

wards *Fuernes*, which gave us some occasion to doubt they might have had a design upon the Fort of *Lingue*, but upon farther inquiry we find their intentions were only to Convey some Wagons laden with Coals and so secure their passage.

The same day in the Evening by the Constables Order the *Sieur Ognate* a Commissioner of the Finances was seized and committed prisoner to the *Steenpoort* by the Provost and his people, being accused of disobedience to the Constables Commands, in not taking off the new imposed Custom upon Coals according to his Order, which had occasioned the late dissatisfaction of the French, against which Charge he is endeavouring with the rest of the Commissioners to make his defence, and in the mean time by their addresses to the Constable to desire a removal of his person to a prison less scandalous than that which is the usual place for the securing of Thieves and the like notorious Malefactors.

The *Papa Nuncio* having notice that upon the late stop of the Posts between this and *Spain*, several of his Letters are kept in the Post-house at *Deuse*, sent lately thither and to *Tourney* to press the Officers for the delivery of his said Letters but without any effect, the said Officers pretending that they have a strict Command not to deliver any Letters whatsoever without particular Order.

The misunderstandings between the French and Spanish Post-Master still continue to the great detriment and interruption of Trade.

Since this City consented to the payment of their Moneys which are employed for the Quartering of the soldiers, greater care then formerly is taken to prevent the Thefts and Murders which were so frequently committed in the night, about 200 men being appointed with their own Officers and some others of the City to go the Rounds in several parties.

On Monday last the *Sieur de Galartte* His Majesties Secretary of State and War, having quitted that Employment which had been held by him near 15 years, departed hence for *Spain*; His Excellency having conferred that Charge upon His own Secretary.

On Tuesday last arrived here several Deputies from *Liege*, to Treat concerning the Establishment of a mutual Trade and Commerce between the Subjects of both Countries.

We have here much Discourse of a Treaty now on Foot, for an Exchange to be made of the Countreys lately Conquered by the French; and it adds not a little confidence to this Report, That the French have lately dismissed all the Workmen lately employed by them in the Fortifications of *Charleroy* and other places.

The Constable has changed his Resolution of going to *Terveire*; and since his Physicians have ordered him to drink the Waters of *Spa* for his Indisposition, he intends to take them here, which may for some time hinder him from giving Publick Au. iences.

Paris, Sept. 14. Since the unhappy accident of the firing of the *Therese* before *Candia*, several reports have been with much confidence spread abroad of a general sally made with much success upon the Enemy, but this being not at all confirmed by our late Letters from *Rome* and other parts of *Italy*, we have reason to suspect the truth of those advantageous actions; we rather find that the *Turks* ply their Siege with more then ordinary diligence, fixing on the side of the *Sabionera* made some considerable advance towards the Arsenal, and by a Mine thrown down a part of the Bulwark towards the Port, which obliged *Monseur Colbert* to make several sallies with much courage and various success; but that the *Generallissimo* had designed to attempt the Enemy with 3000 of the choicest soldiers in the Garrison, of which we expect with impatience some account.

The Dauphin is again relapsed into his Feavour, but not so dangerously as to divert His Majesty from his resolution of going for *Chembourg*.

The 10th instant about 4 in the morning dyed the Queen Mother of *England* at her House at *Colombe* 4 Leagues

from this City in the 60th year of her age; upon the news whereof, *Monseur* went immediately from *St. Germain* to pay her his last Devotions, and afterwards to *St. Clou* to impart the afflicting news to *Madam*, who received it with infinite sorrow, and was afterwards visited and condoled with by their Majesties.

The same day the Body of the deceased Queen was exposed upon a Bed of state in her Chamber, and the next day Embalmed, and afterwards conveyed to the Monastery at *Chalot*, arched by the *Lady Mariesbele du Plessis*, and several other Ladies of Quality.

To morrow His Majesty intends to put on Mourning for the deceased Queen Mother, and to give a Visit to *Madam*, and the next day to set forwards on his way for *Chambourg*.

This Morning His Highness the Prince of *Tuscany* departs on his return home, much satisfied with his Reception in this Court, and with the Present of Tapisteryes given him by His Majesty.

The Duke of *Beauforts* Secretary being lately arrived from *Candia*, affirms, That for 3 weeks after the unhappy Sally made upon the *Turks* he had made all possible inquiry after the Duke his Master, and had dispatched a Bark with a White Flag towards the *Turkish* Camp; the Person employed by him coming near the Shoar, was sold by the *Turks*, That they had the possession of his dead Body, and if he would land would show it him; but he refusing their first offer, could not afterwards entreat that favour of being permitted to land; so much the *Turks* seemed dissatisfied with his distrust of their Faith.

Deale, Sept. 8. The fourth Instant arrived one Ship from *Holland*, the next day one from *Virginia*, and another from the *Barbados*. On Saturday and Sunday last about 12 sail of Ships from the River, all of which failed this day out of the Downs with a fair wind.

Advertisements.

These are to give notice that *William Sermon*, Dr. of Physick, a Person so eminently famous for his Cure of his Grace the Duke of *Albemarle* is removed from *Bristol* to *London*; and may be spoken with every day especially in the forenoon at his House in *West-Harding Street*, in *Goldsmiths Rents* near *Three Legged Alley*, between *Fetter Lane* and *Shooc-Lane*.

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.