

Province; at present assembled at Ghent, to determine in the matter of the Subsidies; so that it is thought, his Excellency will be forced to make another journey thither, to see that affair wholly concluded before he goes for Gelderland. The Marquis d'Offra having been to take possession of his Government of the Castle at Anwerp, is returned hither again.

Several pretenders appear for the Government of the Castle of Ghent, but amongst others, the Heer Pards Governor of Denain, and the Sieur Alwarda Governor of Newport and the Maistre de Camp Spiquet, are said to stand the fairest for it.

Brussels, Octo 7. Yesterday the Magistrate and Commonalty of this place, being in the usual manner assembled, after some debate consented in as much as concerneth their particulars to the 1200 thousand Guilders given by the States of Brabant for the ensuing year.

It is hoped this good example may induce Antwerp and Leeuwe, to acquiesce with the rest of that Province in this matter. The States of Flanders have likewise consented to the raising a Subsidy of 1800 thousand Guilders, to the great satisfaction of our Governor the Count de Monterey. It is said that his Excellency will begin his journey yet this week for Gelderland.

Amsterdam, Octo. 6. We hear of nothing here but losses and great damages suffered in the late storms; from the Fleet we are told, of two Ships that were lost coming in there with Salt from Eluber; That a small Vessel arriving there, the men spoke of above two wrecks they had seen along the Coast of Flanders; several small Boats which went with goods and passengers from place to place, through the Inland waters, have been likewise lost, together with all the people on board them.

Hague, Octo. 6. On Monday last arrived here the Heer Lieutenant Admiral de Ruyter from Gorra, where he had put in with his Squadron of men of War; the same day he was in the assembly of the States General, to give them a particular account of the present condition of the Fleet, which we understand suffered little damage in the late bad weather, even beyond what we could have hoped, considering the sad effects we hear from all parts of those violent storms. Here is a discourse about Town, as if the States would keep the greatest part of the Seamen that have been this Summer on board their Fleet in their service all this winter, giving them half pay, that so they might be ready at hand, in case they might have occasion for them the next Spring.

The Province of Zealand hath by their Deputies here, consented to the farther keeping on foot the new raised Troops. It is said, that the Heer de Hairen of Friesland, is to go Ambassador to Sweden and Denmark. The Heer van Bredode continues very ill, though it is hoped, that the worst of his distemper is past.

His Highness the Prince of Orange is arrived from Dieren at Zwylstein, where his Highness intends to continue some days; the Heer van Odycke is gone likewise thither to confer with his Highness concerning some affairs relating to the Province of Zealand. The States of Holland continue still assembled.

Hague, Octo. 8. The States of Holland have lately made a resolution for the taking away all Privileges from Ambassadors and other publick Ministers; in regard they say their Ministers do not enjoy any in any Foreign Court. It is now certainly said, that the Heer van Hairen is appointed for the Embassy to Sweden.

The States of Zealand continue their difficulties in the matter of the French Wines, &c. so that it is much doubted, whether that affair may arrive to any perfection this Session of the States of Holland.

Chester, October 2. Yesterday was solemnly Consecrated in the Quire of our Cathedral Church, the Right Reverend Father in God, Doctor Henry Bridgeman, (late Dean of this place) Bishop of Soder and Man; The Ceremony being performed by the Right Reverend Father in God, the Lord Bishop of this See, as Substitute of his Grace the Archbishop of York, assisted by the Right Reverend Fathers in God, the Bishop of Bangor, the Bishop of Aspin, and Bishop of Clonchar, in the presence of many persons of great quality; who were afterwards very nobly entertained by the New Bishop at his own House.

Cambridge, October 4. His Majesty this day Honored the University and Town of Cambridge with His Royal Presence, attended by many of the Nobility from Newmarket; the Mayor and Aldermen with the Trayn Soldiers waited His coming without the Town, the whole Body of Students according to their several Orders and Degrees in their Habits, attended in the Streets from the first entrance unto the Schools; as He passed by the Market place, the Conduir ran with Claret Wine; at the Schools He was received by his Grace George Duke of Buckingham, Chancellor of the University, with the Vice-Chancellor and Doctors, presented with a fur Bible, and a short Speech made by the Orator; His Majesty viewed the Publick Library, took more especial notice of the rare Eastern M. S. given by his Grace George Duke of Buckingham, formerly Chancellor of the University; as also of the many fair Volumes bought by the annual Beneficence of Tobias Rustall Esquire, one of His Majesties present Servants, passed from thence to Kings Colledge, heard an Anthem in the Chappel; from the top of the Leads had a fair prospect of the whole Town and Country; walked through the Streets to St. Johns Colledge and Trinity, where He viewed their Libraries, and heard short Speeches made by the Masters of both, as he had before done at Kings Colledge; after this he was entertained at Trinity Colledge with a Dinner, served up by Masters of Arts, being Regents, in their Habits, where plentiful Tables were spread also for the Nobility, and all others belonging to the Court: After Dinner His Majesty conferred the Honor of Knighthood upon Charles Caesar Esquire, (Son of Sir Henry Caesar) who brought up the first dish; and having seen a Comedy acted there, with which His Majesty expressed himself to be well pleased, as also with the good Order of the whole University, about five of the Clock He returned to Newmarket.

Through His Majesties great Favor, and his Graces the Chancellors care of the University, no Degrees were conferred upon any, by His Majesties Command, though much desired by many.

Whitehall, Octo. 7. Our Letters from Dublin, tell us, of the safe arrival of his Excellency the Lord Berkeley Lord Lieutenant of that Kingdom, together with all his Trayn, after a very cross and tedious passage, to the great satisfaction of the people there.

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The Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer, are now come to the payment of the 477. Order, in Number Registered on His Majesties Revenue of the Hearth Money, and shall proceed to the payment of the subsequent Orders to that Number, as the Money of that Revenue shall be brought into the Exchequer.