Assignment, which was lost on Friday the 19 of this instant *February*, between *Tempelbarr* and *Chappel* street in *Westminster*, or at the Kings *Chappel* in *Whitehall*, let the same be brought to Mr. *John Esst*, a Jeweller, at his House without *Temple-bar*; and he shall have 40<sup>s</sup>. for his pains.

Off from behind a Stage Coach, on Friday the 19 of this instant *February*, about 6 at night, between *Tottenham High-Gate* and *King-street*, a Box of Table and Childbed Linens. Any Person that gives notice thereof to *Bernard Tarnor* at the Golden *Fleec* in *Lumbardstreet*, *London*, shall have 5<sup>l</sup>. for their pains.

Here are three persons in custody in the County *Stafford*, committed thither upon suspicion of stealing two Mares, and one Gelding, and a Watch, with a double Silver Case, the inner Case Engraven, and inscribed *Augustin Huber Rouen*; the Gelding hath four white Feet, they are all Trotters, being all three of a Bay Colour, middle sized, and of a low value. The persons in custody were committed by the names of *William Smith*, *Michael Cook*, and *John Wick*; *Wick* is known about *Gloucester*, by the name of *Apley*, and his pretended Wife now is in *Gloucester* Goal, by the name of *Susanna Apley*; in *London* he is known and wrote by the name of *John Smith*, was formerly in *Oxford* Goal, by the name of *John Wick* (as he is here now) And at *Summer* *Aizes* 1674. at *Warwick* there was one *John Law*, or *Lamb* condemned to be hanged, who (before his execution) said this *John Wick*, and one *John Colley*, stole three Mares from a Gentleman, near *Buckingham*, and that this *John Wick* was one of those that stole 4 or 500-pounds out of an Inn, about two years since, which some Countrey Graziers then lost at a Fair.