

Admiral, though he was fore-attend for it by the former news of his extreme danger. The Cardinals *Grimaldi, de Retz, and de Bouillon* are hastening to Rome with all diligence imaginable, whether is also Tost the Duke de *Chaulnes*, who went hence on Saturday morning last as Ambassador Extraordinary from His Majesty to be present at the Election of a successor, he being a person whose former Negotiations have rendered him well versed in that Court, and consequently the fittest person to promote the Interests of this Crown.

Several Troops of His Majesties Household are ordered to march towards the frontiers to take up their Quarters there during the rest of this winter.

His Majesty has given out Commissions for the raising of a new Regiment consisting of 30 Companies, which is to be commanded by the Duke de *Vermandois* as Admiral of *France*, the Companies designed for the service of the Fleet: another Regiment is likewise to be raised to be commanded by the Duke de *Anjou*, the whole number of the Levies designed by His Majesty against Spain, are to be about 900 Companies of Foot or Troops of Horse.

His Majesty was pleased to settle the Duke de *Chaulnes* before his departure for Rome in the Government of *Bretagne*, and in consideration of his great expences in his former Embassy to the same Court to give him liberty to sell the Charge of Lieutenant-General of the said Province for his reimbursement; the said Duke has had also the favour to place the Duke de *Chaurseuse* his near Relation in his Charge of Captain Lieutenant of Light horse belonging to His Majesties Guards.

From *Rochelle* we are informed, that 3 or 400 seamen upon the coasts of *Bretagne* designed to be sent aboard the ships intent for *Perse* and the *East Indies*, disliking the voyage set into a mutiny and refused to obey their Officers, but that Monsieur *Cabret de Teron* having notice thereof, came upon them with some Troops in his Command, and seized them, committing them to prison, and intent to forme a Process against the principal Mutineers, who are like to be made exemplary for a terror to the rest.

From *Brest* we are informed, that the 7th instant was launched there a large man of war of 2500 Tuns, called the *St. Louis*, which is to carry 120 Guns, and that three others are there upon the Stocks well advanced, two of them to carry 60 Guns apiece and the other 50, and that many hands are at work for making there a large Quay, and that 30 Magazines or Store-houses are there finished for the furnishing and arming out our ships.

We are farther informed from the sea-coast, that great care has been taken in pursuance of His Majesties Edicts, to list the seamen in several divisions for the service of the Fleet, the Marquis de *la Coste*, and the Sieur de *Sevil* having effectually laboured in that affair, and taken an exact account of all the seamen from the coast of *St. Prien* as far as *Quimperley*, and that the *Trident* and *Hercules*, two of His Majesties men of war, the first of 50 the other of 40 Guns, are ordered out for the guard of the sea-coast.

The 11th instant, the Baron de *Blumenshal*, Envoy Extraordinary from the Elector of *Brandenburg* took his leave of the King at *St Germain* in Order to his return home, and on the 14th had his last Audience from the Queen and the Dauphin, and was on the 19th presented from His Majesty with His Majesties Picture richly set with Diamonds.

The Marquis de *Bethune* is sent by His Majesty as Envoy Extraordinary to *Madrid* to Complain to the Queen Regent upon her happy recovery from her late distemper, from whence our last Letters inform us, that the Marquis de *Liche* excused from the employment for which he was designed, viz. his Embassy Extraordinary to *Portugal*, the Queen Regent having thought fit to nominate the Baron de *Beaupre* in his Character of Ordinary Ambassador in that Court.

We with some impatience expect the issue of the Negotiation of His Majesties Envoy at *Nancy*, who is proposing a new Treaty to the Duke of *Lorraine* of much greater advantage to him than the two formerly made with him, which is expected may induce him to adhere to the Interests of this Kingdom.

From *Lisbonne* we are advised of the arrival there of a vessel from the *East Indies*, bringing intelligence, that the Hollanders had with several ships endeavoured to possess themselves of the Island *Formosa*, situated near *China*, but being near the Island and endeavouring to land their men, they were suddenly set upon by a considerable number of Corsairs from *China* and defeated with the loss of many men.

*Hague, Dec. 24.* The States-General have lately received many particular advices of extraordinary preparations for war made by the neighbouring Princes of *Germany*, as that the Electors of *Mentz, Cologne, and Triers* were each of them raising 4000, the Bishop of *Munster* rais'd 5000 fresh soldiers, expecting from other parts an addition of 3000 men, and that the Duke of *Norbourg* was to have in readines 3000 men, and that the Bishop of *Munster* was to make provision of boards and other materials for the better passing over the *Matish* grounds.

This last week the States of *Holland* made another choice of Officers, viz. of the Colonels, *Bamfield, Smitbergom* and *Fabri*, of the Lieutenant-Colonels *Issac Ger de Van Erck, Louis Wapert Van Derp*, and *Moyse Penier*, of the Majors, *Franz Henrick Van Bacoen, d'atony de Laynes, Francis Bombertson*, and *Rudolf Van Henvel*; 8 Captains of Horse and 33 Captains of Foot, who are within some days to take their Oaths of fidelity, and to put in security for the raising of their several Companies according to Articles, and the method used with the former Officers.

Since this Election of Officers they look into and the Imposition upon foreign Merchandises and Manufactures, and have proceeded so far as to prohibit the importation of all Laces, Points and Ribbons, both for ware and sale, which is not to be put in Execution till February next. They have likewise prohibited the Importation of all *Bostons* wines both French and *Rhenish*, and all distilled drinks from Foreign parts, and designs to make a severe law against the luxury and excess in apparel.

The States are now separated, and will not re-assemble till the 7th of the next Month.

From *Wesel* we are told that the Elector of *Brandenburg* has called a Convention of the Estates of his Country, and has demanded of them a contribution of 100 thousand *Rixdollers*.

*Harwich, Decem. 18.* On Tuesday or Wednesday last, was cast away about the Middle Grounds a ship laden with *Scottish* coal, part of her came on shoar here, her men all saved.

Here is put in here a small ship from *Barbadoes* laden with *Sugars* and *Cotton* bound for *Holland*. The ship which near a fortnight since was on shoar on the *Bucksea-sand*, is now happily got off, and sayled for the *Thames*.

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THE Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer, are come to the payment of the 1413 Order, in number and course Registered on the Act for eleven Months tax, and shall proceed to the payment of the subsequent Orders to that number as the Money shall be brought