

Trayn is already gone towards Rome. Antonio Germani, hath order from the Senate to take his Charge of Ambassador in Ordinary, from this Republique to the Pope, and accordingly is preparing for his journey.

*Lisbon, March 16.* We are very impatient to heare what success his Majesty of Englands Ambassador hath had in the Mediating of a Peace between us and *Spain*, it being confidently reported, that there is no small probability of a success answerable to the wishes and endeavors of the soberest persons of both parties concerned in those affaires.

On the 17th of Feb. The Queen of Portugal about eleven of the Clock at Night departed this life, to the great grief and affliction of the generality of this Nation, being a person of very eminent Piety and Prudence, whose exemplary life had no small Influence upon the whole Kingdome. The King and his Brother received her Blessing half an houre before her death, it being the only visit she had received during her retirement, which as soon as she had given them, she made the exchange, which she had in her life time so long prayed for.

*Ditto,* Yesterday arrived in this Port, two ships of London, and one from *Portsmouth*, which the *Lyon* and *Swallow* convoyed hither, and so past by towards *Cadix* and *Tangier*, where Sir *Jeremy Smith* keeps his station, having lately taken two or three French Merchants of considerable value. The *Lyon* in his passage took a French ship laden with Salt and Saguars, which went out of this Port, and accidentally crost him. Our *Brazil* Fleet went out three daies since, and the *East-India* ships we suppose will be ready within twenty dayes at the farthest.

*Legorne, March 18.* We are informed from *Constantinople*, that the Reception of the French Ambassador by the Turks, hath been with less demonstration of respect, then usually was performed to other Ambassadors, and (as it is said) contrary to the judgement that was made, and design laid in France, for the repaire of that Kings honor; for this person being he, in whom the Embassy of France had suffered an unparalleled affront, was judged the most fit subject, in whom it was again to be recompensed by some extraordinary poynts of Ceremony and Honor, which the French fancied the Turks would afford them to make satisfaction for the former mildemeanor: But the Turks who had only entertained the Messages for admission of the Ambassador with general termes of Invitation, and retaining still the memory of the attempt at *Gigery*, and the success afforded the Emperor, instead of answering the expectation of the King of France, with some remarkable tokens of honor, have received him so coldly, that they would hearken to no propositions that might add any honor to the solemnity of his entry; so that at the last, he was forced to Land as it were *incognito*, and with a private attendance onely to walk on foot from the Ship to his House, without further acknowledgment or notice from the Turks: And as we are from good hands informed, upon notice given to the Visier, that the King of France had sent a Gentleman of quality in company with the Ambassador, purposely to give him an exact and an impartial account of his Reception and Treatment. It was replied, That they valued not the testimony or respects he should carry for France; and that if he liked not his usage, he and his witness might return again to the place from whence they came.

The covetousness of some Officers in the Turkish Emperors Court, hath threatened a removal of Trade, by prohibiting the Scale of *Scanderoon*; in place whereof they would allot *Tripoli* in *Soria*, an inconvenient and dangerous Port: But it is hoped, that by the industry and prudence of the English Ambassador, the Earl of *Winchelsey*, it may be still continued where it is.

*Hague, April 2.* The Envoye from the Elector of *Brandenburgh* hath in plain termes demanded the restitution of *Rhineberg*, and in case that cannot be had, what Equivalent or Reparation the States will offer his Master in lieu of it; which a little surpriseth us to heare at this season, when we expected we had already sufficiently paid for his Allyance.

No answer hath been yet given the Deputies from *Zealand*, in their Proposition in favor of the Prince: Its believed

*Holland* will endeavor to put it off for the present, under pretence that it is not now a season for that deliberation; that they will think of doing something for the Prince, but in their own time and way, not by tumult and by constraint. In the mean time they of *Zealand* have frequent conferences with the other Provinces about the matter, endeavouring to have a General now made for life, whereas they of *Holland* are peremptory to have it given only for this expedition. |

*Vienna, March 15.* By Letters from *Caschem* in *Transsylvania*, we are told, that the Prince hath made all applications possible, by his Ambassador at the Port, for the bettering his condition, and the terms upon which his Country stands with the Grand Seignior; but that all having hitherto proved in vain, he hath betaken himself to the King of *Englands* Interest in that Court, which it is observed, carrieth with it the most weight of any Christian Prince; so as the Prince hath engaged the Officers of that Kings Ambassador in his favor; which, what effect they may have in a thing of that nature, cannot be easily foreseen: But they are not without hopes, at least, to obtain by it a diminution of their yearly Tribute, which at present presses them hard.

*Barbado's Jan. 31.* The English forces (we formerly told you of) that marched out of this place, were designed for *Tobago*, but were prevented by the *Jamaica* Fleet, who as you heard took in that, and the other two Islands, *Stalia* and *Salia*; whereupon ours turned themselves against the Dutch Plantations upon the Main-land; but of the success we have not yet a particular account, onely in the general we understand, by some prisoners brought in by a Sloop sent out for that purpose, that they have taken from the Dutch, *Barooma*, *Maroco*, *Wacopo*, and were bound for *Issca* Cape. They feared that they should not be able to reach *Berbitius*, by reason of contrary winds. They have in the spoil taken a very considerable number of Negro's, and several things of great value; and it is conceived in a short time, will leave but little footing for Dutch or French, either in the Main, or in the *Caribee* Islands. We have likewise an account here, that 300 men from the *Leeward* Islands are gone against the Indians of *S. Vincents* and *Dominico*, with a resolution to be revenged of them for their Treachery towards us. Of which, we expect the issue.

*Southwold, March 27.* On the 25, the *Martin* Fregat with 19 Sail came to Anchor in the Bay; being bound, some for *Yarmouth*, others for *Hull* and *Lyn*, they staid the Tide; and the 26, went again to the Northward.

*Downs, March 26.* Last night came in the *Sorlings* with a Hoy, who it is thought will be made prize; and the *Mermaid* with a Private Man of War of four Guns, who was formerly a *Pacquet-Boat* of *Dover*.

*Newcastle, March 25.* On Saturday last a Dutch Man of War of 16 or 20 Guns, and 100 Men, supposed a Direction ship of *Flushing*, that had been cruising upon these Coasts, was chased and encountred by the *Pearl*; but after a stout resistance, was forced to yield, the *Ruby* coming up towards the end of the dispute.

The *Caper* was so very much torn in the fight, that she immediately sank: 40 of her men were killed and drowned, her Lieutenant had his Thigh shot off in the Engagement, and the Captain his Sword brake in his hand; in which posture he was taken up; about 60 of the remaining men were saved, and put on board the *Ruby*.

The two Fregats afterwards returned to *Tinmouth* Haven (without the loss of one man, onely two wounded) where they remain with the *Speedwell*, *Victory*, *Norwich*, and *Young Lyon*.

*Whitchal, March 28.* Yesterday afternoon, was launched at *Deptford* the *Defiance*, a very stout and promising Fregat of 64 Guns. His Majesty accompanied by his Royal Highness and Prince *Robert*, and attended with several persons of quality, was pleased to be present at the action, which was performed very happily, and with more then usual acclamations and applause. His Majesty having been pleased at the same time to confer the honor of Knighthood upon Cap. *Robert Holmes*, who is designed to have the command of this Ship.

The Account of this Weeks Bill runs thus. The Total 224. Of the Plague 17. Decreased in all 9. Of the Plague 16.