

yet declared her resolution of disposing of the Charge of Inquisitor-General, though tis believed the Bishop of *Placentia* is designed for it, which is so little doubted of, that many of the great persons of the Court are making their Interest to succeed him in his employment as President of the Council of *Castille*.

The Court de *Petting* the Emperours Ambassador has frequent Audiences from the Queen Regent, as has also the Baron d' *Alamont* the Duke of *Lorrains* Envoy, and tis believed something may be here suddenly concluded in favour to *Charles Prince of Lorrain*.

The Duke d' *Ossuna* has sent hither his Resignation of his Government into the Queens hands, but his most powerful Relations are endeavouring to preserve him in the Queens favour, as well as to persuade him to quit his thoughts of retirement, and to take upon him the Government of *Milan*.

*Hague, Dec. 10.* The States of *Holland* have in their Assembly resolved upon the nomination of the Officers who are to command the forces to be raised by and upon the expence of that Province, and particularly have nominated Three Colonels, Three Lieutenant-Colonels, Three Serjeant Majors, and Thirty three Captains of Foot; and One Colonel, One Major, and Four Captains of Horse; which said Officers have prefix a day for the nomination of their subordinate Officers, and obliged themselves to raise the said Companies in the several places where they live, and have their Residence; the Foot Companies to be completed to the number of 100 men piece within the space of one month, and the Troops of Horse to the number of 80 Riders in 6 weeks, and all such Officers upon the Receipt of the States Money are to put in security for performance of the agreement: tis believed the rest of the Provinces will suddenly be induced to follow this example.

From *Rotterdam* we are advised of the arrival there of Vice-admiral *Van Nes* from the *Streights*, having lost three ships out of four which were under his Convoys, who were taken by the Turks, but the most part of their Equipage came on board him, leaving only the ships for a prey.

Two of our men of war are lately arrived at the *Texel* from *Cadix*, who lighted on a floating Vessel of 500 Tuns called the *Fortune* from *Norway*, but not one person aboard her, the men having given her over as lost, endeavouring to save themselves in their Challow, were cast away upon the *Isle of Amelant*, only one of them, and he a lame infirm person driven safe on shoar.

*Paris, Dec. 7.* On Tuesday last the Turkish Envoy made his Entry into this City, himself with his Train being mounted on the Horses of the Kings great Stable, conducted by the Sieurs de *Bournonville* and *du Plessis*, the Kings *Querries*, and the *Sieur de la Giberie* a Gentleman of His Majesties Household, this Entry was made by the *Fauxbourg St Germain*, and the Envoy lodged at the *Hôtel de Venice* behind the *Minimes*, about the place Royal.

The 5th instant he was with much ceremony conducted to his Audience at *St Germain* by the *Sieur de Berlise* whose province it is to introduce Ambassadors, who led him to the new Castle through several Guards which were placed in order for that solemnity, viz. The Musqueteers of the old Company in their Coats of black Velvet, then Six Companies of the French Regiment of Guards, and behind them several Squadrons of the Guards of the body, with the men at Arms and light Horse-men; then two Companies of the Regiment of Swiss Guards, and behind them several other Squadrons of the Guards of the body, with their Officers at the head of them richly clad and well mounted; the Guard of the hundred Swisses were ranged on both sides the way in the little Court of the Castle, and other Guards placed in the Entry and Hall.

The Envoy having past these Guards, was led through several Rooms excellently adorned for that solemnity into

the Gallery appointed for his Audience, which was beautified with all the Kings richest Furniture, where the King expected him on a Throne under a rich Canopy of State, His Habit and Hat covered with Jewels to the value of about 25 Millions £ on his Right hand was *Monsieur* very rich in Jewels and the Duke d' *Enguyen*, on the left, and about him all the Officers of the Crown, and the Nobility about the Court; the Gentlemen and other persons of quality being placed in order on both sides the Gallery; the Envoy coming to the foot of the Throne made there his Speech which was rendered into French by his interpreter, and then delivered his Letter to His Majesties hand, but seemed much concerned, that His Majesty did not do him the honour to rise upon to receive it; His Majesty was pleased to return him his answer by the *Sieur d' Arvieu*; which done, the Envoy retired with the same Ceremony as he entered, and at the *Fant du Pec* was taken into His Majesties Coaches and reconducted to *Paris*.

*Paris, Dec. 11.* Since the Audience given to the Turkish Envoy, his Letter given to His Majesty, does not fasten on him any farther Character, nor do they contain any thing of greater importance then to excuse the detention of the *Sieur de la Haye*, our Ambassador in the Ottoman Court, the necessity of affairs requiring it for the preservation of a right understanding between both Monarchies, and the establishment of Commerce.

In *January* next His Majesty has designed to have a Grand Ballet at *St Germain*, for which preparations are ordered to be made; after the diversions, the King intends to go thence to *Chomberg* to recreate himself in hunting, and upon his return to go to the waters of *Eurban* which are prescribed him by his Physicians.

Here is lately arrived a Courier which left *Rome* the 30th of *November*, being dispatch with extraordinary diligence with the news, that the popes distemper was so far increased upon him, that his Physicians wholly despaired of his recovery, and that at the time of his departure from *Rome*, the Pope was judged to be near his end, inasmuch as he had received his viaticum and extreme Unction.

He likewise informs that during the time of his weakness, he had declared the promotion of eight Cardinals, viz. *Porta Carrero* at the Nomination of the Court of *Spain*, Father *Bono* a Piedmontain, and a Fryer of the Order of *St Bernard*, *Nerli*, Archbishop of *Florence*, *Pallavicini*, Dean of the Camera; *Acciayoli*, a Florentine Auditor of the Camera; *Bonaventi*, Treasurer of the Camera; *Altieri*, Master of the Camera; and *Gerri*, Dean of the Ruota.

Tis believed the Duke de *Chaulnes* will be suddenly dispatch hence for *Rome* with the Character of Ambassador to be present at the Conclave for the next election.

Some Commissioners are said to be appointed to Treat with the Cantons of *Switzerland* upon new propositions, to which the Cantons seem more inclinable then to the old.

The Baron de *Sisancourt* who was employed by the Duke of *Lorrain* as his Envoy to the Diet of *Ratisbonne*, is lately returned to *Nancy*, and hath given the Duke an account of his Negotiation with that Assembly; and that after many debates upon the difficulties offered by the *Sieur de Gravelle*, the Diet at the last agreed to incorporate his Duchy with the Empire.

Several Envoys or Deputies are expected at *Nancy* from *Swedeland* and *Holland* to complete and put an end to the work already so far advanced for the composing all differences and disputes between the Prince Elector Palatine and the Elector of *Mentz*, and Duke of *Lorrain*.

*Weymouth, Dec. 1.* The 29th past stopped in this Road a ship of 500 Tuns lately built in *Holland*, but belonging to His Most Christian Majesty, laden with Masts from *Norway*, and intending for *Brest*.

Here is lately arrived one ship from *Oporto* and one from *Burdeaux*, but without any advice considerable.