

roductor of the Ambassadors, who having had the misfortune, as he was riding in his Coach, to be overturned, was so extremely bruised and hurt, that notwithstanding the applications of the ablest Chirurgions, he died of the hurts.

On Saturday last, a solemn service was performed in the several Parish Churches of this City, for their late Archbishop *Hardouin de Peresice*.

*Duval*, the fellow who made that villainous attempt upon the person of the Princess of *Conde*, is condemned to the Gallies by the Parliament, to spend there the rest of his life.

The marriage between the Duke of *Ventadour*, and the second Daughter of the *Mareschalle de La Motte*; notwithstanding it was reported to have been interrupted, is wholly concluded, to the great satisfaction of their Relations, her Uncle, the Archbishop of *Aube*, giving her a portion of 100 thousand *Liures*, besides what she may expect from him hereafter, she being his only Heiress.

On Sunday last, the King returned with the Court from *Versailles*, when He was pleased to be present at the Contract of Marriage between the Princess of *Harcour*, and a Prince of the Royal Family of *Portugal*, who it seems hath deputed Monsieur de *Lionne*, as His Proxy in the Contract: she appeared extraordinary rich and gallant, being adorned with great quantities of Pearls, and other precious stones. The same day was celebrated the Christening of the Son of the Duke of *Guise*, the King and Mademoiselle, having been pleased to stand for God-father and God-mother.

It is said, that the Court intends for *Vincennes* again, to pass there three or four days more, where the Dauphin is to remain some time; the Physicians judging the Air there to be more healthful for him, than that of *S. Germain*.

This Evening the great Ballet was danced over again at the *Thuilleries*, where their Majesties were pleased to be present with the greatest part of the Court.

*Whitehall, Feb. 1.* By a Letter from Sir *Edward Spragge*, Admiral of His Majesties Fleet in the *Mediterranean*, bearing date the 26th December in *Alicant Road*, we have this following account.

That being together with the *Little Victory* a Fireship, on the 14th of the same month about 14 Leagues East-North-East of *Firmenmeer*, he discovered Three sail standing with him; whereupon he caused his Top-gallant Masts and Yard to be taken down, and his Galleries and Quarter Decks to be covered with Canvas made for that purpose, to the end they might take him for a Merchant man, which they did, till about noon, when it fell down covering a length of his ship, which the little wind had brought a stayes, they betook themselves to run, at which Sir *Edward Spragge* commanded three Boats to Tow the *Victory*, which were so effectually, that they kept all night within small shot of the Turks, who next morning about Two a clock ordered one of the ships that were in their company, and which proved to be a small Newfoundland vessel, called the *Francis of London*, Robert *Gilson* Master, taken by them the day before off *Cape Martin*, to stand away to the Southward, hoping (as they have since confessed) that Sir *Edward Spragge* would have contented himself with her, and quitted them.

Thence about eleven a clock he was got within a mile of them, and by two of the clock having got a fresh gale, was within gun shot, the *Victory* being about two miles a stern; but finding the gale to lessen, and fetching no more upon them, he plied them with his fore chase; upon which, the other of them, called *The Three Half Moons*; and *Two Lions*, quitted his *Consort*, and stood to the Westward;

when Sir *Edw. Spragge*, being unable to pursue them both, was forced to let her escape: In the mean time, the wind proving very calm, he sent orders to Capt. *Harris*, Commander of the *Victory*, to break down all his Fire-works, and to mount some small Guns he had, to the number of Twelve, having sent him a good store of Ammunition, with an hundred of his men, with further directions to row with sixteen Oars close between Decks, unexposed to the enemies small shot, which having been accordingly done, they advanced upon the Turk very considerably, both of them very hotly plying their Chase Guns each at the other. On Sunday morning the Turk was got close under the shoar of *Barbury* near *Cape Tennis*, the *Victory* keeping him still in sight, and engaging him very bravely with her small Guns; in the mean time, the Turks kept so near the shoar, that Captain *Harris* thought he had been fast on ground; who was thereupon ordered to come to an Anchor, as close to him as possibly he could, Sir *Edward Spragge* being then himself in twelve fathom water, who presently sent his Barge to discover the truth of the matter, which returning, brought him word, That the Turk was rowing close under the shoar with their Sails furled to the Eastward. Next morning early Sir *Edward Spragge* found the Turk almost two miles from him, the *Victory* being quite behinde, for by the continual labor of the men, and want of rest, the Turk had out rowed him two foot for one. About ten a clock they got a fresh gale again, and at twelve were come so near the Turk, as to fire a broad side into him; who thereupon put himself a shoar, at which Sir *Edward Spragge* sent his Boats on board, where they found the Captain, with a Dutch Renegado, who had had the chief management of the Ship, both wounded, thirty three Christian Slaves of several Nations, whereof nine were English, and six or seven Moors, the rest having been either killed or drowned, some few, only having escaped to shoar. The men minding more the plunder, than the saving of the ship, Sir *Edward Spragge* went himself on board, where having caused most of the Guns, except seven of the smallest, to be thrown over board, and the water cask to be staved, it so lightened her, that by six a clock next morning, they got her off, without the least damage to the Ship, which he brought with him into the road of *Alicant*. The Turk is called *The City of Argiers*, which is famously carved and painted in her Stern, being a new stout Ship, and very well provided with Cables, Anchors, and other Tackling. She had in her 28 peeces of Ordnance, which was taken, but will carry 36 or 38. In this engagement Sir *Edward Spragge* received little or no damage, having only had one man killed, and nine wounded. The next day being the twentieth, Sir *Edward Spragge* took a Brigandine, laden with Corn, and sailing to *Argiers*, which he brought likewise with him into *Alicant*, from whence he intended to sail very suddenly, to joyn with the rest of his Fleet.

*Hague, Jan. 6.* This day the States of *Holland* Assembled again, and it is thought they may now suddenly come to a resolution concerning the preparations which they are to make as well by Sea as Land against the next Spring. The *Vice Marshal Wuriz* hath had several conferences with the Council of State, for the regulating some defects which are at present in the Militia. Monsieur de *Groot*, Ambassador from this State in the Court of *France*, considering the ill success which he hath met with in his Negotiation there, hath desired leave to return home. The States-General have lately caused a *Placet* to be published, whereby they give notice of their Order of State of the Second instant, for the charging amongst other things, all foreign Butter, Cheese, Bacon, and Beef, imported into any place of their Dominions, with several impositions, desiring the respective Provinces, and Commanding all their Officers to see the same duly and carefully executed. From *Manster* we have advice, that that *Bishop* continues to raise men in all parts he may, but that he assures the Envoye of this State, they are only to vindicate his Right against the Duke of *Wolfsbusel* upon the City of *Hexter*.