

to continue for three days: which is notwithstanding somewhat delayed by the news of the Death of the Prince *Matthias* his Highness Brother, who died the 11th instant at *Siena*, but was not to be publish'd till the time of rejoicing was over.

Prince *Leopold*, Son to the great Duke, intends about the 22. of this Month, to begin a Voyage, which he designed to take through the State of *Milan*, and afterwards down the *Rhine* into *Holland*, and from thence to take a view of other Countries, with a Train of near 40 persons, and amongst them 4 or 5 of eminent quality: but the Plague being broken out at *Berne* and *Basel*, and by reason the eas of Commerce forbidden with those Parts, he is thinking to take some other way to the *Rhine*.

A French Brûque arriving lately here in 32 days from *Smyrna* tells us the General Ships lie there laden expecting the Scanderoon Merchants, with whom they intend to return: The Tripoines have lately taken a French Ship laden with Coal from *Puglia*, but the Mariners escaping to *Messina*, were there made Prisoners.

Venice, Oct. 21. By the way of *Zante* we have this farther account of the Siege of *Gandia*: That the Turks having made their approaches to the Half-moon of *Menigas* and the Fort *Panigra*, had lodged themselves in the Trenches of them, and in little time sprang several Mines under each Work, which succeeded so effectually, as to make a wide breach in both places; and then not losing a moment of time, the same night made a desperate assault, great numbers of them appearing upon the Breaches, distinguished by some white upon their Arms: But the Besieged being in as much reading to receive them, there began a very sharp fight between them; but by the incredible valour of the Garrison, the Turks were forced to give over their attempt, with a great loss of men and some Colours. They also tell us that the Enemy having been so frequently frustrated in their designs upon the Outworks, and discouraged by their great losses, have given over those places, and commanded their Pioneers to undermine the Town Ditch, which the besieged Officers taking notice of, hove by their Countermines within entrapment to prevent them, and with good success, met with one of the Enemies Galleries, which they entirely ruined, burying therein all the Turks that were there employ'd.

Paris, Octob. 29. From *Rochel* we are told that 12 men of Warre are thence put to sea under the Command of the *Cleur d'Almeras*, which are intended for the *Mediterranean*, but are in their way to pass by *Lisbon*, with the moneys due by the late Treaty.

Some Deputies are here arrived from the Town of *Courtray*, petitioning for a discharge from a great Sum of monies demanded of them towards the maintenance of his Majesties Garrisons, having brought several Papers, evidencing the proportions they were formerly rated at by the Spaniards, and to beg the preservation of their Privileges upon the same rate. But they are answered, that the Sum demanded of them is not for a standing Tax, but only a present advance by reason of the vast expences of his Majesty in the Wars.

Upon complaint of the great wants of provisions in *Charleroy*, and the inconveniences of an over-full Garrison there, his Majesty has ordered that the Garrison be frequently charged, and that the whole number of it be reduced only to 2000 men, where they had formerly 3000.

Paris, Nov. 2. We are even now informed from *Flanders* that Monsieur de *Bellefonds* has fallen upon a Party of 2500 Foot, and 600 Spanish Horse, whom in little time he entirely defeated, killing many upon the places, and taking near 500 prisoners.

Their Majesties are now gone to *Verfailles*, intending after some little stay there, to pass the rest of the Winter at the *Thuilleries*.

Monsieur de *Guitry* is by his Majesty designed for *Vienna* to compliment their Imperial Majesties upon the Birth of the young Arch-duke.

Bruges, Nov. 2. This last week the Marquis de Con-

fians, with the Regiment of *Baden*, and three others, with some hundreds of Foot drawn out of *Mons* and other Garrisons, intending to have changed their Quarters, were near *Rouen* set upon by a Body of above 2000 French Horse, the Foot (who were first charged in absence of their Horse, which were advanced about half an hours March before them) made a stout resistance, many men falling on both sides, till the Horse coming to their assistance, but soon overpowered and defeated by the French: The Spanish Foot made good their retreat by the Dikes and Hedges, and recovered a Wood, in which, though with some disorder, they saved themselves. The particulars of their loss upon this day is variously reported; but the manner of it occasioned a fresh contest at *Brussels* between the Marquises of *Confians* and *Baden*, which rising to a Challenge, they met on horseback with their Seconds near *Laeken* about a League from *Brussels*, where the Marquis de *Riffbourg*, Second to the Marquis de *Baden* was shot through the body, 'tis feared mortally, and himself hurt with a sword in his head. The Marquis de *Confians* with his Second are since retired into the Country of *Liege*.

On Thursday last Monsieur de *Turenne* came to *Touray*, where there are about 5000 Horse and Foot, 3000 more in *Oudenard*; between which two places lie the Lorraines, who are not yet disposed of into Quarters. Two Regiments of Foot, with a proportion of Horse, are all by him designed to reinforce the Garrisons of *Furnes* and *Bergue*; as soon as the Garrisons are supplied, and the Army well settled in their Winter Quarters, he intends for *Arras* in his return to *Paris*.

Newcastle, Oct. 22. On Saturday came into this Port 20 sail of small and great Ships, most of them belonging to this place. One of them from *Amsterdam*, being driven to the Northward, and wanting the advantage of the Tide, was forced to come to an Anchor, but the night proving stormy, obliged her to slip, but after much hazard she also got safe in.

Hull, Oct. 23. Yesterday arrived two of our Ships laden from *Hambrough*, having met with extraordinary ill weather by the way: A third Ship that came out in their company, was by the force thereof separated from them, but is hoped is since put in to some Port of *Norway*. Another Vessel of this place, with considerable lading bound for *Rotterdam*, was by storm forced into the *Elbe*, where the men being fired out, were relieved, and the Ship supplied with new Anchors instead of those she had lost, and is believed to have now gain'd her Port.

Dover, Oct. 24. The 21. instant a small Vessel of this Town, with a load of considerable value, outwards bound, was by an Offender that came to shelter in this Harbour, taken and (some French being found aboard her) sent away for Oystend. The next day a small Shallop of *Callic* was by an Offender cast ashore at *Folkestone*, six miles distant from this place, after whom the Privateer manned out his boat, which landed some of their men at the Town, with intention to have seized the Shallop, but the Inhabitants there being highly incensed against the Offender for sending some shot into their Town, which pierced some of their houses, though with little hurt, in revenge thereof rescued the Shallop, and took 6 or 7 of the Offenders, whom as yet they detain in safe custody.

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