

of Canon, and carried off a large quantity of Coals which were brought from *Mariemont*, which were bought by the Officers of the Finances for the Kings use, refusing to pay the Custom, the Commander telling the Officer which required them, that having with him so good a Guard for their Convoy, he should not easily be induced to pay for their passage.

The Marquis *d'Humieres* is with a body of about 6000 men about halfe a League from *Conde*, where he intends to continue till they have carried off all the Coals.

On Monday last the Constable of *Cassille* arrived here with his Guards, having in his passage through *Bruges* and *Ghent* and *Alost* been publickly received by the Magistrates with much Ceremony, with several volleys of shot from the Soldiery and Townsmen, ranged in Order, and the Great Guns fired at his entry.

On Tuesday last in an Assembly of the Commons, it was at the last agreed, that the 4 thousand Florins demanded of them, should be paid into the Constable of *Cassille*, but the Syndic of the City was obliged to change the Form of the demand, and to require the said sum for the supply of the Kings necessities, and not for the maintenance of the Garrison, which latter Notion was not at all pleasing to the Assembly.

Our people are labouring with all diligence at *St. Gillain* for the compleating of the Fortifications of that place, where they face all the Bastions with Brick.

The Post between these Provinces and *Spain* are still interrupted; no further progress is yet made in the Reformation of our forties, nor will be till further Order from the Court of *Spain*.

The Marquis *de Tresigny* having on Saturday last diverted himself in Hunting, went that night to bed in good health, but was about 4 of the Clock the next morning found dead by his Lady.

Yesterday in the evening happened a sudden fire at a Soap-boilers house upon the Rivers side, which in less than an hours time burnt down and consumed six houses, and might have endangered that quarter of the Town had not the people with much diligence timely extinguish it.

The Constable finding himself much indisposed after his journey, and subject to the Megrim, is perswaded to go to the Kings House at *Tervuer* and to drink the Spau waters. *Paris, Sept. 7.* On Wednesday last the Dolphin was so extremely ill of his Feavour, that it was much feared he would not continue living till the next day; his distemper is still violent and dangerous, and publick prayers have been made for him in several Churches.

Here is lately arrived the Marquis *Cavetto*, who formerly disavows the sale of his Marquisate in *Italy* to His most Christian Majesty, as having been done contrary to his Order by the Abbot *Germelli*, whom he employd onely to offer himself and his said Marquisate to His Majesties Protection: the said *Germelli* fearing lest he might receive a reward proportionable to this his proceeding, has privately retired himself, but the Marquis *du Chastelot* of *Bretagne* who was formerly employd by His Majesty into *Milan*, where he was supposed not to have acquitted himself according to the confidence reposed in him, being found to be an accomplice with the Abbot *Germelli* in this Sale, is committed to the *Bastille*.

The said Marquis *Cavetto* has lately by his Letters endeavoured to assure His Imperial Majesty, that he had no intentions to alienate his Estate, or to quit his dependency on the Empire, but onely by putting himself under the French protection to secure himself against any designs which his neighbours might have upon him.

Letters from *Candia* bearing date the 2d. of Aug. tell us, That the French Fleet lying near the Town, the *These*, which was the Ship on which the Duke de *Navailles* Embark'd himself for that Kingdom, by some unhappy Accident, or a Shot from the Town, took fire in the Powder-Room, which immediately blew up, with about 300 Men, and amongst them 37 Officers, and a great quantity of the

Dukes Plate and Baggage to considerable value: That 9 other Ships, and the Admiral Galley, were much endamaged by this Accident; and the Count de *Vivonne* Captain of the Gallies, and Monsieur *Colbert* somewhat hurt: they farther say, That the Turks proceed vigorously in their approaches on the side of the *Saloniers*, endeavouring to gain upon the *Arsenal*, and if possible to shut up the Harbour. That the *Venetians* had some thoughts of a Treaty, but altered them upon the News that His Most Christian Majesty was sending a fresh Succor to their Assistance, under the Command of the Marshal de *Bellefonds*.

Since this Disaster of the *These*, the Fleet is removed to *Standia*, where the Duke de *Navailles* continues much indisposed, but principally afflicted with Melancholly.

From *Genova* we are informed, That the Corsairs of *Tunis* have lately taken a French Merchant Ship, Laden to the value of 80 Thousand Crowns, with another small Barke; and that those of *Tunis*, *Algiers*, and *Tripoli*, had all of them received Orders from the Grand Seigneur to set out their Ships to Sea, and to seize upon what French Ships they could meet with, notwithstanding all former Treaties to the contrary.

*Whitehal Septemb. 1.* On Monday last His Majesty, accompanied by His Royal Highness, and his Highness Prince *Rupert*, and attended by several persons of the Court, went hence for *Souhampton*, His Majesty intending for some days to divert himself with the diversions of *New Forest* and the Country adjoining: His Majesty was pleased before his departure, to confer the Honour of Knighthood on Master *Thomas Clutterbuck* his Conul for the Port of *Legorn*.

#### Advertisements.

The long expected, often and many ways most desirably obstructed and interrupted Work of the *Hexaplot Lexicon*, compiled by Dr. *Edmund Castell*, is now fully finished: And all the Subscribers to it are desired to send for their several Copies due in Arrear to them, every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday weekly, untill a Ware-House in the Charter-House London: where they shall be delivered out from 8 of the Clock in the Morning untill 12, and from 2 in the Afternoon till 6.

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-Hearths 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 whereas their Lordships do intend to receive Propositions upon Monday the 11th of October next, for Collecting or Farming His Majesties Duty arising by Fire-Hearths 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