

attempting upon his life, although his ill conscience had so perswaded him. For though I was obliged by all reasons imaginable, both in regard of the publick interest, the good of this Monarchy, and my own private advantages, to endeavour it, yet notwithstanding all these temptations, I would never hazard the loss of his soul, which was probably but in an ill condition; rather chusing to expose my own person to a thousand hazards and dangers, in the hopes I had of making an acceptable sacrifice to God; whose Mercy will, I hope, with an happy success recompense my just intentions, which I shall alwayes continue whilst I have breath, that I may be considerably serviceable to my King and Country. And this Madam, is the reason, and not any fear of danger which I might run at *Consuegra*, why I chose to put myself into such a place and posture of safety; so as not to fear the effects of the perfidious spirit of so mean a man, *viz.* that I may the better give your Majesty the knowledge of my humblest Remonstrances, which aim at no other end than his banishment: having in this no other interest than the reparation of my honour, the deliverance of this Kingdome from this Calamity, the Grandees from the troubles they suffer by his Influence, and the Subjects from the Oppressions he lays upon them. I have waved coming to the Court, although I could have done it with more than sufficient safety, upon consideration of the levity of the People, too easily inclined to Commotions, least any thing of scandal or offence might fall out, whose event might prove irreparable, and contrary to His Majesties service.

I humbly beg of His Majesty with all my heart and with tears, that he will not be prejudiced by the evil Counsels of that envenomed Basilisk, because if the life of my Secretary's Brother or any other person belonging to me, or of those of my friends, which take my part, or declare for me, should be endangered; or that any Spaniards or other Vassals of the King, shall attempt upon them, by vertue of any Orders in writing, or other wayes of violence or injustice, I protest before God, the King, your Majesty, and all the World together, that 'tis not easily known what evils and damages may from thence follow; what reparation can be made me, nor how the Publick Peace can be secured; and I shall then be left at liberty to take my measures according y, and to put into execution such things as have not yet entered into my thoughts to declare. On the other side, if your Majesty shall by Gods Grace (as I hope) be inspired to suspend your Judgement and Resolutions, until I shall give you a more full and ample information, all things will most certainly be ordered to your Majesties full satisfaction, with such a perfect tranquility as shall best conduce to the service of God, my Lord the King, and the good of his Subjects; which shall be ever the object of all my Resolutions, as it is of my Affection;

and may any one who shall discover in me any the least demonstration of a thought contrary to this my Obligation, be the first that shall set an hand to the taking away my life. God keep and prosper your Majesty for the glory and advantage of these Kingdomes.

Your Majesties most humble Servant
From *Consuegra* and Subject,
21 Octob. 1668. D. Juan d' Auftriche.

Venice, Nov. 2. The good news which comes confirmed to us from *Candia* by Letters to the Senate, have been received with infinite joy and satisfaction, giving us hopes, that the Metropolitan is for this year delivered from the danger so long threatened by the Ottoman Empire, for which we are here preparing to return our publick thanks to God Almighty which will in few days be solemnly performed in *St. Mark's Church*, with all the demonstrations of joy that become us. These Letters assure us of the truth of what we formerly received. *viz.* That the Turks having made considerable breaches in the Fort *di Sabionera* and the Bulwark of *St. Andre*, had with all the courage and strength they were able, made two furious assaults upon both places, but were so warmly entertained, that after an extraordinary slaughter of their men, they were forced to desist, and by a stout sally made by Monsieur de *St. Andre Montbrun* (who has upon all occasions given large testimonies of his courage and conduct) were forced from their posts in much disorder; after which, the Rains fell on them for two or three days, with so great abundance, that most part of their Works and Mines were thereby rendred useless and unserviceable to them, so that it was supposed, their constant ill successses, together with the season of the year, will not permit them to continue much longer in the field.

The Senate is in the mean time as careful as ever in preparing all sorts of necessaries for the supply of the place, and have sent lately several Companies of Foot into *Dalmatia*, to supply the room of those who were drawn out of that Countrey to be employ'd in the defence of *Candia*.

Vienna, Nov. 4. The Prince of *Lorraine* still continues here but his Train is some days since sent hence towards the frontiers of *Silesia* and *Poland*, being compos'd of many domestick servants, and led horses, with several Coaches and Waggons, laden with his Baggage.

The Count de *Schafgots* is nominated by His Imperial Majesty to assist at the Election of a successor to the Crown of *Poland*, and is accordingly preparing for his journey, and may in few days set forwards. The Baron de *Mayerberg* the Emperours Resident in that Kingdom is departed thence, and already arrived at *Breslaw* in *Silesia*.

Whitehall, Nov. 18. The 15th instant being Her Majesties birth-day, was solemnized here with much demonstration of joy, the Guns discharged from the Tower, and the Court diverted that evening with excellent Fireworks.

The Heer *Borcel* Ambassador from the States of the United Provinces, has lately received and given notice of the said States pleasure for his revocation, who is accordingly preparing for his departure, but as yet it is not certainly known what person is to be sent to succeed him in his employment.

This Week is published a Piece *De Jure Uniformitatis Ecclesiasticae*, Or, *Three Books of the Rights belonging to an Uniformity in Churches*: Dedicated to His Majesty, and directed and submitted to the High Court of Parliament, &c. by *Hugh Davis* LL. B. late Fellow of *New-Colledge* in *Oxford*, and now Chaplain to His Grace the Duke of *Buckingham*.