

his first Examination. He is accused of having delivered the Keys of Prague to the Magistrates of that City, 3 Days before evacuating thereof; of having a venal Soul; and receiving Money for doing Things contrary to his Majesty's Service. The Generals who followed the King to Potsdam, and assisted at the Feast of the Anniversary of his Birth Day, are all of the Council, which are to sit in Judgment upon the Baron; from which Circumstances his Case is look'd upon as desperate.

LONDON, Decemb. 22.

They write from Warsaw, that four Men have been lately burnt at Kehl, for robbing a Church, and trading the Host under their Feet; and that three more have been hang'd at St. Walburg, for having robb'd and murder'd a Traveller near that Place.

On Thursday there was an Account, that the Prince William, Duke of London, is taken by a French Privateer in the Levant.

The *Mirra*, General, from Antigua, sail from Guernsey, and drove ashore on the Coast of France, and lost.

Dec. 25. They write from Paris, that a Courier was arriv'd from his Prussian Majesty, with the News that he had entirely quitted Bohemia, and was retir'd into Silesia, where he was on the Point of being attacked by the Austrians.

Jan. 1. The *Real Friendship*, Thurlow, from Lynn for Rotterdam, was taken by a French Privateer near Looitsee. They put 7 Hands on board; who, at the Request of the Frenchmen to put the Ship into some safe Place, carried her into Ostend.

Jan. 2. Yesterday Sir John Bernard, Knt. and Alderman, President of Christ's Hospital, presented to his Majesty, a proposal for annual Customs, 40 Boys, educated in the said Hospital, in Navigation, Mathematics, &c. for his Majesty's Approbation. They are likewise to be presented to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the Lords of the Admiralty and the Lords of the Treasury.

Jan. 3. They write from Coblenz, that the Desertion is so great from the Army of M. Maillebois, that the Country is no less oppress'd by the Robberies they commit, than by the Contributions levied by the Army itself: so that the Distress they are in is absolutely inexpreible: This, on the other Hand, occasions the Prussians to take Arms, who kill without Mercy all the French Troops who fall into their Hands.

Jan. 9. The Prince of Waldeck is appointed to command in chief the Army which is assembled on the Frontiers of Westphalia, and is to consist of 50000 Men.

Jan. 10. At Warsaw, his Polish Majesty has published an Ordinance, threatening with Death, according to Law, all Persons, of what Rank soever, who shall serve the Interests of any foreign Power, in disturbing the ensuing Diet.

Private Letters by the Flanders Mail assure us, that the French are fortifying Ypres and Furnes; and are at the same Time making all the necessary Preparations for some Siege of great Importance.

M. d'Amelot, who was lately disgraced at the French Court, is recalled, and 'tis thought will come into Play again. On the other hand, M. de Noailles, has dispos'd of his Equipage, and is no more to act the Hero.

The March of the Hanoverian and Dutch Troops into Germany, has been so well concerted, that the French have actually begun to withdraw back towards the River Main; and M. Maillebois has demanded a Reinforcement.

Jan. 11. The Crowns and Jewels of the Dauphiness cost a Million of Pieces of Eight; and 'tis said the Queen her Mother, at parting, made her a Present of a strong Box, in which were 10000 double Doubloons.

The French King has given Orders, that every Goldsmith in Paris shall send a List of the Necklaces, Pendants, and other

Curiosities in his Hands, with the lowest Price; and not to expose them, till he knows the King's further Pleasure.

According to a List delivered to the Queen of Hungary, Comissary, the Families of the Jews, in the Kingdom of Silesia, amount to 40000; the greatest Part of which, it is said, will retire into the Dominions of the States General.

Jan. 12. The Austrian and Prussian Generals having agreed to an Exchange of Prisoners, the best Part of the Austrian Garrison of Prague has been set at Liberty; and when the same are exchanged, there will remain above 6000 Prussians in that Place.

Jan. 13. According to private Letters from Flanders, an Excellency Field-Marshal Count Nieuwerg, Governor of Luxemburg, died there lately, in a manner suddenly.

They write from Paris, that the King intends to open the next Campaign earlier than he did the last Year; and some private Letters insinuate, that this will be done by laying Siege to Luxemburg.

Jan. 14. They write from Glogau, in Silesia, that on the 20th of December, N. S. they had the most dreadful Storm ever known in the Memory of Man; the Wind was prodigious high; and was accompanied with the most astonishing lightning and Thunder: It continued three Hours, and blew the whole Time, but what is thought most surprizing is, that it was not attended with any fatal Accident.

His Portugueze Majesty has caused an Altar in Mosaic Work to be erected in the Portugueze Chapel at Rome, representing the Baptism of our Saviour in the River Jordan, which cost a Million of Crowns; in satisfaction of a Vow he made, when he was not attacked with an Apoplexy.

Jan. 21. According to Letters from Vienna, the Electors of Bamberg and Wurtzburg is speedily expected there, to present his Hand to a Confederacy, for preserving the Rights of the Princes and States of the German Empire, and excluding all foreign Troops out of Germany.

The Abbe de la Ville having insinuated to the States General that France was very averse to the Continuance of the War, and only wish'd to see some Negotiations set on foot for Peace, He was answer'd, 'That the taking free Quarters in the Empire, and blowing up their High Mightinesses Frontiers, did not favour much, either of a pacific or equitable Disposition.'

Yesterday being the birth Day of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who then entered into the 30th Year of his Age, there was a grand Appearance of Nobility and Gentry at Leicester House, to pay their Compliments to his Royal Highness on that Occasion.

Jan. 22. General Honeywood has Orders to set out for Flanders, with all possible Dispatch.

Last Friday several Ships were taken up for his Majesty's Service, on Freight, for the carrying of Stores, Provisions, &c. to Gibraltar, Port-Mahon, Jamaica, and Antigua.

Jan. 29. His Electoral Highness of Mentz, having now the Administration of the Empire, and consequently the Right of fixing the Day for a new Election; much depends upon clearing his Dominions of French Troops, that he may be able to act at Liberty in this Crisis.

His Polish Majesty has directed his Minister at Petersburg, to present a Memorial to the Czarina, shewing, that the forcible Passage of the Corps of Prussians through Lusace, under the Generals Eifendel and Nassau, is a direct Hostility; and demanding the Succours stipulated by Treaty.

It is a vulgar Error, that a Roman Catholic Prince only is capable of being elected Emperor; the Golden Bull, made long before the Reformation, saying no more, than that he shall be a Christian, and not under 18 Years of Age.

The Forces to be employed in Flanders are, to be 10000 more, than were employed there last Year.