

MARYLAND GAZETTE.

Containing the freshest Advices Foreign and Domestic,

FRIDAY, May 3, 1745.

RHHEIM (a City of the Low Countries), January 4, O. S.

HIS Day a great Clap of Thunder was heard here; and soon after, there appeared a Sort of Phenomenon in the Sky, towards the South-East, which descended in the Shape of a Pillar of Fire, throwing out Rays of Light, which as they came nearer to the Earth, broke, and disperied like Fire-works. And,

We learn from Bockholt, that the same Thunder was heard here; and that the Lightning had fallen upon their Church, and set it on Fire, the Flames of which were visible a great many Leagues off.

Hague, January 8, N. S. Marshal Maillebois is said to have committed Hostilities against the Elector of Cologne, by seizing and carrying away a Bridge belonging to his Electoral Highness, near Neubred.

January 9, O. S. We hear, that his Most Christian Majesty being desirous to notify the Marriage of the Dauphin with the Infanta of Spain to the King of Great-Britain, has desired the Ambassador of the Republic in France, to charge himself with a Letter of Notification to his Britannic Majesty.

Paris, Jan. 7, O. S. M. Buffy, who was charged with the Affairs of this Court at that of London, is set out on his Return thither, to solicit the King of Great-Britain to release the Marshal Belleisle and his Brother.

Magdeburg upon the Lower Elbe, Jan. 3, O. S. The Alarms in the Country of Brandenburg, instead of ceasing still increase, to the Terror of the Inhabitants, from the continual Courses of the Austrian Hussars, who incessantly harrahs them, and oblige them to transport their most valuable Effects to the strongest Places in this State to secure them; in spite of whatever Pains the Prince of Dessau takes to prevent them.

The Care the same Prince takes to stop the Desertion of the Prussians, is to very little Purpose: Such a fresh Panic has got amongst the Troops, that whatever Means are used, it is impossible to stop their Course. He has nevertheless given his Prussian Majesty to understand, that he has Hopes of securing Silesia, and to hinder the Austrians from penetrating any further; but he may possibly find himself mistaken.

Paris, January 14, O. S. According to the Cartel made at Francfort, the Ransom of a Field-Marshal is 20000 German Florins; and proportionable for a Lieutenant-General: Which Sums are deposited in Marshal Belleisle and his Brother.

Friburg, Jan 11, O. S. Since we have begun to demolish the Works of this Place, 170 Soldiers, Miners, and Peasants, have been blown up, burnt, and buried in the Ruins. The

whole Street of the Jesuits has been destroyed, by the accidental Blowing up of a Magazine of Gunpowder, and 6 or 7 Soldiers kill'd.

Munich, Jan. 14, O. S. Upon opening the Body of the late Emperour, so general a Decay was discovered, that it is astonishing his Imperial Majesty should have liv'd so long. A Stone was found in one of the Cavities of the Heart; a large fleshy Excrecence near the Heart; his Lungs almost entirely consumed; the Liver absolutely destroyed; and the Kidneys suppurated. He was buried the 14th, N. S.

Extrait of a Letter from Paris, Decem. 25. "Nothing but Changes here! The exiled Dukes (Chatillon excepted) are recalled, and the Duchy of Chateauroux is given to the Prince of Conti, who is shortly to espouse a certain Princess, and by that Means many Differences are to be accommodated.—M. de Rochambault, who commanded the Brest Squadron, is broke, for suffering the British Fleet to disengage their grand Convoy without fighting; for neglecting the Advice of his Officers; and for shewing himself a bad Subject, by not making Rejoicings at the King's Recovery: To which the Wits of this Place have added another odd Charge; viz. for suffering himself to be wet to the Skin by a great Shower of English Guineas, and not saying a Word to his Officers, that they might have been refreshed as well as himself.—As we had such ill Luck by Water the last Year, our Hero the Count de Saxe is to try his Fortune upon the Ice this Year, and to undertake the Siege of Oden as soon as the Weather will permit."

Ratisbon, Jan. 14, N. S. The Austrians gain Ground daily in Bavaria, as well as in the Upper Palatinate; having surprized Wasserburg, and taken several other garrison'd Places.

Vienna, Jan. 9, O. S. Two Expresses have lately arrived from Berlin with Dispatches, which this Court sent to London without so much as opening them. It is generally believed that they contain some Proposals of Peace on the Part of his Prussian Majesty.

Hague, Jan. 26. Several Deputies of Princes and States of the Empire already say without Reserve, at Munich, that the Business at present is to arm, and drive the French out of this Empire; and that the German Powers ought to begin by so doing, in order to proceed freely in electing an Emperour.

Schmidmuhlen (in the Upper Palatinate), Dec. 29, O. S. Amberg was invested Yesterday. The Imperialists attempted to throw a Reinforcement into the Place, which arrived on the 27th Instant, about 6 in the Evening, at Oxenzoll, with an Intent to continue their March towards Amberg. Two Hours before, Major-General Baron Schilley arrived at the said Place with two Squadrons of the Regiment Baillars: The rest of