

Heydelberg, March 16. Our Elector having (as we are told) by the Advice, that the French had a design to possess themselves of *Gernshelm* situate on the *Rhine*, and belonging to the Elector of *Mayence*, to prevent them, commanded two days since Major *Heency* to go with certain Troops, and seize the said place; which, after some opposition, he did, and put a Garison of 400 Men into it.

Cologne, March 19. The Elector of *Brandenburgh* has, as we understand, in his passage towards *Cleves*, been visited by the Bishop of *Munster*. The 17, his Electoral Highness arrived at *Wesel*, and the next day intended to continue his journey to *Cleves*, whither the Marquess *de Grana* is likewise gone from *Ban*. The French Troops which assembled about *Maestricht*, and very much alarmed the *Imperialists* quartered in *Liege*, being dispersed again, or at least giving the *Imperialists* no farther apprehension of any design upon them. From the Palatinate they write; that the Elector Palatine had by way of prevention seized on a small place, though of great importance, called *Gernshelm*, and situate on the *Rhine*, having had notice that the French designed to have gotten it into their hands; at which the Elector of *Mayence*, to whom it belongs, is however not very well pleased.

Brussels, March 22. The five Regiments designed to come hither from *Holland* for the Reinforcement of several of our Garisons, are actually on their march, one of them, is the Count *de Horne's* Regiment of Marine, consisting in 2000 Men. Several Colonels in the service of these Countreys, have of late quitted their Regiments, which his Excellency has resolved to reform, in order to the recruiting the other Troops. It is expected that the Prince of *Orange* will now very suddenly assign the Rendezvous of his Army somewhere in *Brabant*, to which it is said our Forces are to join, and so to act under the conduct of his Highness, for the security of these Provinces. The French, on the other side, are very forward in their preparations, which are so great, that according to the general report, they will be stronger this Campaign, than they have been during this War. People here are much concerned to hear, of the disgrace the Spanish Armada suffered from Monsieur *de Vivonne*, who forced his way through them; and entered *Messina*, to the great prejudice of the affairs of the Crown of *Spain* in those parts. Our Letters from *Madrid* bring us not any thing considerable, only say, that *Don Juan* was on the point of parting for *Italy*, and that it was hoped his presence would change the face of things in *Sicily*, which hitherto have for all a prospect towards the *Spaniards*. Her Majesty has not yet disposed of the vacant Governments of *Namur*, *Luxemburgh* and *Hainault*: At *Namur*, the Marquess of *Conflans* commands *pro interim*; Monsieur *de Louvigny* in the Province of *Luxemburgh*; and the Marquess *Ribberg* at *Mons*.

Ditto, March 24. His Excellency begins now with all possible diligence to prepare for the Campaign, has given Orders for the furnishing the dismounted Cavaliers with 100 Guilders a man, in order to the providing themselves with Horses and Arms; and has made an Agreement with the Officers of the several Regiments of Foot, to recruit them at the rate of nine Crowns and a half an head. The five Dutch Regiments are arrived from *Holland*, and we seem to want as many more for the Reinforcing our Garisons as they ought. We are greatly alarmed from all Parts with an account of the vast preparations of the French, whose first attempt, it's thought, will be upon *Namur*.

Hagut, March 23. After his Highness return from

Cleves, it is expected he will fix the day for his departure from hence towards the Army, which is designed to have its Rendezvous in *Brabant*, though neither the time or place is as yet declared. From *England* they write, that His Majesty of *Great Britain* has, as Mediator, appointed His Ambassadors for the Treaty at *Nimeguen*, and that they are the Lord *John Berkeley* of *Stratton*, formerly Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*, Sir *William Temple*, at present His Majesties Ambassador here, and Sir *Lionel Jenkins* Judge of the Admiralty in *England* and one of His Majesties Plenipotentiaries at the late Congress at *Cologne*. The Ambassadors of this State, will, it's thought, be the same that were at *Cologne*, joining with them such as shall be nominated by the Provinces of *Utrecht*, *Gelderland*, and *Overyssel*, readmitted since that Congress into the Union.

Paris, March 27. Yesterday their Majesties, and the whole Court, removed from *St. Germain* to *Versailles*, where the King intends to continue till the 15 of the next month, and then to begin his journey towards the Frontiers of *Flanders*; the several Troops are ordered to be ready to march the 29 of this month. This day the Prince of *Conde* came to *Versailles*, from his house at *Chamilly*, perfectly recovered of his indisposition. His Majesty continues his resolution of sending 4000 Foot to *Messina*, under the Command of Monsieur *Ville Dieu*; they are to be Transported on the Gallies that are fitting out at *Marsailles*, who will now be very suddenly ready to Sail. We are told of Orders that have been sent to *Thoulon* for the fitting out forthwith 15 Men of War, to be sent into the Mediterranean, to join with the Fleet his Majesty already has in that Sea. The Plenipotentiaries, we told you in our last the King had nominated for the Treaty at *Nimeguen*, prepare themselves for that employment, though we are assured, that they will not begin their journey, till the Emperor has given satisfaction in the business of the Prince of *Furstenberg*, and the Monies seized at *Cologne*.

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March 21. A Servant-Maid, about 22 years of age, in a Sad-coloured Wastecoa, a black Petticoat, black Complexion, Run away from Mr. *Urban* Poulterer next door to the Sign of *Robinhood* in the *Strand*, hath carried away a dressing Box with a Necklace of Pearls, a Silver Tankard, a Silver Porringer, a Silver Cup, and Twenty pounds in money; Besides a good quantity of fine Linnen. They that can give information of her, as above, shall have five pounds for a Reward.

Lost March 6. from *Robert Kidwell* of *Waybridge* in *Surrey*, (one of His Majesties Yeoman of the Guard) a black brown gelt Colt, with a white streak from his Eyes to his Nose, with R K burned upon his near Hip, about 14 hands high, and two years old. If any person give notice of him to Mr. *Parsons* at the *Golden Anchor* in *St. Martin's Lane* he shall have 20 s. reward.

A Chestnut-coloured drawing Mare, five years old, about 14 hands high, having upon her near foot behind a blemish like a Ring-bone, stolen the 26 instant, by a middle statured man of waddy complexion, about 25 years old, yellow hair, and clothed in a grey cloth Coat. Whoever can give notice of her to *Thomas Fleming* Cow-keeper near the *Hermitage* in *Wapping*, *London*, shall have 20 s.