

of people, and carrying off many Men, Women and Children prisoners: Mutual Complaints having been made of these Violencies, care is taking on both sides to prevent the like for the future, and to secure the Peace between the Empires, which by these practices may otherwise run a great hazard.

*Danzig, Novemb. 24.* From *Warsaw* we are informed that the Assembly of the States of *Poland* is carried on as yet with much quietness, nothing extraordinary having happened therein, unless that one of the Deputies from *Prussia* exhibited a large accusation against the Prince *Radzville*, which he endeavoured to enforce to his exclusion from the Dyet; but the Prince had so well justified himself before the Assembly, and purged himself from all the complaints brought against him, that the whole Assembly declared themselves fully satisfied as to his innocency, and so highly incensed against his Accuser, that they have suspended him from his voice and suffrage in the Assembly.

A motion has been made in the Diet for an Oath to be proposed to all the Deputies in that Assembly, to oblige them, that in their future nomination of a Successor to the Crown they shall not regard any other than the publick Interest, nor make any difference between a stranger or one of their own Country, but impartially to give their voice for such person as they shall judge most worthy and best qualified for the service of the publick. Upon this motion the *Palatines* of *Sandomire* and *Cracovy* stood up, desiring that an exception might be made of the Prince of *Conde*, who had by his vigorous solicitations and large offers of money, endeavoured to buy several members of that Assembly.

The same Letters inform us, that the *Cossacks* having deposed their General *Dorosenco* from his Command, had elected another in his room, and were marching with an Army of 100-thousand men against the *Muscovites*, whose Army 'twas believed consisted of double that number.

*Paris, Dec 5.* His Majesty is lately gone to *Versailles*, where he intends to divert himself for two or three dayes, and afterwards to return hither for the passing of several Declarations in Parliament, for the suppression of the Chambers of Edict of *Paris* and *Rouen*, and the taking away several Charges and Offices created since the year 1635. A Regulation is likewise to be made in the Aids, Gabels, and in the 5 Gro's Farms; from which latter 'tis said all such persons as are found to be of the Reformed Religion, shall be excluded.

From *Lille* we are told, that the *Sieur Barillon* one of His Majesties Commissioners for the Examinations of the Dependencies on his late Conquests, is not yet arrived; but that the Conference is already opened with the Spanish Commissioners by the *Sieur Courtin*, who has put in a claim to the City of *Halle* and all the Town of *Nieport*, reserving to himself a power to put in his Claim also to all other His Majesties Pretensions.

Several *Bourreaux* are lately established by His Majesties Order to enquire into the Revenues of Religious Houses thoroughout His Majesties Dominions; in which are to preside *Messieurs de Morangis, de Lessau, d'Aligre* and *Puffort*, who are to be assisted by the Masters of Requests.

A Courier some dayes since dispatch hence to *Barcelona*, is newly returned, informing us that *Don Juan* still continues there, where he is entertained and treated with much Civility, and that by Order from the Queen Regent; so that 'tis hoped all things may be friendly composed with satisfaction on all sides.

*Hague, Decemb. 6.* The Commander of *Isendick* has lately made a Complaint to the States that a party of 8 Spaniards came lately to the Church of a Village near adjoining, called *Oudemam*, under the Holland Jurisdiction; where were assembled a Congregation of those of the Reformed Religion with their Minister: where speaking injuriously against their Religion, they hurt several of the people, pulling down the Minister, wounding him in 7 or 8 places of his body, to the great hazard of his life; and

cutting off one of his Ears, and afterwards stripping the people of both sexes, carried away their Cloaths. Complaint is hereupon ordered to be made of this Insolency to the Spanish Ambassador and to the Constable of *Castille*, the Governour of the Spanish Netherlands; desiring that justice may be done upon the Offenders, and a strict enquiry and search made for their apprehension in the meantime 'tis said that the permission formerly given to the Romish Priests for the exercise of their Religion, is to be revoked; and such of them as shall be found in the said Country, seized and secured, till reparation be made for the aforesaid fact.

Upon the addresses made to the States by the Company of the *East-Indy* Merchants for the renewing and continuance of their Charter, the States have had several Debates upon the point, and appear inclinable to favour them, and 'tis believed will renew their Patent for the Term desired: they have also promised to assist them in obtaining satisfaction of their Demands upon *Portugal*: but first expect what Overtures may be made by *Don Francisco de Melo*, who is in little time expected here under the Character of Ambassador.

The Spanish Ambassador has in the name of the Constable of *Castille*, desired leave that 100 thousand pound weight of Salt-Peter, and half that quantity of Sulphur, may be transported out of the Territories of the States of the *United Provinces* into the Spanish Netherlands, without payment of Custom; which tis believed will be granted, upon consideration of a kindness of the same nature formerly granted to the States by the *Marquis de Castel Rodrige*, for the free transportation of all materials for the founding of Cannon at *Maldines* for the service of the States.

The nomination of the Heer *Daniel Van Wjngaerden* Lord of *Herckendam Moormont*, &c to be sent Ambassador into *France*, is approved of by the States General; and he is accordingly preparing his Train and Equipage, in order to that Employment.

*Amsterdam, Decemb 7.* The *Armes of Amsterdam*, a stow Merchant ship intended for the *Pelindies*, and thought to have been cast away, is put in *Goeree*, having not received any other injury than the loss of her Mast. Our Letters from *Legorn* inform us the Cors is of *Algier* have lately seized two *Holland* Flutes, 4 *Hambourer*, and 2 *Portuguele*; one of them laden from *Brasille* with Sugars and Tobacco to a considerable value: and that 16 of their men of war were out at sea.

From *Cadix* we are informed, that on the 5th past the Commander *Van der Zaen*, arrived there with his Squadron, but had not then had the fortune to have met with any of the Turks men of war.

*Weymouth, Nov. 28.* Several Vessels are this week departed from this Port, intending for *Portugal* and *France*. The 26 instant arrived here one ship from *Osend*, one from the Isles of *Guernsey* and *Fersey*, one from *Cherburg* in *France*, and another from *St. Malo's*; the two last laden with Linnen, by whom we have advice that a *Cherburg* is lately launched a small Frigate of 200 Tuns for the Kings service. They tell us that at *Brest* is newly launched a great Man of war, which is to carry 120 Guns, which so well answers expectation, that Order is given to put two others immediately upon the Stocks of the same size.

*Deal, Nov. 29.* The 27th instant arrived in the Downs three ships bound for the *East-Indies*, where they as yet continue with several other Merchant ships outwards bound for several parts, Yesterday towards the Evening were forced into the Downs by contrary winds and foul weather about 23 sail of Dutch Merchant ships, all of them outwards bound; and this day appeared a Man of War their Convoyer, expecting a more favourable season.

*Deal, Nov. 30.* This Afternoon the English and Dutch Merchant ships which were riding in the Downs, set sail, all of them outwards bound; but the wind since changing, we believe they will be again forced back to their station.

On Saturday Night last was cast away at our *Brake-Head* off the *North-Foreland*, a ship of 5 or 600 Tuns, believed to be a Dutch ship; all her men supposed to be lost with the Vessel.