

able to propose to them, to which they made return, that they knew not at present how to make him any answer, as having not any clause in their instructions which empowered them thereunto in a proposition of so high consequence.

Several of the Colliers of *St. Gillaine* have lately apply'd themselves to the Governour of *Tournay*, and inform'd him, that in former times there was a Coal Mine about *St. Amand* toward *Valencienmes*, which might (if found out) prove very serviceable to him; whereupon he being willing to make an Experiment thereof, went with them in person to the place where he has employ'd them in the search of the Mines, but is not yet known with what success.

From *Vicna* we are told, that there is a Project if not a Treaty on Foot for a Marriage between *Charles* Prince of *Lorraine* and a Sister of the Emperour, which if effected, may have a strong influence upon these Provinces, but especially upon *Burgundy*.

On Sunday last the *Baron d'Isola* departed hence on his way for the *Hague*.

The French are busily raising the fortifications of *Aeth*, in which are employ'd 200 soldiers of the Garrison of *Candia*.

*Paris*, August 20. Here is lately arriv'd a Courier Extraordinary from *Rome*, with Letters from the Abbot of *Bourlemont*, His most Christian Majesties Agent in that Court, who informs His Majesty, that *Don Thomas* Rospigliosi the Popes Nephew, dy'd the 4th instant, and the next day the Pope had declar'd the promotion of the Duke d'Albret to the Dignity of Cardinals, with this Compliment, that he received not so much affliction by the death of his Nephew, as he had joy of this opportunity of giving His most Christian Majesty this mark of his thankfulness for the great success he had generously sent to the Town of *Candia* upon his desire.

The same Courier farther affirms, that the Pope had immediately upon this promotion, dispatcht away a Courier to *Madrid* to make an apology to the Queen, that he had not as yet satisfy'd the interest of the Crown of *Spain* in the like promotion, this being at present forced from him by the great Obligation lately received from *France*.

*Paris*, August 24. We are with much impatience expecting further news of some fresh Action of our forces in *Candia*, and hope for better success than hitherto, our people beginning to acquaint themselves with the Turkish Methods of fighting, to the ignorance whereof is attributed much of the late disaster, in which upon a late Computation were said to have had killed and wounded 365 Officers, and near 600 soldiers, besides some considerable number of Prisoners.

Some days after this engagement, viz. on July 5 *St. N.* and not before) arriv'd at *Candia* the Count de *Vivonne* with the French Gallies, who finding the Fleet without an Admiral, the same day took possession of that vacant charge. The same day arriv'd also the Squadron of the Maltha Gallies with 800 able men, and the day before landed from *Venice* 1000 Germans, with which additions of strength is believ'd some what may be speedily attempted for the removal of the Enemy, who as closely as ever press the Town both from the *sabonera* and *St. Andre*, and by their *Granados* and *Bombes* which they send into Town in showers, make some considerable execution.

The 6th of July the Duke de *Navailles* having much heated himself in the late services, and broken his rest by his continued vigilance, fell into a violent Fever, to the great affliction of the Army, which expects much confidence in his Courage and Conduct.

His Majesty has had thoughts of sending fresh succors with a more formidable strength under the Command of *Monseur de Belisford*, who seems very zealous for the employment, but expects first some further account of the state of affairs.

From *Thoulon* we are inform'd, that the Chevalier d'Almeras who was (it seems) misreport'd to have had his part in the late action in *Candia*, arriv'd at *Thoulon*, bringing with him a Turkish Minister, with whom he pur out to see before he had any certain news of the landing

of any of our succors at *Candia*; he is said to be call'd *Soliman Aga*, a person of great reputation in *Turky*, and had he not been prevented by this employment, was before design'd as Extraordinary Ambassador to the Great *Mogol*.

*Plymouth*, August 13. Yesterday arriv'd here a *New England* ship bound hither from *Barbados*, and this day a ship of *Tarmouth* from the *Caribby Islands*, where they left all things in a peaceable and thriving posture.

*Waymouth*, August 14. The 12th instant arriv'd here a vessel of this place from the *Barbados*, who about the height of 24 Degrees met with 3 Spanish men of War, of 34, 24 and 12 Guns, which came a little before from the *Havana*, and were cruising to the windward, some loss received from them, and farther informs, that a Privateer commanded by a Knight of *Maliba* was cruising upon those seas, very indifferently making prize of all ships without distinction of Nations.

*London*, August 17. This day His Excellency *Monseur Guldencu*, Ambassador from His Majesty of *Denmark* went to *Greenwich* with his Train and Attendants, where he was met and Complimented by the Earl of *Winchelsea*, and *Sir Charles Corserel* the Master of the Ceremonies, from whence he entred with them into His Majesties Barge, and with several other Barges and Boats attending him, landed at the *Tower*, where he was saluted by the Great Guns; from thence he made his Entry in this Order. First march'd a Kettle Drum with 6 Trumpets in rich Liveries, then 4 led Horses, after them his Master of the Horse, followed by 12 Pages on Horseback, and after them by 16 Gentlemen, all of them in excellent equipage, then His Majesties Coach wherein was his Excellency, with the Earl of *Winchelsea* and the Master of the Ceremonies, attended by a great number of Lacqueys in the Ambassadors Livery, then a Rich Coach, with 2 others, all of them with 6 Horses apiece belonging to the Ambassador, and after them a Train of about 50 Coaches with 6 Horses apiece of the Nobility and great personages about the Town, in which Method he pass'd to the *Lady Williams* house in *Westminster*, where he is to be Honourably entertained upon His Majesties account till his publick Audience.

On Saturday last His Majesty with his Royal Highness and the Duke of *Monmouth* were entertained by my Lord *George Berkeley* at his house at *Durdons*, where His Majesty was pleas'd to confer the Honour of Knighthood on *Dr. Scarborough*, in consideration of his former sufferings and present services.

#### Advertisement,

These are by Order of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury to give notice to all whom it may concern, That their said Lordships will be ready on the 11th of October 1669. at 3 in the afternoon, to receive propositions from any person or persons for the Farming or Collecting His Majesties Duty arising by Fire-Hearts and Stoves in England and Wales, and Town of *Berwick* upon *Tweed*, either in one Farm or Collection, or by several Counties and Places from the 29th of September next inclusively.

These are farther also by the same Command to give notice to all whom it may concern, That where-as their Lordships do intend to receive Propositions upon Monday the 11th of October next, for Collecting or Farming His Majesties Duty arising by Fire-Hearts and Stoves, that the intention is not to disturb or interrupt the late Farmers of that Duty in the Collection of any Arrears due upon their Farms to the 25th of March last inclusive.

G. Downing.