

Airold the Pope's *Internuncio* went hence to *Malines*, and the next day had his Audience with the usual Ceremonies from the Constable of *Castille*; and tomorrow the Duke of *Aschoat* intends likewise to *Malines*, to make a solemn Invitation to the Constable, that he would be present at the Solemnity of conferring the Order of the *Golden Fleece* upon the Count de *Brouay*. We hear nothing as yet of the resolution of the Constable to reside here. The Commonalty stand firm in their opinion, that they cannot without loss of Privileges, comply with the Governour's desires in quartering the Spanish Soldiers; but 'tis hoped that some expedient may be yet found out for the satisfaction of all parties.

On Wednesday last arrived here Don *Francesco Marcos de Velasco* from his Employment as Envoye from the Constable into *England*; from whence he returned much satisfied with the honours he received in that Court, and on Thursday departed hence for *Malines*, to give an account of his Voyage to the Constable.

The Plague is much increased in this City, the Officers of health continue still their care for the cleansing of the Streets and Houses, so that 'tis hoped a little time will wholly free us from the Infection; in confidence whereof, the Nobility and Gentry begin again to return hither, to their respective Houses and Lodgings.

This Week were reformed seven Regiments of German Foot, there being only continued of that Nation the Regiments of the Duke of *Holslein*, Count de *Montford*, Baron de *Jong*, the *Rhinegraves de St. Oviens*, with one or two others.

Count *Salazar* has lately received Orders from the Queen Regent, to attend her Commands in the Court at *Madrid*, which he at present desires to be excused from, upon the account of a debt of 300 thousand Florins; in which he stands engaged in these Provinces, which will for some time oblige him to continue here.

Paris, Decemb. 8. His Majesty has lately ordered his Camp-Masters to disband Ten thousand foot out of his Army: the method intended to be used, is to dismiss 20 men out of each Company, which from 200 is to be reduced to 80 men.

Here is said to be lately arrived a Secretary belonging to Prince *Charles* of *Lorraine*, to negotiate for the advance of the interest of that Prince in the Election to the Crown of *Poland*.

From *Switzerland* we are advertised, that the Diet is broken up at *Bade*, without coming to any full resolution about the protection of those Cities which desired it, or of *Franche Comte*. They gave a full hearing to Colonel *Molendin*, and the Captains *Erlach* and *Stopas*, and at the last acquitted them; and 'tis said have given the *Franche Companies* time till *March* for their return home into *Switzerland* from the French service.

From the Isle of *Cerigo* we are informed, that the French succors are in 9 ships arrived at *Candia* but were much incommoded in their passage as their Bisket being corrupted, and a general want of water much afflicting them for 8 dayes; and that the Grand Master of *Maliba*, to make reparation for the default of his Gallies, has sent 50 choice Knights and 300 Foot to the assistance of the Venetians for the preservation of *Candia*.

His Majesty has lately ordered 60 new Pieces of Cannon to be sent down the River from the Arsenal; which are to be conveyed to his Magazine at *Aras*.

Paris, Decemb. 12. From *Rachelle* we have advice of the arrival there of the Marquis de *Grancey*, with the Squadron under his Command from *Lisbonne*, where he affirms he has left all things in a quiet posture, and the Portugais in a resolution to desire His Most Christian Majesty's Mediation for the ending of all Disputes between that Kingdom and the States of the United Provinces.

His Majesty has resolved upon the suppression of the Chamber of Justice, ordering that all Affairs and Causes left depending in that Court, be committed to the hearing and determination of the Masters of Requests,

'Tis said the Assembly of the States of *Lang-edoc* which was wont to be Annually called, shall for the future be Triennial, and that his Majesty will ease that Province from the charge of several Governments of Towns which are not upon the Frontiers, and of several Officers in the Province which are judged unnecessary.

His Majesty has lately conferred the Charge of Chief President of the Parliament of *Normandy*, upon the Sieur *Pelot* his Intendant of Justice in *Guienne*; and as a Mark of his favour, has ordered him a Present of 50 thousand Livres, towards the payment of as many Crowns, with which this Office stands charged by His Majesty, to be paid to the Sieur de *Ris*, Son to the late President of that Parliament, in acknowledgment of his good Services. His Majesty has moreover bestowed the Bishoprick of *Vatres* upon a Brother of the said Sieur *Pelot*, a Religious Person of the *Chartroux*.

By a Courrier lately arrived from *Perpignan*, 'tis confidently said, their Majesties have received Letters from Don *Juan* of *Austria*, desiring the honour of their protection against that Spanish Minister, who he says endeavors his oppression.

Hague, Dec. 11. This Week the Spanish Ambassadour out by a Memorial gave in his Complaints to the States against the severity used by the Bailiff of *Flushing* to two Chaplains belonging to the Spanish Fleet, which had been taken and surprized, and since imprisoned, and denied their Liberty, though much pressed by the Spanish Admiral; desiring their Orders for their speedy enlargement. He has also by another Memorial complained of the proceedings of the Zealanders, in putting an Embargo upon several Spanish ships, at the instance of some of their Merchants, which the States have committed to the Examination of some of their Deputies.

The States of *Holland* have upon the desires of the other United Provinces communicated to them their late resolution for the disbanding of 27 Companies, and have given in a List of the said Companies to the Council of State, which is to consider and examine the Conveniencies of this Reformation.

We suddenly expect here the Heer *Adelaar*, the King of *Denmark's* Admiral, who is designed hither to agree upon the Measures and bulk of such ships as shall be permitted to trade in the Northern Seas.

The States General having in *April* last undertaken the Tutilage of the young Counts, Sons to the late Count *Edsard* of *Friesland*, have nominated the Heer *Dornum* for their Substitute, to take the care of them.

Portsmouth, Decemb. 3. The late ill weather has forced into *Spithead* three Vessels of *North-Yarmouth* bound homewards from *Burdeaux*. Several Wrecks have been seen on the back-side of the Isle of *Wight*; where was run on shore in the late tempestuous weather a Swede from *Stockholme* laden with Tarre, Deals, and other Commodities; the men escaped safe to land, but the ship was broken to pieces; and most of the Goods lost, though all possible diligence has been used to preserve them.

Advertisements

The Officers of the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer, having paid the 1072. Order in number, and course, Registered on the Act for 1250000*l.* intend to proceed to the payment of the 1073. Order, and the ensuing Orders as the Money shall come in.

The said Officers are also proceeded to the payment of the 132, 133, and 134th Orders on the Eleven Months Tax; and shall proceed to the payment of the subsequent Orders on the said Act, as the Money shall be brought in.