

though the Turks, encouraged by their frequent supplies, continue still their posts before the Town, yet are not the besieged under any discouragement, but by their frequent Mines and courageous Sallies, give daily Testimonies of their valour and courage to the Enemy; and that nothing may be wanting on the Senates part, which may be done for the defence of that important place, they are with extraordinary care and zeal hastning out a Convoy, for which they have hired 6 stout Merchantships which lately arrived here, to which are to be joynd four others, which lie ready laden and fit to put to sea, with several Gallies for the same employment; the whole Convoy to be commanded by Seignior *Juanne Morosini*, lately returned from the Armata; besides a considerable number of men, and large quantities of all sorts of Provisions and Ammunition, is to be sent the sum of 20,000 pieces of 8 for the payment of the Soldiers.

By a vessel from *Zante* we are told, that the Vissers Army having been much diminished both by the Sword and the Diseases occasioned by his winter Siege, has earnestly importun'd the Grand Seignior at *Larissa* for a strong recruit, upon whose arrival he promises extraordinary success, and for his present necessity has sent out of his Camp about one thousand of his weakest and most useless Soldiers to *Canea*, where they are to be employed in Garrison, and given order to the *Bassa* to draw out the whole strength of that place, and to march them away for his assistance.

We are farther informed by the same way, that the Grand Seignior is still at *Larissa*, and upon the receipt of the Letters lately sent him by an Aga from the Vissers, has given out strict orders for the drawing together of great quantities of Provisions and numbers of men in *Macedonia*, *Gyrcia*, and all the parts about him; He lately received from *Constantinople* the news of the delivery of his Sultana of a Daughter, and has given order that she be attended to *Larissa*, where 'tis believed he designs a long continuance.

In the mean time, the City of *Constantinople* is full of complaints by reason of the long absence of the Court, the great Taxes and Levies made amongst them for the carrying on of the war in *Candia*, and the late great scarcity of all sorts of Provisions.

The ship called the *Madona del Carmine* arriving here in 32 days from *Constantinople*, the Captain informs, that near *Cape Spada*, off the Isle of *Candia*, he met with a squadron of 11 sail of our ships making up for *Candia*, having on board them 2500 Soldiers, a great part of them Germans, with many Pioneers and Labourers; the same Captain farther assuring us that the Vissers Army is not of that strength as they would seem to persuade us.

We are farther advised from *Morea*, that the Grand Seignior having commanded six thousand men to be drawn out of the neighbouring Towns, sent them away towards *Salonica*, where several Saichs and Gallies attended for their transportation to *Canea*; but before the Officers could get them aboard, they fell into a mutiny, in which, the greatest part of them left the service and made their escape.

The Senare is strongly providing for the defence of *Dalmatia*, which the Turks still continue to threaten with an invasion, and to raise moneys for the defraying of their vast expences, the Council and Senate have resolved to expose to sale 100 of those Offices which they were formerly wont freely to dispose of to persons of the greatest dignity, and worth, as well in this City, and the Isles belonging to the Republick, as in *Terra Firma*, with power to enjoy them for ever; and since all these Offices are not at present vacant, such persons as shall think fit to deposit their moneys for a Reversion, shall be secured of full interest for their moneys at 6 per Cent. till the said Offices shall become void, and be settled on them.

Brusse's, Feb. 13 Since the late disbanding of the Duke of *Lorrains* forces, by the negotiation of Monsieur de *Louvigny*, four of his Regiments have been contented to pass into the Spanish service in the County of *Burgundy*, and three others into *Luxemburg*.

The Prince de *Ligne* has obtained permission from the *Conseil* to be absent for three weeks from his Command,

to take the diversions of the Countrey with the Princess his wife, at his Castle near *Bergen in Henegau*.

From *Lille* we are told, that in pursuance of the Proclamation of the 20th of *October* last, by which, all persons having Lands within the jurisdiction of the French in any of the places depending on their late Conquests, were commanded within the space of two months to repair to their respective habitations, to acknowledge their obedience to His most Christian Majesty, and to quit whatsoever employment they held, whether Civil or Military, under any other Prince or Governour; on Saturday last they proceeded to publish in full Exchange in that City, the confiscation of the Estates of all such Nobles and others as had not by their appearance given obedience to their said Proclamation.

Upon the news of the arrival of 350 Spaniards at *Ostend* from the *Canaries*, after an hazardous passage by reason of much ill weather; Order was given for their march from thence to *Neuport*, where they are to continue for the reinforcement of that Garrison.

Hague, Feb. 14. The States of *Holland* are again assembled, and have taken into debate the Charter of the *West-Indy* Company.

The City of *Emblen* have exhibited several Complaints against the Danes for their great Exactions upon such of their ships as are found trading into *Norway*; desiring that they may be comprehended in the agreement for the due measuring of all ships trading into those parts, that for the future they may not be subject to the Arbitrary Impositions of the Danish Officers.

The States having advise that Monsieur de *Parpone* is upon his way hither under the Character of Ambassador from His Most Christian Majesty, and may be in little time expected with his Lady at *Antwerp*; have upon his desire given Order to the Admiralty of *Rotterdam* to send a Yacht thither to attend for his transportation; 'tis supposed he may arrive at *Antwerp* the 20th instant.

Don Francisco de Mele the Portugal Ambassador, is preparing for his publick Entry and Audience, in which he is to be received with the same Ceremony and Respect, as has been used to the Ambassador from the same Kingdom at *Madrid*.

From *Zealand* we are told, that ten Companies of Foot being marched out of the Garrisons of *Husbing* and *Terveer*, and arrived at *Browersbaven*, the Town of *Ziricksee* grown jealous of their intentions, and unwilling to receive a Garrison, drew into Arms and secured their Ports, but by the interposition of some of the Deputies of *Middlebourg* within the Town, all differences between the States of *Zealand* and that place are in a fair way of reconciliation.

Yarmouth, Febr. 8. This day came from the Northwards about 30 sail of ships, whereof 12 being to the Southwards of this place bent their course over Sea, the rest coming to an Anchor in *Corton Bay*. Here are now at Anchor in these Roads about twelve sail, two of them of this place, bound for *Lisbonne*; one for *Gallipolis*, and the rest light ships for the Northwards.

Advertisement.

There is lately published a Book called *Cicero's Prince*, The Reasons and Counsels for Settlement and good Government of a Kingdome; collected out of *Cicero's* Works, by T. R. Esquire. Printed at *London* for S. Mearne Book-Binder to the Kings Most Excellent Majesty, and are to be sold at his House in *Little Britain*.