

*Venice, June 1.* Here is newly returned a ship from *Zante*, informing us, that a Galley belonging to the General of that Isle with two Brigantines, had lately engaged with two Turkish Fluits belonging to *St. Maurice* in the Sea near *Cosfu*, and after a sharp fight took one of them, and was in pursuit of the other.

By the same ship we are advised, that our Garrison in *Candia* had finished their Retrenchments between the *Fort Pancra* and *St. Andre*, continuing their Works to the Sea side, and on the other side of the Town from the *Fort Demetri* to the *Sabionca*, and raised up also a strong Work before the Port, by that means securing the passage of our ships in and out; and that upon a review of the Garrison they are found to have within the Town about Eleven hundred stout men besides the hurt and sick, and that they had lately sprung six or seven Mines with good execution upon the Turks.

They farther tell us, that the Isle of *Zante* is full of our men designed for *Candia*, but daily expected the arrival of a Squad on of our Fleet for their transportation.

*Hague, June 10.* The Heer de *Groot*, Ordinary Ambassador from the States of these United Provinces, now residing at *Stöckholm*, has been formerly nominated, and is since by the common consent of all the Provinces designed to be sent under the same Character to the Court of *France*, Orders are accordingly sent to him to return home to receive his Commission and instructions in order to this new employment.

On Thursday last, Monsieur de *Pompe* the French Ambassador, was with a Train of 30 Coaches attended to his Audience, conducted by the Heers *Van Ghent* and *Werkendam*, in which he endeavoured to assure the States of the great inclinations of the King his Master to entertain friendship, alliance, and a good Correspondency with them, telling them that he doubted not but that the Care which he had for the advancement and glory of the Christian name and interest, would sufficiently convince them of the vanity of all those fears and jealousies which some persons did too much endeavour to sow amongst them, as if the King his Master had a design to disturb that peace of their Neighbours which had been so solidly established by the last Treaty, and so amply confirmed by His Royal Word, together with his solemn promise lately made to the Pope.

The said Ambassador has since exhibited a complaint to the States, that three ships belonging to our East-India Company, had severely treated a French ship call'd the *Charles*, employed in the same Trade, which being considered by the States, they ordered a very civil Letter to be written to His most Christian Majesty upon that subject, and to be delivered into the hands of Monsieur de *Pompe*.

On Friday last the Deputies from the Province of *Zeland* had their last conference with those of *Holland*, which continued from 4 in the afternoon till 12 at night, in which they at the last concluded their negotiation with mutual satisfaction, especially in the point relating to the Court of Justice: the Deputies are since returned home, and the States of *Holland* adjourned.

*Hague, June 14.* An English ship lately met upon the Coasts of *England*, on her return from *Sutata*; gives us the welcome News that about 17 dayes since she met about the West of *Heisants* with the greatest part of the ships belonging to our *East-India* Fleet on their way homewards, intending to come about by the North of *Scotland*.

The States being informed, that his Highness the Prince of *Tuscany* was leaving *England* with an intention to embark himself for *Holland*, so as to take a View of these parts, have given Order to the Heer *Hussel* their Master of the Ceremonies, to attend and complement him at *la Brille*, with one of their Yachts, which is commanded to attend his Highness pleasure, and have given Order to all the Governors and Officers small places by which he shall pass, to treat him with all the Honour and Civility imaginable. The States have besides farther pleased to offer him their

House during his stay here, desiring he would give them leave to entertain him upon their own Expences.

A Book [called, *An Instruction or Demonstration of the Foundations and Maxims of the Republick of Holland*] having lately passed the Press by a Licence which the Author has by his addresses obtained, & has by a Decree of the States been ordered to be suppressed; and a Fine of 600 Livres imposed upon such persons as shall presume to publish them: the said Books being found to contain in them several things injurious to the Ministers of the Gospel; with some undue reflections upon the House of *Austria*, and some others the Friends and Allies of this State.

The Heer *Borcel* is making preparations of *Liveries* and *Craches* for his Embassy into *England*; and the States have ordered the Treasurer *Volberghen* to advance a considerable sum of moneys towards the defraying his Expences in that Employment.

*Brussels, June 14.* Tomorrow are to be sent hence 36 Waggonen laden with Ammunition and other Military Provisions to be dispersed of in the Garrisons of *Mons*; *Valen's cienne*, *St. Gillain* and *Conde*.

The Constable of *Castile* is yet here; but 'tis believed may depart tomorrow or *Malines*, and from thence pass to *Antwerp*, and may be absent above a fortnight from this place, which time he designs to employ in taking a view of *Ghent*, *Bruges*, *Ostend* and *Nieuport*; it is more then conjectured that he intends no long continuance in this Government, and that he has by his Letters to *Spain* already solicited to be recalled; the Count de *Montreux* has received a Commission from *Spain* to take care of the Government of these Provinces, in case the Constable should leave or be absent from it, till some other person should be made choice of to succeed him.

The Regiment of *Walloons* drawn out of the other Regiments of the same Countrey, and designed for *Spain*, are to consist of 1000 men, who are ordered to be in readiness to march upon the first Orders, and are to be embarked upon the ships which are sitting up at *Ostend* for their Transportation.

*Whitehall, June 9.* Upon several complaints made to His Majesty in Council, of many Carriers, Waggoners, Coachmen, Higlrs, and other persons carrying Letters from place to place, contrary to the Act of Parliament in that case made and provided, and the great detriment of the Revenue thereby established, His Majesty was pleased to Order that His Proclamation be speedily issued out to reinforce the said Act of Parliament, to the intent that no person or persons but such as are deputed by the Post-master-General, shall prepare and provide post-horses and furniture to let to hire, &c. and that no Carrier shall carry Letters but what import their Goods, and go along with their Packs and Waggonen respectively; as also that no Stage Coach, Higlrs, Foot or Horse-post, or any not being a known Carrier of Goods, shall collect, receive or carry Letters, except what are in the said Act excepted; that all ships-Letters be delivered at the first post-stage they arrive at; likewise declaring, that whatsoever Letters shall be sent by clandestine and indirect ways, and persons not authorised by the said Act, shall be look upon as dangerous in their Contents to His Majesties service and the Kingdoms quiet, and as such shall be opened and inspected by His Majesties principal Secretaries of State, or by some one or more of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council; and the persons conveyng them proceeded against according to Law, with several other Clauses as will by the Proclamation it self more fully appear.

*Whitehall, June 9.* This day the Right Honourable John Earl of *Tweed*, whom His Majesty had been graciously pleased to call into the number of his most Honourable Privy Council, had the usual Oath administered to him, and took his place in Council accordingly.

Monsieur *Rockwood* being lately arrived here under the Character of Envoye Extraordinary from his Highness the Prince Elector *Palatine*, was this day admitted to his first Audience and graciously received by His Majesty.