

of his own, with his Litter, then two extraordinary Coaches empty, and three others also of his own furnished with the Gentlemen of his Train, and himself attended by near 60 persons in his own Livery; about five in the afternoon he had his Audience, which ended, he returned with the same state and attendance to his own house.

On the desire of His most Christian Majesty, His Highness has by the approbation of his Council consented to the raising of 500 Portuguese for his service, but with caution that they be not employed in any war against Christians.

The Prince Don Pedro has ordered a large quantity of fait to be gotten together out of the Salt-pits about *Setubal*, which is designed for part of satisfaction of a summe of moneys due by a late Treaty to the States of the *United Provinces* and has given instructions to his Ambassador *Don Francisco de Melo*, now in the *Low Countreys* to inform the States thereof, that they may accordingly employ their ships to take it in.

*Paris*, Feb. 20. By an express from *Vienna* we have advice, that it goes current in that Court there is great hopes of an accomodation, if not an absolute peace already concluded between the *Venician* and the *Turk*, and upon such terms, as that Republick will have little reason to refuse; that the French volunteers are on their way homewards as far as *Thoulon*; however the forces last raised in *France* continue still their march towards *Candia*, till farther confirmation of the certainty hereof.

*Cologne*, Feb. 22. The Count *de Lip* who was lately dismissed from the service of the Duke of *Lorraine*, is lately entered into the Bishop of *Munster's* pay, with 600 Horse under his Command; which are the same party which by a mis-report were said to be 4000, which passed lately by *Andernach*.

It is here confidently reported, that the Bishop of *Munster* having not a good understanding with his Coadjutor, nor the whole Chapter, cannot prevail with them to close with him in his designs; whereupon he has been obliged to dismiss several Officers, to whom he had given fair hopes of honourable Employments in his service.

*Hambourg*, Feb. 22. Here is lately arrived Mr *Thinne* His Majesty of *Great Brittain's* Envoye in his return from *Sweden*, where he expects the arrival of the Earl of *Carlisle*, under the Character of Ambassador to the Crown of *Sweden*.

*Hague*, Feb. 24. Yesterday the States of *Holland* broke up their Assembly, and are not to meet again before the 12th of the next Moneth; having during their Session agreed to the reinforcement of their Army, by adding 15 men to each Company; which is believed will be also resolved on by the rest of the Provinces.

Yesterday died here the Heer *Aitzma* Resident from the *Hanse-Towns*, and a great Historiographer.

The Spanish Ambassadour has presented two Memorials to the States, in one of them giving them some account of the Pretensions of His Most Christian Majesty upon *Conde* and *Linca*, and in the other shewing them several reasons why *Spain* cannot be induced to give up to them the persons who were seized on in the Spanish Quarters as Accomplices and Actors in that notorious Riot upon the Congregation at *Oudemans*; but promising that Exemplary Justice shall be done upon them in the Spanish Netherlands according to their demerits.

We know not yet what thoughts to have upon the Preparations of the Bishop of *Munster*, nor what measures he intends to take, his levies being not continued with that heat as formerly; yet has he bought up great quantities of Armes, and taken care for the furnishing of his Magazines with all sorts of Military Provisions. He has not yet above 6000 men under his pay, which he has disposed of into his several Garrisons; and of these, seven hundred into *Coefvelt*. The Bishop has lately called an Assembly of the States of his Country, of whom he has desired the summe of 200 thou-

sand Rixdollers; which he pretends shall be employed in the founding an Academy in the City of *Munster*; with which Project the States have not yet been pleased to comply.

The Heer *la Broffs* formerly employed as Secretary to the Embassy from this State to *Constantinople*, went yesterday to reside at *Legora* as Consul.

The Earl of *Carlisle* is passed by *Harlem* on his way for *Swedenland*.

On Sunday in the evening arrived here Monsieur *de Pompons*, Ambassador from His most Christian Majesty, and will for some time continue *incognito*.

From *Zealand* we find, that the differences of those States with *Zerichzee* are near concluding, the Deputies of that City being in Order thereunto furnished with new instructions, wherewith they were to return the both instant to *Middlebourgh*.

*Amsterdam*, Feb. 25. The 20th instant came into the *Texel* several ships from *Bilboa*, *Callice* and *Rouen*; those from *France* tell us, that the French have on the *Charente* and other ports throughout that Kingdom publicly forbidden any of their Seamen to pass out of the Country without leave, upon pain of being declared Rebels to His Majesty.

Letters of the 27th of *January* from *Cadis* give us advice of the arrival of part of our Convoy which went out of the *Texel* the 5th of that month, but that the *Turks* plying upon the mouth of the *Streights* much obstruct the Trade of our Merchants, one of the ships of the same Convoy, called the *Princess-Mary*, of 18 Guns, being within a mile of the *Streights of Gibraltar*, was set upon by a *Turkish* ship of 36 Guns, against whom she stoutly defended herself for half a day, but then the *Turks* laying her aboard, the Steersman leaped aboard the *Turks*, whereupon the Skipper with 7 wounded men, and 12 others getting into their boat, saved themselves at *Gibraltar*, leaving 14 others of their men dead aboard their ship, which they fear has fallen into the hands of the *Turk*, though they left it on fire in two places; several others of the Convoy were chased by these Corsairs, of which 'tis said, there are about 14 upon those Coasts; six of the said Convoy were wanting at the date of the Letters, but two or three ships were then in view, which they supposed to be of that number.

The Convoy belonging to *Rotterdam* was put to sea from *Caliz* the said 27th of *January* intending homewards.

*Weymouth*, Feb. 21. The 17th instant were cast upon the *Ile of Portland*, and on the *Beach*, two ships belonging to *Middlebourgh*, both of them laden with Wines and Brandy from *Burdeaux*, one of them of 300 Tuns and 14 men which was cast upon the *Ile* was wholly lost with all her lading and 12 of her men, only the Master with one person more escaped; the other of 200 Tuns and 9 men upon the *Beach* was broken in pieces, but 9 of her men preserved with part of her lading; at the same time another ship of 300 Tuns belonging to *Amsterdam*, laden from the same place, was forced within two Cables length of the shore, where cutting down her Masts by the board, she happily rode out the storm, and is since brought into *Portland Road*.

*Linne*, Febr. 22. On Wednesday last, about three miles to the Eastward of *Wells*, was driven ashore the wreck of a ship, with several Firkins of Butter, Hemp, Barrels of Pitch, and some Vessels of Ale, with three dead men; supposed to be some Vessel of *Hull* bound for *London*. We hear of no other losses on these Coasts by the late storms, only two *Wishidge* Kees were forced upon the shore in this Bay, which will be gotten off again with little damage.

*Deal*, Feb. 23. The whole Fleet of Merchant ships outwards bound, which were riding in the Downs, are now sailed with a fair wind, only 3 vessels remaining, whereof one was somewhat disabled by the late stormes.