

consult with his Imperial Majesty about the Diet which is in little time to be called, and to consider of a place for its Assembly, whether at *Presburg* or *Ottensburg*, so soon as the Emperor shall have fixt upon that place. Letters are to be dispatcht to the States throughout that Kingdom to summon them to the Diet.

The *Sieur Van Prising*, Envoy from the Elector of *Bavaria*, has had his Audience, but tis believed by his frequent conversings with the Grandees of that Court, and his long conferences with the *Prince de Lobkowitz*, that he is negotiating some affairs of great importance.

Paris, Nov. 10. Our Letters from *Rochelle* inform us, that the Squadron of 12 Men of War which some few dayes since put to sea under the Command of the *Sieur d'Amersas*, intended for the *Streights*, have been severely handled at sea by a violent storm, which dispersed them: three of them are returned back to *Rochelle*, the rest not yet heard of, and tis feared may have suffered much damage, if they are not wholly lost.

His Majesty is resolv'd to set apart a Stock for the reparation and fitting out his Gallies, intending to conferre the Charge and Command of General of them upon the *Marquis de Crequy*.

His Majesty has granted a Neutralitie to the *Franche Comte*, reserving to himselfe an yearly Rent of an hundred thousand Crowns, which are to be paid to the *Swisse Cantons* for the Pension due to them from the Crown of *France*.

On Monday last his Majesty gave Audience to the Ambassador from the States of *Holland*, which continued for some time, and afterwards another to an Envoy from the City of *Geneva*.

The same day the Parliament of *Paris* began to sit, where after several Speeches, the Assembly desired that 15 dayes time may be given them before any Causes are heard, that all things may be duly prepared for putting the new Code into execution, in which the Judges meet with many difficulties.

On Sunday last Cardinal *Antonio* took his Oath of Fidelity to his Majesty in the Chappel of the *Thuilleries*, for his Archbishoprick of *Rheims*; tis believed he has Orders from the Pope to use his endeavours with his Majesty for encouraging a Peace with *Spain*.

Hague, Nov. 18. The Assembly of the States is put off till the 22 instant, by which time the Ratifications of the Treaty with *Sweden* may be in readines to be mutually exchanged, and some account be received from our Ministers abroad, that they may the better take their measures, and come to a resolution touching the Affairs of the *Netherlands*.

Several Conferences have been held with the *Portugal* Ambassador about the summes of Money required by the States from that Crown, of which an abatement is required by reason of the great expences that Kingdom has been at in maintaining the War with *Spain*; but the determination of that affair will be put off for some time, that Ambassador expecting fresh Orders from the King his Master, with his farther resolution upon the demands of the States.

The *Baron de Bergeick* intends in few dayes to return again to *Brussels*, having not effected any thing in his Negotiation here.

We are advisd by the Directours of the *East-India* Company, that the *Armes* of *Amsterdam*, which straggled from the rest of their Fleet about the *Ile of Feo*, was afterwards cast away upon the Coasts of *Island*, of 200 men which were aboard her, onely 52 hardly ekaping in her Shallop, having been six dayes at Sea with little or no provisions. The loss of this Ship is judg'd to amount to 15 Tun of Gold.

Our Militia advances, and tis said the Command of it is to be committed to General *Wurtz*, in which *Friesland* is willing to conform with *Holland*.

Prince Maurice, with several persons of the greatest quality intend to continue here all this Winter.

Bruges, Nov. 19. On Monday morning a Party of 300 French Horse came under the Walls of this Town, and in

their way surpris'd an Out-guard of 40 or 50 Souldiers at the Stone Bridge on the way to *Gaunt*, about a mile distant from this place, whom they carried off, our Guards not being in readines to redeem them, seizing also a Boat with Passengers and some horses passing for *Gaunt*.

The Province of *Brabant* much wearied and tired with quartering of Souldiers, hath offer'd an hundred and ten thousand *Florens*, present payment, to be secured from that burthen for six months.

The Garrison of *Lille* is by reason of the great contagion which rages there, reduced to 1800 men: His most Christian Majesty has employ'd thither an Augustin Friar, who by his former success in applying remedies for the Plague at *Dunkirk*, tis hop'd may be an instrument of much good also in that City.

Hull, Nov. 1. Yesterday sail'd from hence three Ships belonging to this place, laden with Lead and Cloth for *Rotterdam*, and several others preparing to put to Sea upon the same account.

London, Nov. 12. This day their Excellencies the *Heers Meerman* and *Boreel*, Ambassadors from the States of the United Provinces, made their Solemn entry, conducted by the Right Honourable the Lord *Wotton*, and attended by *Sir Charles Costerel* Master of the Ceremonies in his Majesties Coach, followed by their own and a great train of others of the Nobility to the Lady *Williams* her house in the Palace yard in *Westminster*, where they are to be honourably entertain'd upon His Majesties Account till they shall have received their publick Audience.

Sir George Ascue being returned from his long and severe Restraint in *Holland*, has been admitted to kiss His Majesties hand, by whom he was graciously received.

London, Nov. 13. On Monday last was held a Council of War aboard one of His Majesties Yachts, by which three Captains of Fireships, viz. *Gibbons*, *Pays*, and *Majbu*, were for their Cowardize during the late attempt of the Dutch upon the *River*, condemn'd to be sent aboard the *Victory*-Prize near *Deptford* the 18th Instant, where they are to have Halters put about their necks, and wooden Swords broken over their heads, and then to be towed through the water at a Poats Stern, from the ship to *Deptford*-Dock, a Drum beating all the time in the Boat, and to be for the future rendred incapable of any Command, *Gibbons* being farther sentenced to be triced up by the arms during the punishment of the other two.

The same day the Master, Gunner, Boatswain and Carpenter of *Gibbons*'s ship were also sentenced for the same crime, to stand with ropes about their necks during the time of the punishment of the rest, and afterwards to receive 30 blows a-piece upon their naked backs, and to be rendred incapable of employment in any of his Majesties Ships.

Advertisements.

WE are desired to give notice to all Masters of Ships and seamen, trading to the Port of *Newcastle*, That the upper Light-house is lately removed by the Master and *Erithrex* of the *Trinity*-house there, more Northerly then it formerly stood, and directs into the best of the Channel into the said Port. And that there is a point of Sand which strikes directly over from the place called the *Hird*, within the *Barre*, almost full Northward to the place called the *Black Middings*, whereof they are desired to take Care.

These are to give notice that a parcel of Bonds was stoln out of the *Wine-Lycence* Office on Monday the 11th of *November* Instant: Therefore all persons who owe any money upon Bond for their *Wine-Lycences*, (except such who dwell in Counties farmed, and are to pay their Rents to the Farmers) are hereby directed and prohibited not to pay any of the said Moneys unto any person or persons, who shall tender any Bonds unto them, but that they pay all their said Money due as aforesaid, into the *Wine-Lycence* Office situate in *Durham-yard* *London*, where they shall have legal discharges for the same. And if any person can bring tidings of the said Bonds, they shall be well rewarded for their pains.