

States General, with a List of a Body of about 10000 Men. Those of *Guelder* proposed that 2 Deputies might be named, one of *Guelder*, the other of *Ouerissel*, who, with one of the Council of State, might have full power to frame a Model of this Body of Men, to be put in execution by Prince *Maurice*; but that was not liked by the rest. It seems the *Sieur Frequet* hath received some answer for his Master to the Articles of Agreement, which the Bishop heretofore delivered him by the States, which he hath communicated to the *Canonary (de Witte)* alone, who having made no kind of Report of it to the Assembly, nor of a long Conference, it is known he had with *D'Estrades*, and the *Sieur Colbert*, (Envoy from the French King,) it hath given matter of great jealousy to the rest.

*Dit 6, 17.* Its said, the Prophet having been called before *Raenswode* and *Glinstra*, he told them, in serious terms, God was angry with us, and that we must expect great and heavy Evils, while we continue in Ingratitude to those that he had made the Instruments of our good, and particularly to the House of *Orange*. His Prefaces do more especially point at intestine Troubles and Tumults at *Amsterdam*. In the mean time, towards the fulfilling this Prophetic, it's observed, the Generality begin to murmur at the Choice of our Alliances, and much more at the Terms on which we take them: Why we should fall into so sharp a War; and for whose sakes: Three poor words only, *Litem incipiam, prosequi*, (the Clause in the Treaty with *England*, upon which we first differed,) have, as we say, cost us all this; the sense of which concerns only the Province of *Holland*, and among them, none but those of the East-India Company; so as indeed, the King of *England* had reason, in the Letter he writ to the States of the 18th Dec. to charge this whole War upon those of *Holland*, as the proper Authors; which hath so pricked them, that they have used all means possible to stifle that Letter, forbidding, under the severest Penalties, that no Printer within that Province dare to Print it; but this makes it but the more fought after.

*Rome, Jan. 9.* The Emperor is much concerned at the trick put upon him, by the Marquis *Durazzo*, who under the disguise of a Companion to Count *Lesly* his Ambassador, Negotiated and Established a Commerce with the Turks, in the name of the Republick of *Genoua*; and to that purpose, has sent to the Pope, to make known his resentment of this Action of the *Genoveses*. And it is believed here, that the Pope hath several matters to charge them with; as for banishing Cardinal *Imperiali*, in a time when he could not revenge it; and the contempt upon his Commandes at the Crowning of the last Duke, where it seems they would, contrary to former practice, have placed their Archbishop, the *Sieur Spinola*, on a Seat lower than the Duke, whereas the Custom always has been, to place it somewhat higher than his; which aggravated by the Emperor, the Venetian and the Spaniard, the two former being engaged in it, and not to suffer the *Genoveses* to thrive upon their War with the Turk, and the latter out of jealousy, that finding a better employment for their money, they will no longer lend their Treasure at his Command, it is thought, will bring this new Affront of Treating with Infidels without his Holiness's Consent, to an Excommunication, being expressly contrary to the Canons in that case provided. We have advice from *Civita Vecchia*, that a Bark was sent Express from *Marseilles*, to advise the French Navigation to be careful of falling into the power of any English shipping, and to avoid the Ports of the Spanish Dominions, which seems to imply a Consideration between those two Crowns, to the French King's prejudice, which is here understood with extraordinary content.

*Cleves, Jan. 22.* *Bevering* will certainly be here from the States, within a day or two, who, tho' at first he refused the Employment, upon fresh instances accepted of it, to the dissatisfaction of *de Witte*, who was much against his undertaking of that Errand. The sum of his business is supposed principally to make an excuse to the Elector, for lodging the French Troops in his Towns, without asking his Consent: To complain of a sharp Letter writ by the Elector to the States, some parts of which, they desire the Electors Explanation of, and to try if he can prevail with the Elector upon any conditions, to levy some Troops for

