

We impatiently expect an account of the Affairs of *Candia*, from which we have sometime been hindered by contrary winds, which have stop't the passage from the *Levant*.

The Marquis de l'*Odi* is by the importunity of the General *Priuti* still employed in *Dalmatia*, and care is taken to settle such a Pension upon him, which may still encourage him to continue his services to this Republick.

Paris, Dec. 24. Here are this week arrived at the Court two Couriers extraordinary, one of them from the Duke de *Chaulnes* our Ambassador at the Court of *Rome*, with an account of some proposals brought thither from *Spain*, in order to a peace between the two Crowns, the other from *Portugal*, whose business is yet a matter of secrecy here, only he tells us that the Negotiation for a Peace between *Spain* and *Portugal* is still on foot.

The Province call'd *La Franche Comté* hath endeavour'd with the Cantons of the *Swisse*, to be incorporated into the body of *Helvetia*, to which they have the concurrence of several of the Catholick Cantons; but the Protestants seem not so easily to be perswaded to admit them, lest by this addition, their power might be overballanc'd.

That Province has deputed 3 persons as their Agents to Monsieur the Prince of *Conde* at *Dijon*, to negotiate with him for the Neutrality, which they have for some time desired, offering 100 thousand Crowns yearly for six years, for which term they desire it may be continued: but the King has yet allowed it only for one year; with restriction also, that it shall be at his liberty to give them notice in *July* following, whether it shall be farther continued to them or not.

The Prince is from *Dijon* visiting the Frontiers upon that Province, and intends to hold a Convention of the States of *Burgundy* about the beginning of *January*.

The King within two days intends for *Versailles*, where he purposes to pass some few days in Devotion, in order to the Jubile, but has deferr'd for some time the giving out Commissions to the Horse and Foot Officers for the raising of fresh forces.

Letters from *Catalonia* inform us, that *Don Juan* of *Austria* is arrived at *Barcelona*, and with him many Officers who are to be employed under him in the *Netherlands*: and that the Gallies of *Naples*, *Sicily* and *Sardigna* were to joyn at *Barcelona*, to convoy him to *Finale*.

From *Lille* we are advertis'd that the Plague is again encreas'd in that City, where it is broken out in (at the least) 50 fresh houses.

The King has given leave to the Earl of *Clarendon* to pass to *Rouen*, where he is to continue till further Order.

Hague, Dec. 30. On *Thursday*, last the States of this Province adjourn'd till the 10th of the next Month, but before their separation took a solemn Oath to observe inviolably the resolution which they had taken not to Elect for the future any person to the Office of Stateholder, and tis said that the Heeres *Van Muthenes*, *Valchenier*, and *Langswagen* are to be employed as their Deputies to perswade the several Cities of *Holland* to the same resolution.

The 27th instant, Monsieur *Cranpriche* Resident from the Emperor in the room of the late Monsieur *Friquet*, had his first Audience from the States, attended by the Heer de *Heyde* in the States Coach with 4 Horses, in which he made some propositions to them, but little different from what was contained in his Credentials.

Yesterday the Bishop of *Stratsbourg* left this place, intending by the way of *Harlem* for *Amsterdam*. The Moneys due to the Swedes by the late Treaty, will be this week paid, and the Ratifications exchanged.

The States of *Gelderland* and *Overisse* have agreed to the Nomination of the Principal Officers which are to command in the Army, and have sent their Resolutions thereupon to this place.

Bruges, Jan. 1. The Sickness is lately extremely increased about *Lille*, where in one day the last week, were shut up above 50. houses, and is likewise spread into all the Villages between that and *Doway*.

His Majesty of *France* has ordered notice to be given at *Doway*, that he intends that place for his principal Magazine for the ensuing year; where he intends to load in great stores of Ammunition and necessary Provisions of all sorts; whereupon care is taking that all the vacant places of the City, both in Cloisters and elsewhere, may be in readiness to receive them.

Several Boats are newly set out of *Lille*, with a strong party of Horse and Foot to guard them; but with what design is not yet said.

From *Luxembourg* we are informed that the Marquis de *Creguy* has drawn a considerable force together, with some pieces of Canon, which keeps all places in the County upon their Guards.

Lyme, Dec. 21. On *Thursday* arrived here a ship of this Town laden with Wine, from *Bordeaux*, she came out 3 weeks since with several other ships intended for *England*, but lost their company in ill weather. Yesterday came in the *Kings-Fisher* from *St. Maloes*, laden with Canvas; in her way she stop't one Tide at *Guernsey*, where she left all things in a quiet and Trading posture, in her return from thence she was haled by an Ostender, and fired at with small shot, and had several of her men severely handled to extort a confession of French Goods.

The same day came in the *Francis and Mary* of this place from *Morlaix* with Lockrams, and one French man with Salt.

The Persons appointed to preach before His Majesty this following Lent, are

Feb.	5. A Thursday	} Dean of the Chappel. Dean of <i>St. Paul</i> . Bishop of <i>Chichester</i> .
	7. Friday	
	9. Sunday	
	12. Wednesday	} Doctor <i>Tillotson</i> . Dean of <i>Windsor</i> . Bishop of <i>Sarum</i> .
	14. Friday	
	16. Sunday	
	19. Wednesday	} Doctor <i>William Lloyd</i> . Dean of <i>Winton</i> . Bishop of <i>Hereford</i> .
	21. Friday	
	23. Sunday	
	26. Wednesday	} Doctor <i>Joseph Beaumont</i> . Dean of <i>Rochester</i> . Bishop of <i>St. Davids</i> .
	28. Friday	
March	1. Sunday	
	4. Wednesday	} Doctor <i>Bathurst</i> . Dean of <i>Chichester</i> . Bishop of <i>Chester</i> .
	6. Friday	
	8. Sunday	
	11. Wednesday	} Doctor <i>Perincheise</i> . Dean of <i>Worcester</i> . Archbishop of <i>Torke</i> .
	13. Friday	
	15. Palm Sunday	
	18. Wednesday	} Doctor <i>Allestree</i> . Dean of <i>Westminster</i> . Bp. of <i>London</i> L. Almoner.
	20. Good Friday	
	22. Easter Day	

Deal, Dec. 22. Yesterday arrived in the Downs three of His Majesties men of war from the *Streights*, and this afternoon two Merchant ships from *Malaga* laden with Fruit, and are pass'd for the River. The *Hind Ketch* was lately cast away near *Stilly*, but near all her men saved: Two other ships with all their men are likewise lost near the same place.

Plymouth, Decemb. 22. The several Ships that went off from hence to the Eastwards, are again put back by contrary winds: This Evening arrived an Ostend Man of War, with a French prize.

Weymouth, Decemb. 23. A Vessel arriving the 21th instant from *Limerick*, informs us that in her passage she met with great wrecks for near six leagues together; which she supposes to have been Dutch Ships cast away in the late foul weather.