

which they as yet have shown no great inclination. We are told that the Elector of *Cologne* hath lately sent to desire this Kings assistance and protection against those that would go about to keep him from the due possession of his right; but what answer he hath received in that particular, is not yet known.

Venice, March 7. This Senate is dispatching from hence a Felucca, with a considerable sum of Money to the Proveditor General *Barbaro* in *Dalmatia*, to be employed for their service in those parts. The Popes Nuncio here hath lately acquainted this State, with his Holinesses endeavors for the framing a defensive League between the Princes of Christendom against the Turkish power, to which the Pope declares his readiness to contribute what he may on his part, desiring this Republick to do the like, for the perfecting a thing which so much tends to the quiet and security of all *Europe*.

From *Zant* we are certainly informed, that several Greeks having been lately apprehended in *Malta*, upon suspicion of being spies; and being examined thereupon, they confessed they were hired by the Grand Visier, to pass in disguise through the Dominions of that State, to observe the fortifications of the several places, and where, and in what, they were defective, and at their return to report the same to him; which hath somewhat alarmed that Government, who easily discern some designe the Port hath, whenever a fit occasion offers to fall upon that Island. Our Letters from *Constantinople* of the 3 *January* tell us, that at present there seems to be less hopes then ever of quieting the disorders amongst the Janisaries, who still firmly adhere to the Sultanesses party, with so much violence, as almost to threaten the Grand Signiors death: They further add, That the Grand Visier had by several means endeavoured to persuade the Sultaness to meet him at a certain place without that City, in order, as he said, to an accommodation, but with intentions to have surprized her there, with those that accompanied her; but that she having had notice of the deceit, refused to come; since which she seems more averse then before to any propositions that are made her, seeing their only designe is, sinistery to ensnare her and her sons. By fresh Letters from *Adrianople* we are assured, that the Grand Signior intends very suddenly to pass into *Asia*, as well to avoid the Plague, which rages daily more violently in all those parts where he is, as to ease the Countrey where he hath continued so long, and withal, to put those his Dominions in a fit posture to resist the Persians, in case they should attempt any thing upon them this Summer, as it is thought they may.

From *Chavenna* on the borders of the *Valtoline*, we are informed, That the Swisses have appointed a Diet to commence very Speedily, to consider of several propositions lately presented to them by Monsieur *de Molier*, the French Resident there; who amongst other things, demands he may have leave to make some Levies for the service of his most Christian Majesty, seeing they allow the like liberty to the King of *Spain*.

Hague, March 20. The States of *Holland* are at present assembled, and have amongst other things before them, the matter of the new Impositions upon Corn when carried to the Mill, which they are now settling. The respective Officers are all gone from hence, in Order to the making their several Levies; some have already almost compleated their Companies; so that it is thought, a short time may set a considerable Army on Foot in these Provinces.

The preparations for the Fleet are carried on with all imaginable diligence, to the end they may be ready to put to Sea, by the time appointed by the States General. We know not here what to think

of the affairs of *Westphalia*; no likelihood as yet appearing of peace: From *Lunenburg* they write, that Monsieur *Verjus* was arrived there, to endeavor on the behalf of his Most Christian Majesty, an accommodation between them and the Bishop of *Munster*, who we are informed is very much put to it, to provide Victuals and other Provisions for his Army, the Countrey being unable to quarter them any longer.

The Envoye from the Elector of *Cologne* to this State, is lately gone hence for *Liege*, to give his Electoral Highness, who is at present there, a more particular account of what hath passed in his Negotiation here about the restitution of *Rynbergh*, and to receive his further instructions how to proceed in that matter; we are told that the said Elector having assembled the States of his Countreys, demanded of them a supply of Moneys for the carrying on his designes against the City of *Cologne*, but that they seemed not much inclined thereunto; desiring rather that things might be fairly accommodated with that City.

From *Vienna* our last Letters tell us, That the Emperor had sent to assure the City of *Cologne* of his protection in this present conjuncture, and had at the same time likewise written to that Elector, desiring him not to attempt any thing upon that City by force of Arms, which would necessarily disturb the present peace and quiet of the Empire, but rather proceed by the ordinary way of justice; what effect this may have, we expect suddenly to hear.

The Duke of *Lorraine* as we are told, resides still at *Cologne* with his Family; the Count *de Vandemon* is lately gone from thence towards *Munster*, to conferre with that Bishop, though upon what score is not known.

From *Ratisbonne* they write, that several propositions have been there made for the raising a considerable sum of Money for the providing for the security of the Empire; but that the Envoyes from the Electors of *Brandenburgh* and of *Baviers*, had made some difficulty in that matter, so that it was feared they might at last part without concluding on any thing for the publick safety.

Plymouth, March 12. This day arrived here three Vessels from the *Streights*, from whence they came under the Convoy of Sir *John Harman*, whom they left off of the Rock of *Lisbonne*, with the Fleet of Merchant men under his Guard; so that we daily expect to hear of his arrival upon these coasts.

Whitehal, March 14. On Sunday the 12th instant, the new Church at *Shadwel*, formerly in the Parish of *Stepney*, and now made Parochial by Act of Parliament, and plentifully endowed by the Dean of *S. Pauls*, and *Neal*, Esq; was with the usual solemnity, consecrated by the Right Reverend Father in God, *John* Lord Bishop of *Rocheſter*, having been Commissionated thereunto by the Right Reverend Father in God, *Humphrey* Lord Bishop of *London*, as being in his Diocess, most of the Gentry of those Quarters assisting at the Ceremony; which being ended, the said Bishop of *Rocheſter* made an excellent and most learned Sermon upon that occasion, to the great satisfaction and applause of all that were there present.

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WHEREAS the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesties Treasury, did formerly publish, That upon Thursday the 13th of *April* next, Propositions should be by them received for Farming the Countrey Excise: These are now to give notice, That their Lordships have thought fit to appoint the same for the 10th of *April*, when they will also receive such Proposals as shall be offered for Farming the new additional Duties of the Countrey Excise, imposed by the late Act of Parliament in that behalf; and such as think fit to make any Proposals, are to make them as well for the new, as for the old Duties.

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