

ther made so stout a resistance, that the Turks were forced to give off their design and to put into *Tunis* to repair, having received much damage in the dispute; these ships are supposed to be the Prince *Henry Casimir*, the *St. Stephen*, and the *Justice*, under the conduct of Captain *Vander Tol*, of which we expect a confirmation.

*Brussels, Aug. 17.* The Constable of *Castille* is yet at *Antwerp*, but intends in little time to take a view of several parts of the Province of *Flanders*; notwithstanding that the States there have endeavoured to prevent him of the trouble; he intends to leave behind him his Horse-guards in *Antwerp*, but to be attended by the Archers, who are all new clothed in the King of Spain's Livery.

The Magistrates of this City being informed that the Sickness is much spread up and down in several parts of the Country of this Province; on Monday last set out a Proclamation, prohibiting all persons from coming into the City without a Certificate of health.

The Governour of *Valenciennes* has been lately at *Antwerp* to give the Constable an account of his Charge, and has complained that the Townsmen stand much upon their priviledges of keeping Watch and Ward within their own liberties, insomuch, as they will not permit him to place his Guards as is most convenient for the defence of the place, and that there is a great resort of the French to that place, insomuch that unless some better care be taken, it may soon fall into other hands.

This week the City proceeded to the Election of new Deans for the Colledge of the 9 Nations.

Here are great complaints made against the want of Discipline amongst the soldiers of this Garrison, whose extravagancies begin to be insupportable, great companies of them getting together in the night, and with Bullets in their mouths and Match lighted, breaking forcibly into several houses.

From *Ostend* we are told, that the Convoy designed for *Spain* lies there ready to sail with the first fair wind, with a freight of extraordinary value.

The Walloon Regiment which was intended to be embarked upon the three Spanish Gallions in *Zealand*, is yet continued in their Quarters allotted them near *Bruges*.

The Baron *d'Isola*, Envoy extraordinary from His Imperial Majesty, has lately received fresh dispatches from *Vienna*, and intends suddenly to depart hence for the *Hague*.

*Paris, August 17.* On Wednesday last the Grand Prior of *France* received a Letter from *Malta*, acquainting him, that a Fregat arriving from *Gandia* informed him that at her departure thence the French Army were landed, and were preparing to make a sally upon the Enemy, but that the same Fregat touching at *Milo*, found there this farther news, that the French had indeed sallied, but with ill success, insomuch as the Duke *de Beauport* himself, with many of his people were killed, having onely had the success to regain from the Enemy the Gorge of the Bastion *St. Andre*; passing thence to *Zante*, he found that the Sieur *d'Almeras* had received the same unhappy news to his great affliction for the loss of the Admiral.

The news of this place descends to these farther particulars; that upon a Council of War it was resolved, that an attempt should be made upon the Enemy in two places, and accordingly the Duke *de Navailles*, as General at Land, undertook to fall upon the Enemy at the *St. Andre*, and the Duke *de Beauport* to sally out at the *Sabionera*, the forces being thus divided, the Duke *de Navailles* having the Grand Visier before him, met with much resistance, but yet the courage of his men prevailing, they won from the Turks the Gorge of that Bastion; on the other side, the Duke *de Beauport* finding little work at the *Sabionera*, the Enemy being drawn off from that side, resolved to partake of the Glory of that days service, and marched towards the *St. Andre*, but taking a by-way was mistaken for the Enemy and charged by the French, where in a fierce mistaken Fight he was killed, and about 600 of his men, but this story, however confidently blown abroad, is not so

authentick, as to oblige us to a belief without a farther confirmation.

The Emperour has sent his powers to the Baron *d'Isola*, to enter him into the Triple League in quality of King of *Bohemia*, with the rest of the Electoral Colledge.

It is now certain that His Majesty has purchased an Imperial Fief near *Finale*, from the Marquis *de Carette*, for the Summ of 30 Thousand Crowns, of which he is to receive Investiture from the Emperour.

We have lately had a Rumour of the Death of the Count *de Vivonne*, but whether by a distease, or otherwise, is not said.

A Courier lately arrived from *Poland* informes us, that for some time the People were very apprehensive lest the Discontents of several of the Grandees might draw them into a Civil Warr, and cause a Confederation in the Army; but that all these Divisions are now composed.

The same Courier informing, that King *Casimir* was on his way for *France*, and would pass by the way of *Nuremberg*, His Majesty has been pleased to give Order for the detraying of all the Expences of his Travell from *Prussia-Royal* into *France*.

The *Swisses* have concluded their Assembly without resolving upon the Decree proposed for the Re-calling of the *Franche-Companies* from His Majesties Service; they have lately Written to His Majesty, to assure him of their desire to continue the Ancient Alliance contracted with this Crown, if His Majesty would please to do His part in the Observation of the Conditions which concerned their Interest: Adding, that they were a Free People, exempt from all manner of Subjection, and supposed they had a Power to make what other Alliances they should think fit, without Infringement of their Treaty with *France*.

On Tuesday last His Majesty was pleased to go to the *Hofel de Vendosme* to visit the young Duke, and to comfort him upon the late death of his Father, promising to take care for his honourable support; and since the Government of *Provence* dyed with the Father, has given his Mother an Order for the receiving of Two hundred thousand Crowns from that Government as part of her Dowry.

On Wednesday His Majesty entertained the Prince of *Tuscany* at the Camp and Fort of *St. Sebastian*, where he took a review of his Forces, which were about Fifteen thousand men.

A Courier extraordinary arrived here from *Rome*, informs us, that the Fifth instant, the Pope was pleased to make a promotion of one Cardinal only, viz. the Duke *d'Albret*, Cardinal *de Bonillon*.

#### Advertisement.

These are to give notice to all whom it may concern, That the Lords Commissioners of His Majesties Treasury will be ready on the 11th of October 1669, in the afternoon, to receive propositions from any person or persons for the Farming or Collecting His Majesties Duty arising by Hearths and Stoves in England and Wales, and Town of *Berwick upon Tweede*, either in one Farm or Collection, or by several Counties and Places.

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