

much dissatisfied at the entertainment he findes from the States General; and they on their side, seem as little satisfied with his and Monsieur Pradels conduct. The Deputies which governed the last Campagne, giving in several accusations against him, which, he hath declared, he will answer in Writing; so that upon this mutual disgust, we are to seek where to have a Head, should we finde it fit to take the field again this Winter; which is now in deliberation, and is very much pressed, as well by the French Kings Letter of the 25 of December, to Monsieur de Estrades, as by the Envoy of the Duke of Lunenburgh Cell. In the mean time, the Bishop drives us and our Succors; and whilst we are withdrawn into Garrison, he spoils and ravages the whole Countrey, having by the help of the Ice, among many other spoils, taken and plundred Friseveon, a place in which were great numbers of Cattle, and much Goods and Household-stuff lodged for security, by the Countrey people of all ranks, and defended by 400 men, who were all taken prisoners at discretion. Great industry is used in the preparations for next Spring, and in the mean time to get out a Winter Fleet to countenance Trade and preserve our Reputation. The number will be about fifteen or seventeen, whereof five or seven are from Holland, and the rest from Zealand, who have the name to keep up a Fleet in Winter as well as in Summer, though indeed the true reason of it be, that they have not money to pay them-off. Rotterdam, North-Holland, and Friseland, have not been able to contribute one ship to this equipage: And indeed, they give us but little hopes of being in a condition to do much better in the Spring. This Squadron hath already Rendezvouzed in Zealand, but how they shall be farther disposed of, is not said. The States of West-Friseland have made a fresh complaint of the ill Government and spoils committed by the Lunenburgh forces in Frise: The reason may be, the new differences that are risen betwixt Count Waldeck and his Masters, who hire him to their service; and those who pretend to know the intrigue, say, That unless they make up a Treaty with the Elector of Brandenburg (which is now as good as quite broke off) there is no good to be expected from the Lunenburgh forces. It is fresh now again, that Monsieur de Estrades is to be re-called home, and Monsieur Courbin to come in his place; and that old Boreel shall come from France, and Van Benningen, the now Favorite, succeed in that employ.

Brussels, Jan. 8. By Letters from the Prince of Munsters Camp of the third, we have the particulars of a late advantage obtained by those of Munster against a party of the French Succors; who, it seems, designing an Ambuscade of 7 or 800 of their best Horse, lodged in a valley, in wait for those of Deutecum, where Colonel Post is Commander, and sent out 20 of the forwardest young Volunteers, being all persons of

out into the Kings Officers: Those of the Code, which are considerable in this Kingdom, both for number and interest, are much aggrieved at the price set upon Offices; and in this point the King findes others obstinate as well as those of Paris. The Parliament of Rhemes hath refused to assent to it, and expect what will be the issue at Paris with those that gave the example, where the Assemblies continue still, and sent the Premier President two days ago to the Louvre to know His Majesties intention; who, it seems, answered, They might if they would continue to meet, but that they should not dare to deliberate.

The Taxes are now Levied by Soldiers, and yet that does not awe the people into a payment. No less then Ten Companies des Gardes sent to Orleans, to raise the money there, where we cannot tell yet how they sped; but we hear the Citizens shut their doors against them; and now you need not wonder at Orders to raise 200 Cornets: They will hardly be enough to fetch in Contribution.

Legorn, Dec. 26. The Great Duke, notwithstanding the Proclamation prohibiting Commerce with England, hath since shown this favor, That all Fish from England shall immediately be sent ashore; but the Ships and Mariners must make Quarentine.

Bristol, Jan. 5. Here arrived this week ten Vessels from Ireland, Rochel, Bourdeaux, and Pharo, laden with Wines, Fruit, and Oyls, and commodities natural to those places. A Sotte came also from Malaga, a Vessel rarely seen in these parts; she is about fifty Tuns, and her Masts like a pair of Taylors Sleeves opened; she had much ado to endure the Seas, and had not some English men been aboard her, she had been lost. The Master reports, that the Dutch upon a rumor, that Sir Jeremiah Smith was coming, drew up their ships close to the shore, and are looking about for places of security.

Hull, Jan. 5. There have been of late three or four Dutch Men of War seen about Flambrough Head, and Bridlington Bay, from 30 to 40 Guns apeece; they forced one great Collier ashore, and not being able to fetch him off, fired the Vessel: One or two they took that came from the Southward, and were seen in chase of two others, but it is hoped they may have escaped.

Dover, Jan. 7. Sir Thomas Tiddiman is at present here, intending the next week to his command. Yesterday a Privateer brought in a small Vessel laden with Salt, pretending to be bound for Flanders.

Oxon, Jan. 9. His Majesty hath issued forth a Proclamation for recalling all private Commissions or Letters of Marque whatsoever granted to any Vessel of England or Ireland, to be delivered up and vacated, before February 14 next coming.

The Account of the Weekly Bill at London runs thus
Total 265. Plague 89, Increas'd 12.

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