

Highness the Duke of *Brandenburgh*, hath had his last Audience in order to his return. *Hannibal Sebefeldt* hath had private conference with the King, he and Mr. *Bunninghen* being conversed frequently together, and in great intimacy.

Here hath been much stir about the four dissenting Bishops, against whom the Popes *Nuncio* lately brought to the King a Brief of Interdiction, desiring him likewise to use his authority for the putting it in execution: All means possible are made use of to bring them to submission, and to this purpose a Formulaire is drawn up, which they are desired to sign: They began first to press it upon the Bishop of *Angers*, but he refused, as the rest likewise do, to suffer all the rigours of their Bulls, rather than subscribe it. An Assembly of the Clergy hath been held several days about this affair, but the King hath sent to press them to a result, and to prefix a day for their dissolution within fifteen days after his Message. He hath nominated 4 Archbishops, 4 Counsellors of State, and 4 of the Parliament, to advise with him about this Brief against those Bishops who refuse to sign the Formulaire. The Chancellor, as is said, having already advised him, to desire the Pope to lend his Bull, and so to proceed to nominate new Bishops in their rooms.

*St. Omer*, March 18. The States of *Artois* some daies since assembled in the great place of this City, where a Theatre was erected for that Ceremony, in the midst of it was placed the Portrayure of the King of *Spain*, under a Cloth of State: the President of the Council for that Province, according to the Commission received from the Marquis *de Castel Rodrigo*, swore in the hands of the Bishop, in the name of his Catholick Majesty, to observe their Privileges, and then took an Oath of Obedience from the Bishop, in behalf of those States, which was performed with the firing of their Cannon, and the usual Acclamations, afterwards they were treated in the Town-house, and the next day by the Count *St. Venazur*, the Governor, who threw amongst the people several pieces of money; concluding the Ceremony with an entertainment of Fireworks.

*Munster*, March 23. The Conferences here between his Highness of this place, and the Deputies of the Elector of *Brandenburgh* have ended in this, That a meeting be appointed about the beginning of the next month in some convenient place, for the consulting about the common peace and security of this Circle of the Empire: To which, they are satisfied of his Highnesses perfect inclinations; and that it hath been by great necessity, and after the abuse of a long and suffering patience, that he hath been obliged by way of Arms to do himself justice upon his Neighbors. However his Highness hath declared he cannot conclude any thing in relation to the present War, without the participation and consent of his Allies.

*Bruxelles*, March 20. On the 18 instant, the Duke *de Verazuz*, formerly Camp-Master General of the Armies in the Low Countries, left this City to return into *Spain*, where he is to enter upon the command of the Sea forces of his Catholick Majesty, void by the Death of the Duke *d'Avero*: the Marquis *de Castel Rodrigo*, and all the Nobility of this City accompanying him out of Town.

*Hague*, March 25. The Sieur *Beverning* tells us what success the Elector of *Brandenburghs* Mediation with the Bishop hath hitherto had, that it hath onely produced a meeting to be had the next month between the Princes of the Circle of *Westphalia*; which we are much dissatisfied here to finde the Elector so easily accept of, judging by all these delays, it is not in earnest he intends to espouse our Alliance; and therefore order is given to *Beverning* to represent to him the necessity of present action upon the enemy, ere his fresh recruits, which we are told, are very forward, and the season of the year prevent us in the advantages we promised our selves against him from that Electors forces. We have not yet found the effects of the great Deputation from *Zeland*, a few days will show them: In the mean time, it is observed, the people every where begin to speak factiously for the Prince; and indeed it is feared, how in reason or policy to our own quiet, the Propositions said to be made in his favor, can be refused, or wholly laid aside at this time.

*Vienne*, March 3. Count *Lesj* is still on his journey, but not expected here till towards the end of this month, several persons of quality are gone to meet him, among the rest, Colonel *Lesj* his Nephew, who intends to pass on as far as *Buda*. The Turkish Ambassador hath not yet had his last Audience, but is expected to demand it in few daies.

The Emperor desires at present to give out more Commissions for new levies, many difficulties arising in the Provinces of his Hereditary Countries, about the proportions both for the raising and maintaining Soldiers, when raised. In so much as the Diets proceed slowly in *Bohemia*, *Moravia*, *Silesia*, *Austria*, and other places; who have sent several persons of quality to this Court, to whom the Emperor hath given effectual orders for the management of this affair.

*Cleve*, March 24. The Mediation of this Elector at *Munster*, together with the joyn't Application of the Elector of *Colem*, the Duke of *Newburgh* and the Duke of *Eranswick Wolfenbuttel*, have at last inclined the Bishop to agree, that a meeting shall be had about the beginning of next month, between the Princes of this Circle of the Empire, at *Dorimunde*, for the deliberating further of what concerns the peace and good of this part of the Empire, which they are sensible is already much distracted, and may, if a timely union prevent it not, be in a much further danger from some of our Foreign Neighbors, who they suspect are not sorry for this occasion of bringing a force into the Empire.

The Sieur *de Blumenthal* our Envoye to the French King, is daily expected back; by whom we are to be further instructed of the intentions and desires of that Court, in the prosecution of this Summers War.

*Portus Weymouth*, March 21. Here arrived the nineteenth two Vessels from the Isle of *Guernsey*, viz. The *Providence* of *Weymouth*, laden with Fruits, and a French Vessel from *St. Maloes* with Linnen Cloth, having for their convoy the *Guernsey* Fregat when they came out, but being separated by storm, the *Providence* within two Leagues of *Portland* was chased by a French Sloop, but out sailed him. The *St. Maloes* men reports, that the people about these parts murmur exceedingly at the war with *England*, and avoid all they can possibly the assistance of the Dutch; the Seamen refusing the service of their Merchants, and those that have any stocks on ship-board, taking care to withdraw them.

*Portsmouth*, March 22. The *Deptford* Fregat met with a Vessel not far from *Guernsey*, which she took and brought into the Isle of *Wight*: She is laden with Wines for *Bordeaux*, and as the Master pretends, is bound for *Offend*.

*Newcastle*, March 20. On Sunday last arrived here the long expected fleet of Light Colliers with their convoy, being above 120 Sails, with several Vessels from other places, to the great satisfaction and rejoycing of all people near these parts.

*Deal*, March 24. Yesterday was a Prize brought in by the *West-Friesland*, but what she is, we have not as yet an account.

*Bristol*, March 17. Captain *Wood* hath raised lately in these parts two hundred stout and able Seamen for his Majesties service, and went almost a week since from hence with them: they were very willing to serve in the employment, and a great part of them (by reason of the numbers that freely offered themselves) so earnest to be listed, that they employed and made friends to the Captain to accept them.

*Burton*, March 19. Cap. *Pool*, who with his Fregat, was ordered to ly upon the Coasts of this Country for their security; coming lately in his Long-boat to the Town of *Shoreham*, in his absence, his Lieutenant discovered a Shallop, which he presently made up to, and after some dispute, boarded and took, with a great many French.

*Harwich*, March 24. Yesterday sailed from hence the *Mermaid* and the *Success*: the last night came in the *Black-Eagle* offering Convoy to any ships that were bound Northwards. These Coasts have been of late, and still are very clear from Pickaroons.

On Thursday last was lanch'd at *Tarmonth*, a Fifth Rate Fregat, called the *Sweepstakes*, which by the judgment of all Seamen that have seen her, is the best ship of her Rate that hath been seen.