[illegible] and another Instance of the French King, to raise a Supply of Ammunition, for the service of the Nation's Enemy, which has been granted [illegible]. An Express is arrived at Paris [illegible] that the Duke of Ha[illegible] was shot at Hamburg of late, and was lodging [illegible] as well those in Flanders, as those on the Rhine, and Wha[illegible] the Chamber. They have some Thoughts, that most of the Ships in the Court of Denmark's Squadron are laying up [illegible].

Hague, Dec. 11. N. S. On *Friday* the 7th Instant we had the most dreadful Storm that has been known in these Parts in the Memory of Man; Several Churches, Houses and other Buildings, received great Damage, and the Dikes in *Friesland* were broke down by the Violence of the Sea, which was driven upon them by a Strong Westerly Wind, and has overflowed one fourth part of the Country, and some Villages near the *Texel* are also laid under Water. Admiral *[illegible]*, who was arrived some days before with the Squadron from the *Sound*, did out the Storm, tho' with the loss of the Masts of some of his Ships, which they were forced to cut by the board; But Admiral *Calemberg*, with the Squadron of Men of War and Transport Ships designed for the Expedition to *Portugal*, which was expected from the *Texel* to join those in the *Maese*, was driven to the Northward; and we have yet no other Account of him, than by the Masters of some Vessels lately come into the *Texel*, who report, that he was forced by the Storm upon the Coast of *Norway*, and is now on his return from thence. Some small Vessels in the *Texel* were drove upon the Sands; and an *English* homeward bound *[illegible]* Ship was cast away on the Coast of *Friesland*. Of the Ships in the *Maese*, the *Virgin*, an *English* Man of War, was driven there upon the *Pierhead*, and is lost, but the Men on board her were saved; one of the *English* Sixth Rates, and most of the Transport Ships, ran aground, but are got off again with little Damage, except two or three which are entirely lost, and on board one of them 35 Soldiers were drowned; which, with what was lost out of other Vessels, makes the number of those who were cast away between 40 and 50. The *Rafis* Man of War, which was driven from the *Longsand*, ran aground between the *Gris* and *Helvoet-Sluis*; all the Men and Guns on board her, and most of her Tackle, are brought on Shore. The Mortar Bomb-Ketch was stranded at *Cornyet*, but the Men were saved, and the Mortar-piece and Guns on board her are also preserved. Sir *George Rooke* went from hence the 10th to the *Brill*, to give Directions for repairing the Damage which the *English* Ships in the *Maese* had sustained; and such Care has been taken, that both those and the *Dutch* will be in a readiness in a fortnight for the Expedition to *Portugal*, notwithstanding this unfortunate Accident. Sir *George* is since returned hither. The *Dutch* homeward bound *Rafis* Fleet is arrived in the *Texel*: They were out at Sea on the 7th, and were not sensible of any Storm; yet we hear from *Hamburgh*, *Lubeck*, and other Places to the Northward, that it has reached thither, tho' it was the less violent the further it went to the North-East.

This day Mr. *Strelope*, Her Majesty of *Great Britain*'s Envoy Extraordinary, presented a Memorial to the States, intitling upon the Continuance of the Stop of all Peels, and of all Letters, Bills, and all other Correspondence, Trade and Commerce, with Her Majesty's Enemies. The King of *Spain* has appointed the Count *de Gesler* to be his Envoy to the States General, and the Count *de Zimmerdorf* to take Care of the Administration of Affairs in the Dutchy of *Limbourg* (whereof he has taken Possession) as to Civil Matters; but the States General continue in Possession of the Military Government thereof. The Count *de Maffei* and the Count *de Berg* are expected here in a day or two from *Spain*, the former being sent Envoy Extraordinary from that Duke to Her Majesty of *Great Britain*, and the other being appointed to reside here.

Yarmouth, Dec. 10. Her Majesty's Ship the *Dorset-shire*, one of Sir *Cloudesly Shovel*'s Squadron, which was driven from the *Longsand-Head* by the late great Storm, came to an Anchor on the back of our Sands the 8th Instant, and the same night sailed for the *Nore*.

Sheriffs appointed for

Northamptonshire, Sir John Langham Bart.
Cornwall, Richard Trigavasso Esq;

Admiralty-Office, Dec. 13. 1703.

His Royal Highness Prince George of Denmark, Our Lord High Admiral of England, &c. has received his Commission of Her Majesty's Service, and is ready to see [illegible] Prince, to engage in [illegible] Duke of Ormond, if the Prince is not [illegible] Ship and [illegible].

HER Majesty having [illegible] Order in Council [illegible] Prizes [illegible] Captors for their Shares of the Prize Goods [illegible] Her Majesty's Navy [illegible] Her Majesty's Royal Grants [illegible] Prize Goods [illegible]

The Commissioners [illegible] Prizes, [illegible] Monday the [illegible] day of December [illegible] Office for Payment of Captors, in the Lord Admiral's Court-Garden, [illegible] Pay, or cause Payment to be made, to the Officers and Company of Her Majesty's Royal Navy, on George [illegible] Day, being the 23d day of December [illegible], the Officers and Company of Her Majesty's Navy [illegible] Her Majesty's Royal Grants [illegible] Prize Goods [illegible] Captors.

*Whereas Her Majesty has been Graciously pleased to grant a Bounty for a Commission [illegible] Sea, by the Lord Admiral, Earl of Pembroke, Duke of Ormond, and Lord Dursley, [illegible] Sea-Officers, and Sea-Officers, and Sea-Officers, and Sea-Officers, [illegible] Commissioners and Officers [illegible] Commissioners [illegible] Cure [illegible] Her Majesty [illegible] Commission [illegible] Sea [illegible] Sea [illegible] Sea