that States Service; but the Elector does sufficiently understand their Intrigues, and hath reason enough to suspect their juggling. We here, upon Advertisement from several parts of *Germany*, believe, that the *Swedes* have agreed with *Bremen*, and are marching down to the Assistance of the Prince of *Munster*. The *Hollanders* are preparing to send out an Army of 10000 men, but if the Froit continue, the Prince of *Munster's* Forces will take another progress into their Country, before they can be in any readiness. Yesterday here was published the Match between the Prince of *Denmark*, and the *Landgrave of Hesse's* eldest Daughter, who is Neice to this Elector. An Envoy hath been at *Cassel* from the Prince of *Denmark*, with Presents to the Princess. The Elector of *Brandenburg* is sending the Baron of *Blomendal*, Son in Law to the Baron *Swerin*, in quality of Envoy to the King of *France*. The next week we expect the Marquis of *Conflans*, Envoy from the Marquis of *Cassel Rodrigo*; and the Count of *Furstenberg*, from the Elector of *Cologne*: The former about a Pension due to the Elector these 3 or 4 years, by Treaty from *Spain*; the later about a Meeting at *Neuis*, betwixt this Elector, the Elector of *Cologne*, the Duke of *Newburgh*, one of the Dukes of *Lunenburgh*, and perhaps one from the *Swedes*, who, they say, have notice of it, to agree the Time and Matter they are to treat of; and this, it is said, gives matter of great jealousy to *France*.

*Kingale, Jan. 16.* Several Ships are put in hither, much torn by storm; among the rest, one belonging to *Lime*, on Saturday last, who was above 400 Leagues in her way to *Virginia*; another of this Town, the *Edmond*, bound for the *West-Indies*, who being about a month at Sea, lost most of his Masts and Sails in the storm. One Sea struck three of his Men over board, another threw two of them back into the Ship, the third drowned.

*Plymouth, Jan. 23.* Last Evening arrived here a Vessel of *Topsham* from *Malaga*, the Master of which reports, that he met with 10 Turks Men of War in the *Streights*, from 40 to 60 Guns, who treated him very kindly: With this take another piece of their respect to a Ship of this Town, who being chased by two of them (which she supposed to be Dutch) the Master and Company forsook the Ship, and betook themselves to their Boat for safety, the Boatswain still staying to see the event. When the Turks came aboard, and found the Ship English, they excused their mistake, and put in some of their men to carry her to *Cartagen*, to the Master and his Company, without the least detriment to Ship or Goods, and gave her Convoy thence to *Malaga*, where she now remains. Captain *Erown*, a Privateer, hath carried into *Salcombe* three Vessels, one laden with Irish Beef and Herrings, a second with Linnen Cloth, and a third with Wine and Brandy.

*Dover, Jan. 23.* Captain *Lucy*, in a small Privateer, hath sent into this Harbor, a Frenchman, belonging, as is pretended, to *Calis*, laden with Fish, and bound for *Bourdeaux*.

*Covertry, Jan. 27.* About 7 this Morning there happened so dreadful a storm, (some say, accompanied with an Earthquake, Thunder and Lightning,) that among other considerable Mischiefs, it hath done in and near our City: it hath thrown down the stately Spire of *Trinity* Steeple, even to the very Battlements; which falling on the East and North-East part of the Church, hath so battered the Roof, rent the whole Fabrick, and made such lamentable havock within the Church, that it's believed many thousand pounds will not repair the Damage. It hath done no farther harm, by its fall, than the killing one poor man, a stranger, passing through the Church-yard, notwithstanding so many Houses are so near it; which we took on as a wonderful mercy.

*Ile of Wight.* On the 22th instant, a lusty Ship of *Mayden-blick*, of the United Provinces, laden with Corn, and two others, were brought into *Portsmouth*.

*Hampton-Court, Jan. 27.* This Afternoon about 3 a Clock, His Majesty arrived here from *Oxford*, accompanied by his Royal Highness, and attended by several of His Principal Ministers, (having left Her Majesty, with her Royal Highness and their Attendants at *Oxford*) to remain some time here, in consulting about his great Affairs of State; during which time, we hope, God will in mercy so confirm the Health of the City, that His Majesty may with safety to His Royal Person and the Publick, immediately return to *White-hall*, which He is pleased to express a very longing desire of.