

fairs have brought in there several considerable prizes but none of them belonging to these Provinces: amongst others they tell us of one *Portugaise* from *Br. sic* laden with 120 Chests of Sugar, 400 Quintils of Tobacco, much Wood and Elephants teeth and other loading, having on board 28 men, two Negro men and one woman. One *Guiny* ship belonging to the *Canaries*, having on board 3000. pieces of 8. One French ship of *Rouen* bound for *Cadix*, and another from *Rochel* intended for the *Maderas*, the said Corsairs esteeming these prizes at the value of more then 100. thousand pieces of 8.

Brussels, August 20 Don Antonio Pimentel, has been lately Employed to *Antwerp*, in the name of the Count de *Montreuy* the Governor of these Provinces; to press them for the speedy raising of the Eight hundred thousand Florins, granted by the States of *Brabant*, which they have hitherto demurred upon, till they shall have obtained some encouragement in point of Trade.

Since this his Excellency has been pleased to be present there at the Procession, upon the Feast of the Assumption of our Lady, whither he was solemnly invited by the Magistrates, where he has been honourably Received and Entertained, with a great part of the Nobility who attended him thither.

To morrow in the Evening his Excellency is expected at *Ghent*, the Horse and Foot are to be in readiness to march out to receive him, and the City Militia to be drawn into Arms,

On Sunday last the Count de *Sore* designed Envoy from his Excellency to His Majesty of *Great Britain*, lodged at *Ghent* on his way for *Ostend*.

The Duke d' *Aerschot* expects the Resolution of the States General of *Flanders* for the advance of a Million and eight hundred thousand Florins, of which they have taken some time to consider, but tis believed will be induced to a Compliance: he has been since at *Mons* to make his proposals upon the same Subject to the States of *Hennu*.

From *Spain* we are informed that the Conde de *Molina* sent away his baggage the 23 past, and intended suddenly to follow on his way for *England*.

Don *Peñra de Runkilio* is lately made Surintendant of these Provinces, and the Marquis de *Castel Rodrigo* chief President of *Flanders*.

Paris, August 20. The 18th instant His Majesty went to divert himself at his Camp at *St Sebastien*, where the Army being drawn out into two Divisions, His Majesty being at the Head of one of them, and the Marechal de *Crequy* commanding the other, they skirmish in imitation of a fight, and charged each other with paper Granadoes, in which they shewed much dexterity and address.

Here is lately arrived in this City Monsieur de *St Andre Montbrun*, a person well known through the world for the many testimonies he gave during the Siege of *Candia* of his eminent valour and conduct, he has not yet made his Compliments to the Court, of which he intends to take his leave, having it seems obliged himself to return to the Service of the Republick of *Venice* in *Dalmatia*, for Three years, for which they are to assure him of the yearly Pension of 12000 Crowns.

We are even now informed of the arrival of Three rich ships belonging to the *East-India* Company upon the coast of *Bretagne*, their Cargo valued at above Two millions of *Liures*; and that Monsieur de *Mondovergue*, lately Viceroy of *Madagascar* is returned with them.

We have not had of late any farther account of

any fresh disturbance or new appearance of the Rebels of *Vivarois*, which confirms us in the belief that they are totally suppressed.

Edenbourg, July 30. This day was passed here an Act, authorising certain Commissioners to Treat with the Commissioners of *England* for the Weale of both Kingdoms, as followeth.

Forasmuch as the Kings most Excellent Majesty from His Princely Zeal and Fatherly Care of the welfare and happiness of His Subjects (persisting in the same pious and prudent resolution of His Royal Grandfather King James of ever blessed memory, to endeavor a nearer and more compleat Union between His two Kingdoms of *Scotland* and *England*) hath recommended it to the Parliaments of both Kingdoms, that Commissioners might be nominated to Treat and Consult concerning this Union; to the end that His Majesties Royal and Gracious purposes therein may be accomplished, and such a farther Union may be Treated and Agreed upon, as may Compleat and Confirm for ever a constant mutual Love and Friendship between the Subjects of both Realms.

Therefore His Majesty with the advice and consent of his Estates of Parliament, doth hereby Statute, Ordain, and Enact, That such persons or Quorum thereof as shall be nominated by His Majesty under His Great Seal of *Scotland*, are by Vertue and Authority of this Act Authorised, Commissioned and Empowred, to meet and Assemble at such times and in such places as His Majesty shall appoint; and thereon to Treat and Consult according to the tenour of their Commission and Authority in that behalf under the Great Seal, with the Commissioners authorised by the authority of the Parliament of *England*, and of concerning such an Union of the Realms of *Scotland* and *England*, and of in concerning such other Matters, Causes, and Things whatsoever, as upon mature deliberation, the greatest part of the said Commissioners Assembled as said is, and the Commissioners authorised by the Parliament of *England*, according to the tenour and purport of their Commission in that behalf, shall in their wisdoms think convenient and necessary for the honour of His Majesty, and the Weal and common good of both Kingdoms, during His Majesties life (which Almighty God make long and prosperous) and of His Heirs and lawfull Successors for ever; which Commissioners of both Kingdomes, shall according to the tenor or purport of their Commissions in that behalf, reduce their doings and proceedings therein into Writings or Instruments Tripartite, every part to be subscribed and sealed by them, to the end, that one part thereof may in all humbleness be presented to the Kings most Excellent Majesty, another part thereof to be offered to the consideration of the Parliament of *Scotland*, and another part to be offered to the consideration of the Parliament of *England*; at their next Sessions to be held in either Kingdom respectively, after such Writings or Instruments shall be subscribed and Sealed by the said Commissioners; that thereupon such farther proceedings may be had, as by His Majesty and both the said Parliaments shall be thought fit and necessary for the Weal and Common good of both the said Kingdoms, to whom the entire consideration of the whole, and the allowing or disallowing thereof for any part thereof, as they shall think fit is wholly reserved; like as His Majesty with the advice and consent aforesaid, doth hereby Statute and Declare, that no matter or thing to be proposed, treated of or agreed by the said Commissioners by vertue of this Act, shall have any force or effect, or be put in execution until it be confirmed and established by Act of the Parliament of *Scotland*.

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These are to give notice, that the Lords Commissioners of His Majesties Treasury have appointed Munday the one and thirtieth day of October next, at three a Clock in the afternoon, at the Treasury Chambers in Whitehal, to receive Propositions for Farming His Majesties Revenue of Excise; and have likewise appointed Munday, the seventh day of November next, at three of the clock in the afternoon at the same place, to receive Propositions for Farming His Majesties Customs; and also the new Impositions laid upon Wines, by Act of this Session of Parliament. Whereof all persons who have a desire to be concerned in any of the said Firms, may take notice and bring in their Propositions accordingly.