

considerable Cities were by its sudden violence laid even with the ground, and all or most of the inhabitants buried in the Ruines, above Six thousand persons perishing in the first of them; and above one thousand eight hundred in the later, and in all the adjacent Cities it has raged with extraordinary fury, destroying and ruining their buildings, killing many of the people, the rest having been forced to quit the Towns, and take up their habitations in the fields.

Genova, Dec. 5. The Princess's Frigate intends this night to put to sea (if the weather permit) on her way for Spain, Sir Thomas Allen, with the Fleet under his command, was a fortnight since at Cagliari on his way for Tunis. Yesterday were elected 5 Senators for the Government of this City for the two years next ensuing, viz. *Nicholao Doria*, *Francisco Torriglia*, and *Steffano Pallavicini* to supply the Offices of Governatori, and *Marco Antonio Lomellino*, and *Nesoro Spinola* to succeed as Procuratori.

A Bark belonging to this place, being on her way from Cadix, with 150 Soldiers on board her, bound for Naples, was between *Eviqza* and *Cape St. Martin* set upon by two men of war of *Baibary*, between whom passed a smart dispute, which continued for some hours, in which one of the Turks ships sinking, the other immediately made all the sail she could, leaving the fight and the Genouese to pursue her voyage, who had the good fortune to quit her self without any considerable damage.

From *Milan* they write, that the Governor the Marquis *de Mortara* though he still keeps his bed, by reason of the great violence of his Gout, is not wanting in his care for the publick to give all necessary Orders for the concernments of the State; the 28th past, the remaining German forces were ordered to be drawn up at their Rendezvous about *Pavia*, where the Italian forces were also to muster on the 30th, the Governor intending to be present, if his distemper did not detain him. The Reformed German Officers are paid off and discharged with satisfaction, and are now returning home to their own Countreys.

The Cardinal *Vicentis*, having obtained from *Madrid* a Duplicate of the Grant of his Arch-Bishoprick in *Sicily*, has dispatch his Auditor to *Rome* to procure the Popes Bull for it, intending to pass speedily into *Sicily* to be installed in that his new Dignity.

The Prince *di Stigliano* is suddenly expected from *Madrid* by the Governour of *Milan*.

From *Turin* we are told, That the Duke being willing to contribute what lies in his power to the ease of the people of *Piemont*, who are full of complaints of the great burdens of Subsidies and Quarterings of Soldiers, has been pleased to make a considerable Reduction of several Regiments of Horse and Foot, keeping up onely those of his Guards, which are also to be much lessened by the disbanding of severall Companies out of each Regiment.

The said Duke has lately conferred the Charge of General of his Infantry upon the Signior Marquis *Villa*, having resigned his Command of General of the Horse to Signior *P. Gabriel de Savoya*.

These lastly arriv'd at *Turin* the President *di St. Andria*, the Ambassador in Ordinary from *Venice*, who by Order from the Court was made a days journey from the City by the Court *Marsure*, the Master of the Ceremonies, with the Marshal of the Lodgings, who complimented and entertained him in the name of the Duke; Upon his nearer approach, he was met, and attended about two miles from the City by the Nuncios and French Ambassadors Coaches, with a great Train, of others of the Great persons about the Town, and introduced by all the Guards both of Horse and Foot, and at his arrival complimented from the Duke by the Marquis *di S. Germano*, at whose Pallace he is lodged.

About 9000 of the Soldiers, raised upon the account of the Republick of *Venice* in the Province of *Languedoc*, marched lately through *Turin*, intending for *Candia*, but take their way upon the Po.

Co'agen, Decemb. 8. We now begin to fear that the Mediators for the compoſure of the difference between the

Electour Palatine and Duke of *Lorraine*, may not meet with the happy effects which were hoped for; the Palatine Army which lately entred the County of *Falkenstein*, belonging to the Duke of *Lorraine*, laid siege the 28th past to the Castle of *Wienweiler*, which was the next day forced to a surrender, and 'tis said, are march'd thence to the Fort of *Falkenstein*, which the instant they began to play upon with their Cannon. The Electour of *Mayence* intends to continue this winter at *Wurtsbourg*, attended in all his motions with a strong guard of Horse and Foot.

Paris, Decemb. 19. From *Rochelle* we are advic'd of the arrival of five Ships, belonging to the *West-India* Company from *America*, richly laden, to the value of 500 thousand Livres, a great part of their Cargo consisting of Hides, bringing with them several sorts of Animals taken by them in the Southern parts of *America*, intended for a Present to his Majesty. The five Men of War intended for the *West-Indies*, under the Command of the Count *d'Estrees*, Vice-Admiral, are not yet put to sea, but 'tis believed may suddenly receive their sailing Orders. The *Sieur de Augeron*, who was first expected, being lately arriv'd from those parts, from whom we look for a full account of the State of the French Plantation in the Isle of *St. Domingo*, whereupon fuller Instructions may be given to the Count *d'Estaſtres* for their better Establishment.

On Saturday last his Majesty ordered all the principal directors of the Companies of Trade, to attend him at the *Louvre*, where a Council of Commerce was held, and the Chief President of the Parliament of *Paris*, being called in, was acquainted with his Majesties pleasure, That the second payment of Moneys for the Encouragement of Trade be forthwith advanced.

At the same time was given in to his Majesty, a List of all such as had refused to contribute towards the advance of Trade. His Majesty was pleas'd in full Council to express himself to be dissatisfied with them, as persons that have disoblig'd him; Of which number is said to be the Parliament of *Rennes*, who have pass'd a Decree to the contrary.

The City of *Rouen* being in great measure restored to health, hath made its Addresses, desiring that their Trade may be again opened by the first of *January*, and according therunto some persons are sent to make an Inquiry upon the place into the present Condition of that City.

From *Brussels* we are inform'd, that the Constable of *Castile*, Governour of the Spanish *Netherlands*, has ordered 6000 of his forces to march into *Franche Comte* for the guard and security of that Province, and to supply the room of the *Lorraine* forces which are re-called by the Duke, to be employ'd in his wars against the Prince Electour Palatine, if the negotiations which are on foot for a peace, take no effect.

'Tis said, His Majesty has been pleas'd to conferre the Bishoprick of *Louvain*, valued at 40000 Livres per annum, upon the Abbot *de Lesein*, Nephew to *Monſieur de Lionne*, and Agent for the Clergy.

Hull, Decemb. 13. There are lately sail'd hence two Vessels of this place for *Rouen*, laden with Lead; Six more for *Holland*, one Ostender homewards bound, and one *Swede* for *Stockholme*; all of them laden with the Staple Commodities of this place; also one Ship for *Virginia*, and another for *Barbados*. Three light Ships intended for *Newcastle* were some days since forced on shore at the *Spurne* Island at the mouth of the *Humber*, where two of them are already broken in pieces, and the third in much danger of running the same fate.

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