

... the Prussian Minister to the States General, made by Order of the King his Master the following Declaration to their High Mightinesses; viz. That his Prussian Majesty was as much inclined to Peace as it was possible; That he was even ready to give up some Part of his just Pretensions, in order to obtain it, so much he had the Repose of the Empire at Heart; but that he would have their High Mightinesses to know at the same Time, that whatever might be the Consequence of the War, he would continue it with all his Forces, rather than ever consent to make a separate Peace, exclusive of Franks, because he was desirous that all Europe should feel the good Effects of it, which could not be without comprehending his Allies therein, who would still keep in the Fire of the War, and their Neighbours in Fears and Agitation.

We have Advice, by private Letters from Hanover, that it does not appear there that the Negotiation concerning the Hessian Troops, is yet concluded, as has been inferred in several of the foreign News papers. These Letters say, on the contrary, that Prince William of Hesse has excused himself from making any absolute Agreement upon this subject, before having fertled with his Swedish Majesty what is proper to be done in respect to this Negotiation. 'Tis said, that the greatest Difficulties which stand in the way of Accomplishing this Affair, relate to the Subsidy, and the Employment that shall be made of the Hessian Troops.

*Extract of a private Letter from Frankfort dated August 8.*

We are of late troubled here with a new Species of Politicians, who, since they find that there are no Presses which will expedite their Labours, are oblig'd to circulate their Works in Manuscript. Amongst these, there is a certain Baron, who dates his Anecdotes from Cologne, though it is well enough known that he writes them here. He is a very ingenious Man, has made the Tour of Germany, and appears to be well furnished with Intelligence. He professes himself a true Patriot, but many suspect him notwithstanding, of being in the Interest, at least, if not in the Eye of Prussia. You will by this Time conceive clearly the Character, and perhaps guess somewhat as to the Person of the Man. As you have velted me to procure for you every thing that is curious in this Part of Germany, I shall, for the future, send his Letter, regularly. You may, if you please, make this part of my Letter public, that neither you nor I may be made answerable for the Contents of his Epistles; which I dare promise will always entertain, and sometimes instruct.

*Hague, Sept. 16, N. S.* An Estafette arriveth here this Morning from Francfort, with an Account of the Great Duke's Nomination, on Monday last, to the Imperial Dignity, by all the Electoral Suffrages present; the Ambassadors of Brandenburg and Palatine having voluntarily withdrawn the Evening before, not to assist at the Assembly of Election.

*Sept. 17, N. S.* The News of the Great Duke's Elevation to the Imperial Dignity, that arriveth here Yesterday, has spread an universal Joy over all Ranks and Stations here, almost beyond Example; even the lowest Mob giving public Demonstrations of their Satisfaction, by making Bonfires of what matter they could draw together, not sparing their very Furniture. The French Post of this Day has brought the News, that the Citadel of Tortona surrendered the 30. Instant; the Garrison not to serve against France or Spain for one Year.

*Paris, August 16, O. S.* It is reported that the Brest Squadron put to Sea a few Days ago. Our Letters from Madrid inform us, that the Squadron equipped at Ferrol must be at Sea before now. These two Squadrons are to steer Westward, and run in a certain Latitude. We see here a long Relation concerning the Arrival of the Pretender's Son in Scotland, who a

list of above 600 of his Adherents, and a Declaration addressed to the Nobility and Gentry of Scotland.

Letters from Rochfort inform us, that the English have brought to that Place 1500 Men that were at Cape Breton, and that the rest of our People in that Colony are expected in a short Time. A Report is spread that the Enemy were lying before Quebeck, which cannot hold out long; so that we are in a fair Way of losing all Canada. The Pretender's eldest Son is, we hear, landed in Scotland, where he only waits for the Succours that are to be sent him by Sea, in order to enter upon Action.

*LONDON, September 5.*

By private Letters from the Hague of the 10th Instant, N. S. we have Advice, that the States received the News that Morning, that Niueport surrendered to the French the 5th Instant, and that the Garrison were made Prisoners of War.

By the last Letters from Manheim it appears, that the new Scheme for subverting the Power of Germany is thus laid: The Prince of Anhalt Dessau is to advance with all Diligence to Francfort, with 30,000 Prussians; the Prince of Conti is to repass the Rhine with 60,000 French, and offer Battle to the Grand Duke; while the new Marshal de la Barre with 30,000 French and Palatine Troops, enters the Electorate of Mentz, and either besieges or bombards it's Capital. It is added, that these three Armies were all actually in motion.

All the last Letters from Paris are full of the Consternation with which all Ranks of People are struck, at the News of the Captures made by the English in the East Indies; which they confess amount to upwards of fifty Millions of their Money, or two Millions and upwards of ours; which has made such an Impression on their Actions, that they are already sunk to 1000, and are daily falling.

*Extract of a Letter from Edinburgh, dated August 31.*

We are certain of the Pretender's Son being near Fort William with 2000 Men, well arm'd. We have this Day an Account, that the Marquis of Tullibardine has, with a strong Party of 500 Men, taken possession of his Brother's House (the Duke of Athol) at Blair. The Duke of Athol was obliged to go to Edinburgh with his Family. The Pretender's Son has sent a Messagg to the Provost of Perth, to desire that he may be proclaimed King of the Land. The People of Athol, who are very numerous, it is said, will join the Marquis of Tullibardine. The Chevalier's Son was to dine at Blair of Athol this Day with the said Marquis. We have a Report here, that General Blakeney is taken by the Rebels.

The above was taken out of a Gentleman's Letter, who received it Yesterday from his Correspondent at Edinburgh; however we are informed that there are Letters from General Blakeney, of 31st of August, by the same Post, importing that he was on the Road to the Army; so that as that Part of the Letter proves false, we must suspend our Beliefs of the whole, until we have better Authority, in being probable they have as many Reports in Edinburgh as we have here; and it is natural for a Gentleman to communicate the same to his Correspondents.

'Tis reported that his Majesty's Ship the Fox has taken a French Ship on the Coast of Scotland, with 75 Officers on board, with Arms and Accoutrements for 3000 Men, and had sent her into Liech, which News we hope will be confirm'd by the next Post.

There is Advice, that 1500 of the Dutch Troops from Willemstadt, being the first Embarkation, are arriv'd at Leith. It is also reported that the Rebels will be put between two Fires.

We hear an Order is sent from His Majesty and the Privy Council, for the well affected Gens in the Scotch Highlands, to arm themselves and their Dependants for his Majesty's Service, which they could not do without this Order, it being declared a reason by a late Act of Parliament.