

Squadrons ready to joyn the Ottoman Fleet in the Spring. Upon the Rumour that the Turks will attack Malta the Marshal Staremberg has offered to take upon him the Command of the Troops of that Order, of which he is a Knight; the Number of those Troops will be above 25000 Men. Several Companies of Veteran Soldiers, who were at Brescia and in other Towns of the Terra-firma, are arrived at Lido, in order to imbarke: New Levées are also making by this State, and besides what Regiments are raising in Italy, some Princes of the Empire have granted Leave to Lift Men in their Territories.

*Stralsund, Dec. 25 O. S.* The King of Sweden having notified by a Letter to the King of Prussia his Arrival at this Place, that Prince sent hither General Slippenbach to congratulate his Majesty thereupon, and to treat with the Swedish Ministers concerning the Sequestration of Stetin: What M. Slippenbach proposed in the Name of the King his Master was chiefly this, that his Prussian Majesty was willing to restore Stetin with all its Dependencies, provided the King of Sweden would reimburse him the Expences he had been at; to which his Swedish Majesty did not think fit to agree, alledging, that the Treaty of Sequestration being concluded without his Knowledge or Participation, he was not obliged to have any Regard to it. As neither Party would abate of their Pretensions, the Negotiation which has continued here two or three Weeks, was broken off, and General Slippenbach set out from hence some Days ago, in order to return to Berlin. 'Tis said the King of Prussia refuses to let the Swedes raise Contributions, or collect any Duties from the Inhabitants of the Country on the other side of the River Pene, in which District are comprehended, besides Stetin, the Towns of Anclam, Uker-munde, and several other small Places, which the Swedes look upon as an Infraction of the Treaty of Sequestration: But notwithstanding all Difficulties, the Swedes entertain Hopes that this Affair may yet be adjusted in an amicable way. Three Days after the Arrival here of General Meyerfeldt from Stockholm, Lieutenant-General Sparre was dispatched to the Court of France; and we hear that M. de Crilly, who is appointed to come Ambassador from his most Christian Majesty to the King of Sweden, will not set out for this Place, till after Lieutenant-General Sparre's Arrival there. The Hereditary Prince of Hesse-Cassel is on his Departure this Day for Sweden; the King with several Officers and other Gentlemen, will accompany him to the Place where he is to imbarke in the Isle of Rugen.

*Madrid, Dec. 24.* The Queen arrived at Pampelona the 11th Instant; the News of which being brought hither, Illuminations were made throughout this City four Nights successively. The 18th came Advice of her Majesty's having left Pampelona the 15th, whereupon the Princess of Ursini set out from Court the 20th to meet her at Jadrique: Yesterday at Noon the King with the Prince of Asturias went from hence, lay last Night at Alcala, and to Day proceeded to Guadalaxara, where the Queen is to arrive to Night. Their Majesties are expected here the 26th or 27th. The Cardinal del Giudice having resigned the Office of Inquisitor-General, the King has nominated two Inquisitors-General, viz. Father Robinet a Jesuit his Confessor, and Father Macanas a Dominican Fryar; but 'tis said Father Robinet has desired to be excused from accepting that Employment. The King, on occasion of his Marriage, has recalled the Duke de Ferdinandina, who about a Year and

half ago was expelled the Court for killing a Man on his Estate at Villafraanca; and on the 21st that Duke was admitted to kiss his Majesty's Hand.

*Paris, Jan. 12.* An extraordinary Courier from Madrid, has brought Advice, of the Queen of Spain's being received by the King at Guadalaxara; 'tis reported that the Princess d'Ursini who was sent before to meet the Queen at Jadrique, having given some Offence to her Majesty, was commanded to leave the Spanish Court, and that she is on her Way hither. The Elector of Cologne went from hence two Days ago towards Dinant. The King has given the Government of Strasbourg to the Marshal d'Huxelles, who still keeps that of Alsace which he had before. M. Francis de Salignac de la Mothe Fenelon, Archbishop Duke of Cambrai, one of the Forty of the French Academy, Preceptor of the late Duke of Burgundy and Berry and of the present King of Spain, Author of the Adventures of Telemachus, died some Days ago in his Diocess.

*Hague, Jan. 11.* On the 9th Instant the States of Holland and Westfrisland began their ordinary Assembly here. Mr. Cadogan his Britannick Majesty's Envoy extraordinary to this Republick arriving here two Days before Mr. Secretary Stanhore imbarked for England, both those Ministers had a Conference the 9th at Night with the States General, on the Affair of the Barrier. General Sparre is arrived here from the King of Sweden, designing after a short Stay at this Place to proceed to the Court of France. M. Palmquist, that King's Envoy to this Republick, has presented a Memorial to the States General, complaining of a Placart published by their High Mightinesses in the Month of July last, relating to the Molestation given by the Swedes to the Trade in the Baltick. Count Tarouca and Don Louis d'Acunha, Plenipotentiaries of Portugal, are come hither this Evening from Utrecht.

*Deal, January 6.* His Majesty's Yacht Henrietta came in hither yesterday Afternoon, and having landed the Earl of Albemarle, sailed this Morning for Dover Peer.

*St James's, January 7.* His Majesty has been pleased to direct Letters Patents to pass the Seals, for creating the Right Honourable Thomas Earl of Wharton, Keeper of his Majesty's Privy-Seal, a Marquess of Great Britain, by the Name, Style and Title of Marquess of Wharton in the County of Westmorland, and of Malmsbury in the County of Wilts; and also for creating his Lordship Baron, Earl and Marquess of the Kingdom of Ireland, by the Name, Style and Title of Baron of Trim in the County of Meath, Earl of Rathfarnham in the County of Dublin, and Marquess of Catherlogh in the County of Catherlogh.

His Majesty has been pleased to confer the Honour of Knighthood on Matthew Kirwood, Esq.

Daniel Harvey, Esq; Lieutenant General of his Majesty's Forces, to be Governor of the Island of Guernsey, and Castle of Cornet.

Hugh Cholmeley, Esq; to be Surveyor-General of all his Majesty's Honours, Castles, Lordships, Forests, Chaces, Parks, Lands, Woods, &c. in England and Wales.

Whereas on Thursday Night the 2d of December last the Chamber of Sir Edward Northey in the Temple was broken open, and a round Silver Standish with Silver Boxes for Ink and Sand, and a Silver Bell, and one Tully dated September the