

From *Treves* we are advertised that the Nephew of that Elector is on his way for this place, and with him another Envoy intended for *Spain*. The Master of the Horse to his Electoral Highness of *Brandenbourg* is gone for *Dusseldorf*, and may within a fortnight arrive here, to negotiate with his Majesty about the concerns of the Marquis his Master.

On Saturday last the Count the Charost informed his Majesty, that he had lately received advice from *Calice*, that the Earl of *Clarendon* was retired out of *England* to that place, but 'twas believed would not long continue there.

From the *Netherlands* 'tis said that her Majesty of *Spain* has ordered Placarts to be published, discharging the Country of *Artois*, with some other Cities formerly allotted to his Most Christian Majesty by the Treaty at the *Pyreneans*, from all Contributions, inviting them to return again to the Obedience of *Spain*, to which they are at liberty by reason of the late Rupture.

On the other side his Majesty has by his Declaration published in the *Netherlands*, that whereas his Right to those Countries hath been already sufficiently proved by his Manifests; All Lords, and other Inhabitants, who refusing his Obedience, shall take arms, to oppose him, shall have their Estates confiscated, which has much allarm'd several persons of Quality in those parts.

Some disorders have lately happened at *Ghent* between the Souldiers and the Townsmen, upon a late Order given by the Marquis de *Cassel Rodrigo* for the putting 8000 men into that City as a Garrison, which was justly oppos'd by the City as contrary to their Priviledges, which exempts them from quartering of Souldiers.

Bruges, Dec. 24. This week the French have by their parties given three or four strong alarms to *Newport* and *Ostend*: about 3 dayes since a considerable number of them appeared at *Snaerskerke* within two miles of *Ostend*, their chief business being to fetch in Contribution. The French have lately sent to the principal persons of this City, who have lands or houses in the Country, enjoying them to quit the City, and repair to their Country Habitations, threatening in case of refusal, that they may thank themselves for any prejudice or damage they shall receive in their houses or Estates by reason of their absence.

From *Luxembourg* we are informed that the Marquis de *Crequy* having made great preparation of Mortar pieces, Granados and Ladders, was about the 18. instant with a body of near 4000 Horse and Foot within two leagues of that City, with an intention to have attempted it; but being prevented by a great rain, was forced to give over his design, and return to *Thionville*.

Hague, Dec. 27. On Tuesday last the States of *Holland* had a long consultation, which continued till near 10 of the clock at night, in which they spent the greatest part of the time upon the Instructions which are to be given to the Heer *Van Beuninghen* for his Embassy into *France*, for which he is preparing, and may set forwards the midst of the next month.

The same Evening the States adjourned till the 10th of *January*. The States of *Geldreland* have in compliance with those of *Holland*, agreed to the laying aside the Office of Stateholder, and declaring it inconsistent with the Office or Charge of General.

The States of *Holland* have ordered the sum of 36000 Florins to be given to the Pensionary de *Witt* for his good Services, and have conferred on the Heer *Le Ruart* his Brother the Lands of *Spickeasse*, to the value of 160000 Florins.

On Saturday last the Bishop of *Strasbourg* and his Brother Prince *William* had a Conference of three hours with the Pensionary de *Witt* and the Heer *Van Beuninghen*. Prince *William* intends to morrow to leave this place, and the Bishop to depart upon Thursday next.

Tarmouth, Dec. 18. A ship of this Town of 300 Tuns laden with Coals and bound for *London*, was lately cast away

in her passage between *Harwich* and the River of *Thames*. Several Hogstheads of new Wine are lately cast on shore both to the North and South parts of this Coast; but from what wreck we yet know not.

Porsmouth, Dec. 19. There are now riding at *Spithead* the *Mary-Rose*, *Mermaid*, and *Saphire*. The Fountain yesterday weigh'd, but the wind turning cross, she came again to an Anchor: all the ships in this Port are now paid off with satisfaction to all concerns.

London, Dec. 21. According to the sentence given by the House of Lords the 18th instant against *William Carre* for publishing several scandalous and libellous Papen against the Lord *Gerrard of Brandon*, a Peer of this Realm, reflecting upon the Honour and Justice of His Majesty, and the House of Peers, the said *William Carre* was yesterday from Twelve to One of the Clock, set on the Pillory in the Old *Palace-yard* in *Westminster*, and this day also from Twelve to One at *Charing-Cross*, and is to receive the same punishment on Monday Dec. 23. at the Gate of *Grisham-Colledge* (now called the *Exchange*) in *Bishopsgate-street*, having in each place a Paper set over his head, with an Inscription in large Characters, declaring his Crime.

The 18th instant was held a Court-Marshal aboard the Yacht *Katherine* in the River of *Thames*, in which Captain *Akerman* was quitted from being in any thing wanting to his Duty, in the loss of the *Sorlings* Fregat, the blame of that miscarriage being solely attributed to the wilfulness, Ignorance, and ill grounded Confidence of *Aaron Johnson* the Pilot.

The same day Captain *Hill* was likewise quitted from all blame for the loss of his man of War call'd the *Coventry* in the *West-Indies*, he having kept her from the Enemy 7 or 8 days after she was broken and sunk upon the Coasts.

But Captain *Lightfoot* late Commander of the *Elisabeth*, lost in the River at *Virginia*, for his negligence in not performing his duty, was by the General consent of the Court found guilty, and sentenced to be imprisoned in the *Martial-keys* without Bail or Mainprize, for the space of One year, and to be rendred incapable of ever having Command in any of His Majesties Ships or Fregats.

On Thursday the 19 instant, several Acts of Parliament were passed, His Majesty having before under the Seal Commissioned the Right Honourable Lord Keeper, the Dukes of *Buckingham* and *Albemarle*, the Right Honourable the Lord Privy Seal, and the Two Lords Chamberlains, or any two of them, for the passing of them; which done, the two Houses adjourned themselves till the 6. of *February* next. The publick Acts then passed were as follows.

1. An Act for taking the Accounts of the several Sums of Money therein mentioned.
2. An Act of Assigning Orders in the Exchequer without Revocation.
3. An Act to make Prize-ships free for Trade.
4. An Act for settling freedom and intercourse of Trade between *England* and *Scotland*.
5. An Act for banishing and disenabling the Earl of *Clarendon*.

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The Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer, are (according to the course of Orders, Registered upon the Act for 1250000 l.) come to the payment of the 672 Order in number.

And they hereby give notice that the several Orders hereafter mentioned are yet unpaid. (That is to say) the 138. 153. 492. 535. 537. 544. 543. 546. 547. 552. 568. 599. 608. 617. 621. 622. 629. 631. 633. 639. 640. 648. 659. 661. 665. 668. 669. 670. 671.

The parties concerned in these Orders, are desired to bring in their Orders and Vallies to the said Exchequer, and receive their Principal and Interest to the time, that according to the Course prescribed by the said Act, it was due, and hath been reserved in Bank for them accordingly.