

possession of his Command of General of the Horse of these Countreys, having received the Compliments of all the Persons of Quality about Town upon that subject. Here hath been of late much discourse of Peace, though on what ground we cannot learn; unless it be because of the small preparation that is made here for war, notwithstanding the time for the opening the Campagne comes on so fast; the French, as we are informed from all their Frontiers, are not in the least wanting on their part, and we have reason to believe they will be early in the Field with powerful Armies, of which it may probably be feared these Provinces will to their cost be particularly sensible, unless our Allies come in time to our assistance; there is some speech as if the Brandenburg and Lunenburg Armies being joyned with that of the Prince of Orange, would act in these parts, it being hoped a better correspondence may be kept between them, then was between the Principal Commanders the last Campagne. The Letters which ought to have come in this day from Spain, are not yet arrived, but are lookt for with some impatience; his Excellency expecting some Instructions from the Court, of great importance in the present Conjunction of affairs; and Don Pedro de Ronquillos, his final Orders, to the end he may begin his journey for England, where he is to reside in quality of Envoye Extraordinary from the Crown of Spain. From the Hague they write, of the arrival of the Sieur Klinienberg Ambassador Extraordinary from the Crown of Denmark; and that his Highness the Prince of Orange was in few days expected there from Swoll.

Paris, March 1. Our Letters from Charleville of the 26th past, tell us, that the 15 of the same month, the Marechal de Crequi parted from thence, to go and visit Rocroy, Philipville, and Charleroy, and to take care that all things are there in the posture they ought to be; at present he is at Charleroy, where a great Convoy is its said preparing to be sent to Maestricht. The Marquis de Chefel is appointed by his Majesty to Command the Troops that are between the Sambre and the Meuse, under the said Marechal. Yesterday the Marquis de Rochefort, Captain of the Kings Guards du Corps, took his leave of his Majesty, having Orders to go into Lorraine, to see in what condition the Troops are, that have their Winter Quarters in those parts. The Sieur de Gendreville, Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of la Fore is made choice of by his Majesty to Command in Doullens, the Marquis de Pisseux in Verdun, the Sieur de Revillon in Charleville, the Sieur de Louvat in Metziers, and the Marquis of Nerreville in Metz. Our Letters from Strasburg of the 22nd past inform us, of the death of the Chevalier de Bouillon, who dyed two days before at Comar, of which place he was Governor; the Officers employed in the new Levies, advise from all parts of the good advance they have made in that work. On Monday last the Count of Kuningmark, who served this last Campagne in the Army, Commanded by the Prince of Conde in Flanders in quality of Marechal de Camp, parted hence to go and take employment in the Army of Sweden. We hear nothing farther of Palermo and Trapanys having revolted, of which, mention was made in our last, so that little credit is given to it.

A Proclamation, Enjoying the Prosecution of all such Persons as shall make or utter any Farthings, Halfpence, or Pence of Brass, or other base Metals, with private Stamps,

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WHEREAS His Majesty having by His Royal Proclamation of the 16th of August, in the 24th year of His Reign, forbidden the use of all private Farthings, did cause sufficient quantities of Copper Farthings and Halfpence of the Intrinsic value, to be Coynd for the general good and convenience of His Subjects: Nevertheless His Majesty hath been informed, that several Persons and Corporations remote from London, have forborn to call in their private Farthings, and do still presume to make use of, and utter the same; whereby they continue not only to violate the Laws of this Kingdom, and defraud His Majesties good Subjects, but hinder the vending of those Half-

pence and Farthings, which are provided for necessary Exchange, which would have been ere this time dispersed in those parts, if the said abuses of Stamping and uttering of Private Farthings had been duly suppressed. His Majesty therefore, to the end that all Offenders in the Premises, who are now left without excuse, may know the danger they daily incur; and desist from any further proceeding in the like kind, hath thought fit by this His Royal Proclamation, to Publish and Declare His Royal Will and Pleasure to be, That a strict and severe Enquiry shall be made of all Persons that shall after the 2 day of February next ensuing, Stamp, or cause to be Stamped, Vend, Utter, or any way make use of in payment or exchange, any Halfpence, Farthings, or pieces of Brass, Copper, or other base Metals whatsoever, other then the Halfpence and Farthings by His Majesties Royal Proclamation, Authorised and Allowed; and whosoever shall be found culpable therein, shall be severely punished. And for that purpose, His Majesty doth hereby Will and Command all His Judges, Justices of Assize, Justices of the Peace, and all other inferior Officers and Ministers of Justice whatsoever, That they take care at their several and respective Courts, Assizes, Quarter-Sessions, and other inferior Courts, that have, or may have Cognizance, or Punishment of the said offences, That after the said 2 day of February, they cause all such as shall offend in the Premises, to be proceeded against and punished as they shall deserve. Given at Our Court at Whitehal, the 5 day of December, in the Twenty sixth year of Our Reign.

Whitehal, Feb. 19. His Majesty was this day pleased to order in Council, that Copies of His Majesties late Proclamation about Farthings, be sent to the Sheriffs of the respective Counties, to be published, and that the Right Honourable the Lord Keeper do direct the Judges of Assize, to give in charge to the Grand Juries, and other Juries, in their respective Circuits this next Assizes, to present and prosecute all Offenders against the said Proclamation, that they may be punished according to Law. And it was farther ordered, that the said Proclamation, and this Order of His Majesty in Council, should be inserted in the Gazette, to the end that all Persons concerned, may take notice thereof,

Advertisements.

☞ An Answer to the Discourse of Mr. William Sherlock, touching the Knowledge of Christ, and our Union, and Communion with Him; by Edward Pibill of Barwicks in Suffex, Esq; Sold by B. Keffers, and most Bookellers in London.

Strayed or stolen the 15 of this instant February, out of Sir Nicholas Carews Park at Beddington in Surrey, a bright Bay Gelding, about ten years old, better than 14 hands high, a little Saddle back'd, with a white snip on his Nose, the tip of his Ear slit, a little white upon one of his hinder Feet, he paces very well. If any one shall bring tidings of him to Mr. Farrows, a Woollen Draper, at the Rose and Crown in Grace Church street, or to Sir Nicholas Carews, as above, he shall have 40s.

Lost on Monday night last near the Custom-house in London, a pocket Paper-book of account of certain rents and other matters, having a thin Parchment Cover, tyed with Leather strings; whosoever hath taken it up, is desired to bring or send it forthwith to Mr. Smithers Coffee-house over against the Custom-house Gate and they shall be rewarded.

One white Mare very fat, and one black Mare in the custody of William Eyre, Bayliff of the Burrough of Southwark, were secured by him, as suspected to be stolen by two Persons, who on suspicion thereof, are detained in the Goal of Southwark; they pretend their Names to be John Mags and John Robins; they had also a sorrel Nag, about 14 hands high, having all his paces, which was sold at Guilford in Surrey the 5 of December last. Stolen out of a Stable at Pinner in Middlesex, a bright Bay Gelding eight years old, above 14 hands, a pretty large Feather on the left side of his Main, he hath had the farcy between his Forelegs, hath all his paces, with his Tail dockt; To give notice at Mr. Hockers house in Wild-street near Wild-bowse and you shall be well rewarded.