

has been much interrupted by the late wars, has published an Arrest or Decree, declaring that for the future no person should be obliged to pay Custom according to the quality of their Merchandises, but should be rated in the gross, viz. each Waggon laden to pay 3 *livres*, 8 *Sols*, and 6 *Deniers*; French Money, and each laden Cart 2 *livres*, 11 *Sols*, and 6 *Deniers* of the same Money at their entry, or going out, without being obliged to unlade, or to submit to any search, promising security and free passage through his Countrey of *Lorraine* and *Barre* to all sorts of Merchants of what Nation soever, without any farther duties to be require. from them

*Hague, May. 8.* Yesterday the *Portugal* Ambassador *Antoine de Boff* and was after dinner attended at *Horenbrugge* by the States Deputies in the States Coach, preceded according to Custom by a great Train of other Coaches of the Eminent Persons and Ambassadors about the Town; and in the usual method made his publick Entry, and was conducted to his Lodging. To Morrow or on Monday he may with the same Solemnity be attended to his Audience.

The 26th instant the Deputies from the Province of *Zee-land*, in Number 12 persons, were with a Train of about 20 Coaches conducted to their Audience from the States of *Holland*, and from thence attended back again to their Lodgings with the same Train and Ceremony.

Since this several Commissioners are appointed to confer with them, and some Conferences have already been held with them.

On Tuesday last a Commission was dispatched to the *Heer Gunter de Kinschot* to undertake the Negotiation of the Affairs of the States in the Court of His Majesty of *Great Britain* in quality of Secretary of the Embassy, till another Ambassador shall be sent in the room of the *Heer Eyreel* lately recalled from that Employment

The Deputies from the Admiralties are daily giving Orders for the fitting up our Men of War for our Summer Guard, and have proposed to the States, that no Soldiers shall be employed upon any of the Men of War, but such as belong to the Marine Regiment, that by their constant employment aboard them they may be the better instructed in Sea service.

The several Captains who are to be employed in the Squadron which is to be commanded by Vice-Admiral *Vin Ghent* and to be sent to the *Spreights*, are already nominated, and the ships with much diligence fitting up.

The *Rhingrave* having before sent away his Train, departed hence the 26th instant towards his Government of *Maastricht*.

Monsieur *de Pomponne* Ambassador Extraordinary from His Most Christian Majesty, may in few dayes make his publick Entrance, his Train being almost fitted, and all things prepared for his publick appearance.

Monsieur *Carlsius* the Danish Resident lately returned hither from *Amsterdam*, having with several other persons scutled the affair for the measuring of such ships as are to trade into *Norway*, intends in few dayes to return for *Copenhaghen*, expecting first the settlement of the *Heer de Geer* in his room, who is already arrived at *Amsterdam*.

*Paris, May 30.* The Ceremonies of the Baptisme of the Duke of *Anjou* being over, the Count d' *Harach* employed only upon this account by the Emperour, has already sent away his Baggage towards *Strasburg*, himself intending to depart in few days, and to return to *Vienna*, attending only for some Presents which the Queen of *France* designs to end by him to the Emperour.

Monsieur *de Vaubrun* is preparing for his journey to *Koningsberg*, with the Title of Envoye Extraordinary from His most Christian Majesty to the Elector of *Brandenburg*, but is also to have some influence in conjunction with the Bishop of *Besiers* upon the affairs of *Poland* in order to the election of a successor to that Crown.

The Scottish Regiment commanded by the Lord *Douglas*, is ordered to march towards *Roussillon*.

The Duke de *Beaufort* gives all imaginable diligence to have the Fleet fitted up for the transportation of the succors

designed for the relief of *Candia*, but yet 'tis not believed the forces can be ready to put to sea till towards the end of *May* upon which consideration the Duke de *Navailles* still continues here with several of the Officers designed for that service.

His Majesty has been pleased to forbid any of the soldiers lately returned from *Candia*, to mix themselves or embark with those new forces designed thither for fear of communicating to them some infection.

Monsieur *de Rohan Guimene* is by the Kings favour delivered from his Confinement to *Rochefort*, upon his want of due respect to Monsieur and Madam, but is ordered not to appear in their presence.

From *Paris* they write, that the Bishop of that Diocese has ordered upon his own Charge the raising of a new and lately Tomb in the memory of *Faustinas*, formerly Bishop of that place, in the place of the ancient one which had been demolished in the times of Pope *Innocent* the Tenth.

*Lyve, March 30.* This Morning arrived the General of this place in three dayes from *Rotterdam* with a Loading of Wheat and Rice. They tell us of several of their Men of War which are fitting up for Convoyes for the security of their Merchants trading to the *Streights* and other parts.

*Newcastle, Mart. 21.* On Friday and Saturday last the wind coming fair, sailed out from hence a Fleet of about Two hundred and fifty Sail of laden Ships bound for the Southwards.

*Tarmouth, Mart. 22.* Yesterday and on Saturday in the Evening passed through this Road a great Fleet of laden Colliers, adjudged by some that came in their company to be no less than 400 Sail, from *Newcastle* and *Sunderland*.

#### Advertisements.

His Majesty hath been graciously pleased to grant to the Duke of Buckingham and his Heirs, a Market on every Thursday weekly for ever for all manner of Cattle, and Three new Faires, to be held at *Wragby* in the County of *Lincoln*: One of the Fairs on the 18th day of September, another on the 8th day of October, and the other on the 24th day of February yearly for ever.

These are to give notice to all Pensioners related to the Poors Chest at *Chatham*, and other Persons concerned, That on the Twentieth of April next there will be made a general Pay at His Majesties Pay-Office in *Chatham* aforesaid.

Whereas it hath pleased his Royal Highness for the ease, conveniency, and better usage of all Vintners and others retailing Wine in the Counties of *Cheshire*, *Cumberland*, *Durham*, *Lancashire*, *Northumberland*, *Westmorland*, *Yorkshire*, and *Town and Port of Berwick upon Tweed*, to direct and appoint the Farm of his Revenue arising by Wine-Licences within the said Counties and Places to be entered upon, reassumed, and managed by his Commissioners: Now by his Royal Highness's said Commissioners do hereby give notice unto and advise all Persons retailing Wine within the Counties and Places aforesaid, that they or some persons for them, repair unto the Wine-Licence Office in *Durham-Yard* London, to contract and agree for their Wine-Licences: And the said Commissioners do hereby further declare, that all the said Persons shall be freed from all trouble, charge, and molestation for selling Wine without Licence from *Lady-Day* next; provided they or some for them at or before the 26th day of *May* next coming, do appear at the said Office and make their Contracts accordingly.