

longing to the Circle of *Westphalia*, are to joyn with those of *Brandenburg*, the Marquis whereof is to Command it, assisted by four Commissioners, who are to be joyned with him in Council, viz. the Duke of *Newburg*, Prince *Maurice*, the Duke of *Celles*, and the Bishop of *Cologne*.

Amsterdam, *Octob. 24.* We are here in great apprehensions for our East-India Ships, which in the late great storm were forced to keep out at sea, having not since any certain advice of them, but suppose they may have taken their course towards *Norway*, with some other Ships that were coming from the *Sounds*.

Vice-Admiral *Van Nes* with his Squadron is not yet returned, and 'tis much feared lest he may have received much damage by the late tempest: but for further satisfaction a *Gallie* is sent to sea by publique Order, to cruise for intelligence, and if possible to bring home a speedy account of our East-India Ship.

Paris, *Oct. 24.* Letters from *Lille* inform us, that a severe Contagion rages in that Town, of which great numbers of Souldiers and Officers are lately dead, after very few dayes time of sickness.

Monsieur de Turenne is by degrees sending off his Souldiers to the several late Conquered places, where they are to take up their Winter-Quarters.

His confidently said his Majesty intends hither about the fifth of *November*, with a Resolution to continue here all the rest of the Winter, but to pass the *Alballontide* at *Versailles*.

The great preparations in *Germany* are daily discoursed of, we have lately advice, that strict Orders are sent out for new Levies of Horse and Foot, the old Regiments of Horse to be filled up, to consist of 1000 Horse piece, and each Regiment of Foot of 2000 men; the Emperor having moreover sent Commissions to the Count *Serini* for the raising of a Body of *Crosses*. We are also advised, that the Electors and Princes of the Empire were ready to comply with the Emperor for the assistance of the Netherlands, and would furnish him with a body of 18000 men. But that the Diet at *Ratisbon* continued still zealous for an amicable composition of the Differences between the two Crowns, the better to avoid all farther disturbance in the Empire.

His Majesty has ordered the sum of 60000 Livres to be sent for *Stratsburg* for the payment of some Forces employed in those parts.

Letters from *Madrid* tell us, that notwithstanding the Negotiation for a Peace with *Portugal*, the War is carried on on both sides, and that the *Portugals* had lately defeated the Regiment of *Piedmont* entertained in the Spanish Service, and called the Regiment of *S. Laurence*; and that the Spaniards, to revenge themselves, had with a strong party made an Inroad into *Portugal* beyond the River *Migno*, but with what success was not told.

Bruges, *October 26.* The Chamber of Accounts which was formerly held at *Lille*, is ordered to this City, and directions sent accordingly from *Brussels* to several persons to take care for its settlement.

A *Placaert* is also sent out from the same place, directed to all the Governors of the Spanish Garrisons, with rules for the regulation of the Contributions which they are to charge upon the Countries near them, which are like to be severely dealt with, and great sums to be raised on them by each party.

At *Doway* there are great complaints of the charge and trouble they are put to in quartering Souldiers, the whole *Hutve* city being filled with them, and great Taxes imposed upon the Religious Houses towards their maintenance.

The French Garrisons are extremely sickly, especially that of *Lille*, nor are our Foreign Forces exempted, great numbers of them being lately dead, and the Hospitals filled with sick men.

The Marquis *de Castel Rodrigo* has by an Order from their Catholick Majesty and the Council of *Spain*, by an Edict prohibited the Importation of any Wines from *France*,

Lorain, Bar, Metz or Liege, into any of the Provinces belonging to his Catholick Majesty.

Most of the French Army are now retired to their Winter Quarters, only a Body of about three thousand Horse which yet keep the Field, but have not of late attempted any thing.

The Offenders have many Privateers abroad, which frequently make their returns with considerable prizes, one of them lately bringing in a Prize with Horses intended for *France*, of considerable value.

The Count *de Duraffo* is suddenly expected here, being to command as Superintendent of *Flanders* in the absence of Count *Salazar*, at present at *Brussels*.

Little action has of late past on either side: The Spanish Army lies at present about *Monts, Valenciennes and Cambray*. The Garrison of *Air* are very active, having parties continually abroad, rendering the passage between *Paris*, and the Towns newly conquered, very unsafe for the French, and have frequently brought in prisoners and rich booty.

Harwich, *October, 17.* Later advice arrived by some Vessel newly come in here, confirm to us the loss of the *Essex* on the Coasts of *Holland*, and that *De Ruysters* own ship was by the violence of the Storm, in great danger, having lost her Main-mast and two Anchors, and many other of his Squadron endangered in their putting into their Port.

Several servants, with some goods belonging to the *Heer Meerman*, Ambassador from the States of *Holland*, having put in here on Monday, went off again the next day for the *Thames*.

On Monday last arrived here the *Francis*, intending to revictual; she came out Convoy with a laden Fleet of Colliers from *Newcastle*, but was separated from them by Storm. Some of them that were thought to have been lost, are since found to be safe, and divers of them arrived, but several of that Fleet are certainly cast away.

Advertisements.

There is lately published a book entitled *The Bucklet of State and Justice, against the Designe manifestly discovered of the Universal Monarchy, under the vain Pretext of the Queen of France her Pretensions. Written in French by a Person of Honour, and now made English.*

The Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer, in prosecution of the payment of Orders upon the Act for 1250000 l. are come to the payment of the 523 Order in number, Registered upon the said Act: The preceding Orders to that number which are yet unpaid, are the 135. 153. 365. 389. 411. 447. 461. 463. 468. 471. 472. 475. 478. 492. 493. 494. 497. 498. 502. 503. 508. 509. 510. 521. 522. and that of 523. for which Orders there is money remaining in Bank for their Discharge, when the Orders and Tallies shall be produced.

Whereas the Sixteenth of October instant was appointed to receive Proposals for Farming the Excise; Upon which day divers Proposals were brought to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury but for some Counties no Proposals have yet been brought in; And it may reasonably be supposed that some farther offers may yet be made: To the end that no person may be surprized, we are Ordered to give notice, That Wednesday next, being the Three and twentieth of October Instant, is appointed for the last day of receiving Proposals and offers in order to a final Conclusion about the letting thereof: And lest such as jointly have proposed to take the General Farms, and have not made any Proposals for such particular Counties as they desire to take singly, should through such neglect, lose the opportunity of bidding for the several Counties, they are hereby advertised and desired to put in their Proposals also for the several Counties.

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