

in the place, and are suddenly expecting the issue of a large Mine, which we hope may destroy the Enemies Designs there.

The Turks find their Canon which they cast in their Camp very unserviceable, few of them enduring above four or five discharges; the metall supposed to have been too much worn in this Employment.

A Vessel arriving from *Alexandria* advises us, that sailing not long since to the South of *Candia*, she met with ill weather and extraordinary great Rains, which 'tis believed fell the same time about *Candia*, which may possibly force the Enemy from the Siege.

In *Dalmatia* all things continue in a quiet posture, no disturbances having lately happened in those parts. His Excellency *Siegnieur Nassi* will suddenly put to Sea, with his Convoy for *Candia*.

The Great Council have lately ascribed to the Nobility the Family of Count *Padouana*, who has paid in the usual Sum of one hundred thousand Ducats.

*Hamburg, Dec. 13.* The Swedes Forces still continue in their Quarters in the Duchy of *Bremen*; their General Field Marshal *Wrange* is now at *Stadras*; put an end to all further disputes with the City of *Bremis* and the Crown of *Sweden*. From *Moscow* we are told that the Bishops of that place, *Toul* and *Perou* seem very apprehensive of the Frowns of the *Monsieur de Cruff*, which are design'd to be granted upon them, pretending to have the better eye upon the Duke of *Lorraine*, who is said to be privately raising Forces, and that he has sent his richest Goods by the way of *Strasbourg*, to secure them amongst the *Swiss*.

From *Alatis* we are told, that His most Christian Majesty intends to call a Parliament there, the better to keep the Country under his Obedience.

The *French* Minister has put off his journey to *Vienna*, and is in great expectation of the Issue of the Mediation between the two Crowns, which seems at present to advance, the Popes Plenipotentiary being already arrived at *Vienna*, where he has taken up his Lodging in the house of the Chief Treasurer of *Limbourg*; where is also expected in few days *Monsieur de Lyonne* from *France*, and the *Marquis de Castel Rodrigo* under the same Character from *Spain*.

From *Ratisbonne* we are told that the French Minister there labours, though with little success, to persuade, that the King his Master is heartily inclin'd to bring all differences with *Spain* to an amicable composition, which they know not how to believe, reflecting upon the great preparations he is making for the next Campaign: giving out also that *la Franche Comté* is inclin'd to a Neutrality, and is willing, in order thereunto, to advance a considerable sum of moneys, which the Envoye of *Burgundy* seems not to own.

*Lisbon, Nov. 25.* The 21. instant the Queen retired her self into the Convent of *Esseveira*, from whence she by her Chamberlain the *Comte de Santa Cruz* sent word to the King, that her condition having not been altered since she came to him, her Conscience would not permit her longer cohabitation, desiring restitution of her Person, and liberty to return to her Native Country: Whereupon the King much dissatisfy'd endeavoured to have entered the Convent; but upon the arrival of the Infante was persuaded to desist: The next day she made her complaints to the Infante, desiring they might be communicated to the Council of State, which she did also by her Letter to the Canons and Vicar General of the Cathedral: The twenty third the Council of State was sent for by the Queen, to whom she declared her Complaints, who returning to the Court, pressed his Majesty in her behalf; and further, that he would please to send for his Brother, and declare him his Coadjutor in the Government; but this being rejected, the Duke de *Cadaval* was presently sent by them to bring the Infante to the Palace, who immediately came attended with a multitude of the people; at whose appearance the King would have withdrawn, but Guards being set in all places, two or three persons near the King seized, & the King

confined to a room, sent word to the Council, that they might proceed how they pleased towards the Infante; whereupon the Senate or Common Council of the City, with the Tribune, and the twenty four Representatives of the people being assembled, marched out into the Street; where to the multitude they proclaimed the Infante Governor of the Kingdom, which was presently carried through the rest of the Streets of the City; all this passing without any tumult or effusion of blood. That Evening the King was pleased to sign a free Renunciation of the Kingdom to his Brother, reserving only to himself the Duchy of *Burgundy*, with 100000 Crowns a year, which he sent to the Infante and the Council, by whom it was accepted and ratified, and Letters presently drawn to all the Tribunals of Justice in *Lisbon*, signifying his Majesties pleasure in this great accident, and requiring their Obedience accordingly: The Infante the same night lodged in the Palace, where he was attended by most of the Privy Council; and many persons who followed him for his Guard. The next day he called to his Service *Pedro d'Alvarez de Siqueira*, formerly Secretary of State in the time of the late Queen Mother; when he made several Dispatches in the name of the King, but signed (*Tafur*). The same day the several Tribunals came to render him their Obedience; and in few dayes the Courts or three Estates are to be assembled for the full settling of all things.

*Paris, Nov. 28.* Upon the complaints exhibited by the Queen to the Vicar General and the Canons of the Cathedral, they have already named the Bishop of *Freges* the Bishop Elect of *Evras*, and the Vicar General to consider of them, and the Nullity of her Marriage, which she earnestly presses; wherein the Queen hath chosen for her Procurators the Duke de *Cadaval*, and the *Comte de Santa Cruz*: To this point of judging of the Marriage before any Commission in Portugal, the King is yet disagreeing, though much pressed to it by the Churchmen, what the Issue will be is yet uncertain.

The French Squadron consisting of 10. men of war with 1000. Fire Ships and other attendants under the command of *Monsieur de Althor*, is come into this Port, whither I observed, unknown, generally they are said to be intended for the *Antilles*.

Four days since, several considerable parties of boats were sent out to seize the *Comte de Castel-Althor*, and *Norrique Henriques de Miranda*.

Fourteen of the *Brasil-Fleet* are already come up the River, the rest are said to be in sight, only one Gallion cast away near these coasts. The *East India* ship having no Board her the Viceroy, in little time after they were put to sea, sprung a leak and was forced to return with 4 or 5 more to guard her.

*Deale, Dec. 9.* Yesterday in the Afternoon a French Man of War of forty Guns coming into the Downs from the Westwards, was near *Walmer* Castle mistaken by an Officer of two Guns for a Merchant Ship, who accordingly attacked him, the Officer shewing all his men; and coming up close by his side, but received so warm an entertainment by a whole Broad-side, and a Volley of small Shot, that he was forced to save himself by a speedy flight, having fifteen or seventeen of his men killed and wounded.

*West-Comes, Dec. 9.* The first instant were forced into this Port by contrary winds one Ship from *Middleburgh* with Piece-Goods for *St. Malo*; another a Swede with Ballast for *Lisbon*; one of *Amsterdam* separated from twelve others bound for *Bourdeaux*; and one English Ship bound for *Cadix*, who the seventh instant went out to Sea with a fair wind, but were the last night blown back again, with four others with Ballast bound for *France*.

This morning came in a Swede laden with Wines from the *Naderas*, intending for *Holland*.

*Whitehal, Dec. 11.* His Royal Highness being now, God be praised, perfectly restored to his health, this day took his place again in the Council, to the infinite joy and satisfaction of the whole Court.