

Secretary *Giavarino* our Minister of State, who has been for some considerable time continued by the Grand Visier in his Camp, and lodged in the Tents of *Caterzogolo*, is lately dead with 5 or 6 other persons of his family; it supposed the lame Contagion which rages with such violence in their Camp, infecting them, they being lodged in a place of very ill Air, but made worse by reason of the multitudes of bodies which were buried round about them.

Seignor *Barbaro* General of *Candia*, with *Cavaliero Grimani*, Captain of the Galeasses, and Seignor *Labin*, were ready to Embarque themselves to return home.

The City of *Candia* is excellently stored with all sorts of provisions, and the courage of the souldiers very eminently shown upon all Occasions; on the other side, the Turks suffer great wants of both, Our ships continually cruising before their Ports, and intercepting such Vessels as ate-putting into *Canea* for their relief; particularly, Captain *Molino* meeting with a Convey intending to lade Corn for their supply, burnt four of their Saichs, and sunk five others, giving chase to the rest.

The Convey designed to them from *Barbary*, have been separated by storm, and none of them as yet put into *Canea*. One Saich and one Petach both of them laden with Wheat, Biskets, and other Provisions, were by strete of weather forced to put into the Port di *Chirachi*, beyond *Zant*, hoping to have concealed themselves there, as in a place little frequented; but they were upon timely discovery seized; the Turks and Greeks found aboard them, put to the Oar, and the Prizes sent into *Candia*.

Commissions are lately given out here for new levies of men for the relief of *Candia*, whither we are also sending a considerable number of Malons and Carpenters, with other Labourers, for the speedy reparation of the Fortifications; to put that place into a good posture of defence, if the Enemy should return again to the Siege the next Spring.

Paris, Jan. 4. On Sunday last his Majesty went with many Knights of the Order, with their Collers, to the Jesuits Church, where he heard Vespers; and the same day gave Order to Monsieur the Duke of *Orleans*, to provide for his march into *Catalonia*, to which place he may begin his journey with the Marechal *de Pleffis*, about the 15th of the next Month. The Marquis *de Bellefonds* and the Count *de Duras*, who were preparing for their journey to the Court, are ordered to continue still in the *Netherland*.

Letters of the 28th past from *Lille*, informe us of a great conspiracy that has been lately discovered there against the French Garrison, the Townsmen having held private intelligence with the Spanish Forces, and appointed a day, (which was to have been the 26th or 27th past) when upon a Signal they were to have fallen upon the Garrison; but upon a timely discovery, the Marquis *D'Humieres*, Governour of that City, has taken care to prevent their design; and has since doubled all his Guards, leaving onely three of the Gates of that City open, and strictly examining all persons that pass in and out: he has also employed greater numbers of men then formerly, in the building of the New Citadell, by which means that work is far advanced, which when perfected, will much conduce to the security of that place.

We are also told that a strong party of the Enemy, drawn out of their Garrisons of *Aire* and *St. Omer*, have lately fallen upon a party of the Regiment of *Anvergne*, which were upon some design marched out of their Garrison of *Bethune*, whom they routed, killing divers of our men upon the place, and taking about 150 prisoners.

Upon notice given of the arrival of the Earl of *Clarendon* at *Rouen*, his Majesty was pleased to dispatch to him the Sieur *de la Fom*, one of his Gentlemen in Ordinary, with Orders to retire out of his Dominions.

The Commissioners for the Regulation of Coaches, are surveying the several Houses thorow the City, a considerable sum of money being ordered to be yearly paid by all persons who shall be permitted to keep Coaches, beyond the Limitations prescribed.

It is also said, That the Houses thorowout the City, are likewise to be surveyed, and a Tax set upon the Joyces which each Building takes up, by encroachment upon the Streets. His Majesty is likewise resolved to take off a great part of the Luxury of his Kingdome in Habits, as well as in Coaches and Liveries, intending to prescribe Rules to all Persons according to their Qualities.

From *Genova* we are told, that that Republick being a little jealous of the designs of their Neighbouring Prince the Duke of *Savoy*, have made a close Alliance with the *Swisse Cantons*, by which the later are obliged to assist the State of *Genova* with an Army of 8000. men, whensoever it shall be desired, upon the payment of a summe of moneys agreed upon by them.

From *Tournay* we are advertised; that the Citadell there is much advanced, and that two of the Townsmen have been hanged for holding correspondency with the Enemy, and scattering papers in the Castle and Town of *Aeth*, and other of the French Garrisons, seducing the Souldiers from their Obedience.

Hague, Jan 6 On Thursday last the Ratifications of the Treaty between these States and the Crown of *Sweden*, were mutually exchanged; the Count *de Donna* and the Sieur *Appellboom*, having first received the summe of 140000 Rixdollers for damages received, according to the Articles made between them: since which the Embassador has had his last Audience from the States, and is now preparing for his Voyage into *England*.

On the 10th instant, the States of *Holland* intend to meet in their Assembly, in the mean time the rest of the Provinces have taken into their consideration the Proposals made to them of persons fit to be employ'd in the principal Commands of the Army; which 'tis believed, may be disposed of at their first sitting: about the same time *Prince Maurice* and the Heer *de Beurning*, may be ready to set forth for their Embassie to the Court of *England*. *Majesty*, and *Van Beunningen* for his Employment at the Court of *Denec*.

The Messengers of *Amsterdam* are advertised to bring news of the arrival of the Fleet of *France*, which is expected to arrive at *Collation*, and give notice of the arrival of the whole Garrison, which was sent to *Spain* and *Italy*.

The Fleet of Merchants, which some time since went to sea from *Holland* and *Zeland*, is met with many dangers and severe tempests safely put into *Cadix*, and with it the Heer *Collier*, the States Embassador charged for *Constantinople*, and the Heer *Van Dam* intended for *Syracuse*. Consul from these Provinces.

Hull, Decemb. 29. Since the 24th instant, Eleven Ships, all of them laden from this place, put to sea for *Stockholme*, *Bergen*, and other parts. This day arrived here eight Ships, all of them belonging to this place, laden home from *France* upon Merchants accounts.

The *Diamond*, *Roebuck*, and *State house of Harlem* put to sea the 25th instant, with a fair wind.

Yarmouth, Decemb. 30. The Fleet of 150. laden Colliers, which passed by us on Thursday last, we suppose before this to be safely arrived in the *Thames*; since which, on Saturday last, several Ships from *Bourdeaux*, passed thorow this Road, bound for the Northern Ports. This day two Ships went out from this place, one bound for *Bourdeaux*, the other for *Cadix* and *Genova*. On Thursday last, a Ketch belonging to the Western Ports, laden with Coals, coming up with the rest of the laden fleet, was cast way off *St. interton*, but her men all saved.

An Advertisement.

The Officers of the Receipt of his Majesties Exchequer, proceed in the payment of Orders, in course upon the Act for 1250000 l. and are come to the payment of the 673 Order in number.

The persons concerned with the preceding Orders so that number which are yet unpaid, are desired to bring in their Orders and Tallies that they may receive their Money which is reserved in Bank for them according to the Act.