

the Turks were in the Field with a considerable Body of Men, extorting Contributions from the Country People; and, as a Terror to the rest, had Fired the Town of *Scella* near *Newhausel*, which refused to Levy the Monies unjustly charged on them; that they had killed several of the Inhabitants, and carried many Prisoners to *Newhausel*, with their Wives and Cattel: They farther say, That the Visier of *Buda* has ordered all the Country as far as the Gates of *Presbourg* to be brought under Contribution. The Emperour being Allarm'd with these Intelligences, resolves first to experiment the safer method of preferring the Peace between both Empires, and accordingly has sent an Envoye to the Visier to expostulate with him, and to desire a Reason for this Procedure; but, in the mean time has, by the Advice of His Council, resolved to put himself into a Defensive Posture, to avoid surprize, if the Turks should have a mind to break with us, and has therefore Ordered the Regiments to be speedily recruited, augmenting the Regiments of Horse, to a thousand Horse in each Regiment, and that every Regiment of Foot shall be made up 1640 Souldiers.

The 18th Instant was solemnized at the Court with Feasting and Comedy, being the birth-day of the Empress *Eleanor*.

On Tuesday last arrived from *Poland* a Gentleman belonging to the Count de *Schlesgotz* our Ambassador extraordinary in that Court, bringing with him to the Emperour the Contract of Marriage between the King of *Poland* and the Princess the Emperour's Sister; the next day the Emperour communicated it to the said Princess and gave her the Title of Majesty, and rewarded the Messenger with a Present of 1000 Rixdollers, whom the Empress also presented with a Gold Chain.

The Empress has taken care that the President of the Chamber be ready to make payment of the Million which she is to pay to the said King as part of her Daughters portion.

Yesterday the Count de *Montecuculi* gave Audience to an Envoy sent thither from the Cham of *Tartary*, who delivered his Credentials, and made the Count a Present of an excellent Horse, and is believed may in few days have Audience also from the Emperour.

Even now arrived several Letters from *Hungary*; they confirm not the burning of the Town of *Scella*, but tell us that several Towns of *Hungary* have been charged by the Turks with Contribution.

*Legora*, Nov. 25. The 22 Instant sailed hence the Dutch Convooy on their way for *Smirna*. Several English ships are now in Port intending suddenly to put to sea for *Puglia* to lade Oyls.

From *Florence* we are advised, that the Prince of *Tuscany* intends this next Spring to leave *Florence*, and to begin a voyage to *Vienna* and *Poland*.

*Dantzic*, Novemb. 30. On the 24 and 25th Instant happened here an Extraordinary Tempest, the Wind West, and North-west, by which 7 Ships, most of them *Hollanders*, were stranded in, and near this Road.

*Venice*, Nov. 30. General *Barbaxo* is not yet set forwards on his voyage to *Dalmatia*, that being hindered by reason of the delay he has met with in the payment of the summe of 40 thousand Ducats which was assigned him out of the Chamber of *Brescia*.

The Republick is now studying the Art of good Husbandry, and cutting off all superfluous expences, care being taken for the reforming their *Milissias* and lessening their Garrisons in *Terra firma*, having already begun with that of *Palma* where they have disbanded One thousand soldiers, but have out of them filled up their old Companies, those of the foreign Companies being from 30 augmented to 150 men apiece, and those of the Inhabitants from the like number 300 in each Company; all supernumerary Officers reformed; and the Officers of the five remaining Regiments of *Terra firma* retrenched in their pay. The soldiers which are disbanded are seeking employment in the Empire.

On Tuesday last all the soldiers of these parts were mustered in the presence of his Excellency Segnior *Sauio*, where several officers were elected from the Senate with several marks of their acknowledgement of the good service performed by them in the late wars.

Orders are given for the furnishing the sum of 80 thousand Ducatoons for Presents, which are to be made by Segnior Cavalier *Molino* to the G and Segnior, Visier, and other Ministers of his Courts, and several persons are ordered to be sent with the said summe to Convoiy it to *Buda*, where the said Segnior *Molino* expects its arrival, and with him his son, with Segnior *Ottavio Labia*, who may be employ'd to *Candia* with the Present intended for the Visier, and tis hoped they may all three of them have the conveniency of passing with the Visier and his Army from thence to the Ottoman Court.

On Sunday last the Senate caused a considerable Present in Silver to be made to the Popes Nuncio, to the value of five thousand Ducats, in acknowledgement of the fence they had of his assistance, in procuring for them, the sale of the suppressed Religious houses within their Jurisdictions: they are also preparing a Present 30 to be sent to *Rome*, with their Compliments upon the Marriage of the Popes Nephew with the Heiress of *Pallavicino*.

We expect suddenly a new Resident from the Great Duke of *Tuscany*. The French Ambassador is putting himself and Train into mourning for the death of the Queen Mother of England.

*Hambourg*, Dec 3. his last week was executed at *Ploen* the knigh of Prince *Barnard of Holstein's* Company, who this last Summer committed the Murther in the *Neiberlands* upon the Baron de *Kessersitz*, a Gentleman of *Saxony*, his Body and Head afterwards publicly expoid in the eminent places of the City.

From *Ratisbonne* we are told, that the Members of the Empire had not yet began to Levy their forces according to the late resolve for the raising of 30 thousand men for the security of the Empire; but that the States had agreed upon a Train of Artillery for the said Army, which was to consist of four great Guns for Bateria, eight great Field-pieces, and twelve lesser ones, eight Mortar-pieces, eight Bridges, and six other Field-pieces to attend 6 Regiments of their Infantry, and have agreed also upon a proportion of Ammunition and all other necessaries for the said Army.

The Baron de *Risancours* has after much pains and many journeys, happily effected the composition of all differences between the Elector of *Mayence* and the Duke of *Lorrain*, and is since gone to give the said Duke his Master an account of all that his Negotiation.

The Electors Ecclesiastick and Secular have resolved to draw up the Result of all their Conferences which have been had upon the point of their perpetual Capitulation, and to deliver it into the hands of the Emperors Commissioner, the Bishop of *Aichstadt*, to be communicated to the Emperour for his Resolution.

Upon several intelligences brought thither from *Hungary* and other parts, the Deputies of the Assembly at *Ratisbonne* have conceived much danger to be threatened from the Turks, and are therefore pressing that some speedy Care be taken for the Raising of the Forces designed for the security of the Empire.

*Brussels*, Decemb. 10. The last Courier which arrived here from *Spain*, brought with him a Commission and Instruction for the Prince de *Ligne* to be Vice-Roy of *Sicily*; who, has thereupon received the Compliments of all the Principal Nobility, and is making Preparation for his Voyage thither, many Reformed Officers and young Gentlemen having made their Addresses to him to attend him to his Government.

All the Provinces have agreed to furnish their Proportion for the Maintenance of their respective *Milissias*, excepting only *Brabant*, whose final answer and Resolution is this day expected.