

diers, which proceeded to that height, that many of them have been killed in the dispute.

The Senate are now busily hastning out a strong Convoy for *Candia*, and aboard those Ships are to be embarked great numbers of Makons, Carpenters, and Canoners, with all Necessaries for the supply and defence of that place. They are likewise thinking of the speedy Election of six Captains for their Gallies, and of as many Noble Persons to be employed to the Armata in the *Levant*, and in few dayes may proceed to the Election of a Provedor General for the same Fleet.

The *Sieur de Mareix* having not succeeded in the Charge which he desired here, is gone hence to seek Employment in other parts. The *Sieur de St. Andrea*, will in few dayes begin his Voyage for the *Levant*, to succeed in the room of the *Marquis Ville*, whose return is much sollicitd by the Duke of *Savoy*.

*Hambourgh*, Jan. 21. Some few dayes since passed thro' this Town a Courier from *Stockholm*, in much haste for *Vienna*, with Letters of great concernment to the House of *Austria*; informing us, that upon his departure from *Stockholm*, *Monsieur Pomponne* the French Ambassadour, was preparing for his journey from that place.

The King of *Denmark* is in few weeks expected in this City, but upon what occasion or business is not yet known. The *Elbe* is now open and cleared of its Ice, the last night arrived here a Merchant Ship from *England*.

Letters from *Poland* of the 6th instant, inform us that the Ratifications of the Peace concluded with *Muska*, have been mutually and solemnly exchanged, and the Plenipotentiaries richly presented.

*Bruges* Feb. 1. The late League concluded at the *Hague*. extremely revives the before drooping spirits of these Countreys, hoping that by this union a speedy end may be put to the great troubles which since the warr has fallen upon them, and that by an effectual composure of the differences between the two Crowns.

We have here confirmed the news of the death of the young Imperial Prince at *Vienna*, to the great sorrow of that Court, and of the sudden death of the *Marquis de Casacene* at *Madrid*. Letters from *Brussels* advise us likewise of the decease of the Duke of *Lorain*, of which we expect farther news; and that *Don Juan* being now fully resolved to take upon him the Government of these Countreys may in little time begin his voyage hither.

From *Hambourgh* we are from a good hand informed, that on the 17th instant passed by that City a Courier from *Stockholm*, intending for *Vienna*, with a Treaty of a League concluded between His Imperial Majesty and the Crown of *Sweden*, but the particulars thereof not yet fully known.

*Whitehall*, Jan. 25. Here is lately arrived from His Most Christian Majesty a Circulatory Letter sent to all the Princes and Potentates concerned in the Mediation for an Accommodation between the two Crowns, giving an Account of that Kings Resolution to march the first of the next Month, at the Head of his Army, into *Franche Comte*, where he intends to make himself Master of the most considerable Posts of that Countrey; giving also an Account of the Motives inducing him to this Design, to this effect:

The first, was, By this Expedition (if successful) to dispose the Spaniards to a Peace, wherein, he sayes, they have hitherto shown so invincible an Aversion, that they have let slip five of seven Months, intended for that Work; that though the *Marquis de Castel Rodrigo* as a Plenipotentiary, had made choice of *Aix la Chap-*

*pelle* for a place of Treaty, yet their Ambassadour at *Rome* declared they would never treat but either at *Rome*, *Venice*, or the *Pyreneans*. The second Motive was, That the Spanish Ambassadour at *Vienna*, having by his Solicitations drawn the Emperour not onely to make New Levies, but to design an Army to march the next Spring into the Dutchy of *Burgundy*, to divert the French Forces from the *Neatherlands*; he was in Prudence and Policy obliged to prevent this Evil, by endeavouring to take in those Posts before the coming in of the good weather, to shut up the Passage into the Dutchy of *Burgundy*, and to prevent their Design of attacking him in those Parts. A third and an Accessory Motive, but of less force than the two former, was, To let the Governour of the Spanish *Neatherlands*, see by the success of the French Armes, how much the King his Master may suffer by the Marquisses not closing with him for a Reciprocal Suspension of Armes till *March*, which was with much sincerity offered by his Most Christian Majesty, In the mean time assuring the World, and convincing the said Marquis, that he has no Design by this Expedition to put any Obstacle to the Peace, by pretending to higher or more advantageous Conditions than what he was contented to have accepted till the end of *March*; which were, That the Spaniards should in good form give up those Conquests made on them in three Months, of the last Campaign, or else an Equivalent for them, professing to draw no other fruit from this Expedition (if the Spaniards will take the benefit of his good Intentions) than to dispose them by this effectual means for a Peace.

#### Avertissement.

The Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer, do give notice that in course of payments of Orders registred on the 21<sup>st</sup> for 1250000<sup>l</sup>. They are come to the payment of the 696th Order in number.

The preceding Orders, that are yet unpaid, are of these numbers (viz.) the 135. 153. 542. 543. 546. 547. 552. 608. 621. 640. 659. 670. 678. 679. 680. 681. 682. 683. 684. 685. 686. 687. 688. 689. 690. 691. 692. 693. 694. 695. and that of 696. And whensoever the parties concerned shall produce their Orders and Tallies, they may receive their Moneys due upon them.

These are to give notice, That the Farmers of His Majesties Duty of Hearth-money, intend to expose to sale the Hearth money within the Counties of Oxford, Southampton, Gloucester, Bristol, Nordumberland, Durham, Surrey, and Middlesex. And upon Wednesday the 12th of February next, They will (at their Office in Leaden-Hall-Street London) treat with any person or persons for the Farms of the said Counties, or of any of them.

LOSS on the 23th of January, between *Whitehall* and His Majesties Great Wardrobe in *Hutton Garden* of an Almanack, within which were two Bonds and severall other Writings of Concernment: whosoever shall give notice of them to the Porters Lodge at *Whitehall* shall be well rewarded for their pains.