

Imperial Majesties service, shall be turned over into the Service of the Poles.

The Prince of Transylvania, hath renewed his instances in this Court for the obtaining a general pardon, for such of the Hungarians Nobility, as have fled into his Dominions, though as is said, with little hopes of success in it. The Emperor hath ratified the Treaty lately concluded between the Elector and Town of Cologne, which hath been accordingly sent by an Extraordinary Courier to the Marquis de Grand, who continues in those parts. The publick Prayers are continued in all Churches here with great devotion, on the occasion of the Empresses being with Child.

Hamburgh, February 3. Amongst the preparations of our Neighbors, there are found that seem particularly to concern us; for from Copenhagen we are again alarmed with the designs of that King, to renew his pretences upon this Town, and in the mean time Bremen seems no less apprehensive of the great Forces of the Swedes, which they intend to bring this Spring into that Province.

At Copenhagen was arrived from Sweden the Count de Ockenfjerna on an errand; as was there reported of great importance, though seemingly only to congratulate the Birth of the young Prince.

Hague, February 11. Here is, as we are told, arrived from the Court at Madrid, the Ratification of our Treaty with that Crown; as it was concluded here by the Spanish Minister, Don Emanuel de Lira; but of this we must expect to hear with more certainty; The States General have resolved to reinforce all their Garrisons anew, and especially those which seem most exposed to Foreign attempts.

Some Proposals have, as is said, been lately made in the Assembly of the States General, for the raising of more Forces besides those already consented to by the respective Provinces; as likewise the increasing this years Equipage, though nothing has as yet been resolved in either.

By Letters from our Ambassador at Paris, we have advice, of the great preparations his most Christian Majesty continues to make, without publickly declaring as yet; against whom they are intended; and that the said Ambassador designs to return from that Court, a hour or two beginning of the next Month, having lately received Letters from the States General in that behalf.

On Monday last arrived here Prince Maurin of Nassau, who went immediately to the meeting of the Commissioners appointed by the States of Holland, for the examining the Officers they intend to employ in the new Levies; the Vicer Marshall Wuyt being there likewise present, where accordingly the said Officers were nominated, and the next day the Commissioners distributed to the Colonels, Lieutenant Colonels, and Majors, as they did the day following to the Captains of Horse; Captains of Foot, and their respective inferior Officers.

The Colonels of Horse are,

The Prince of Courland.

The Duke of Holstein.

The Marquis de Montpouillon.

The Sieur General Branch.

The Sieur Jacob van Brecht.

The Sieur John Deons.

The Colonels of Foot are;

The Sieur Joseph van Saccoen.

The Countess Fladrop.

The Countess of Wingenstein.

The Sieur Ernst van Storaenburgh.

The Sieur Alexander van W.

The Sieur Caspar Richard van Handbeeghe.
The Sieur Johan vander Laen.

Plymouth, February 4. Here is arrived the Argiers Frigate, Captain Wyar Commander from the Downs; and in a few days proceed to the Downs; several Merchant men are at present here in Port, as well inward as outward bound.

Deale, February 5. Last night arrived here Captain Beach in the Hampshire Frigate from the Streights having on board him, about twenty English Slaves, redeemed since the Peace with Argiers; he reports, he left Sir Edward Spragge at Port Mahon, intending to follow in three weeks at farthest; that on board of him and other Merchant men, were the rest of the Slaves redeemed from Argiers.

Portsmouth, February 6. The Dutch men of War which were in this Road, are sailed for Zealand, to which Province they belong; the Merchant men are likewise proceeded on their respective voyages.

Whitehall, February 7. By Letters from Captain Beach on board the Hampshire Frigate in the Downs, we have the confirmation of his being sometime since engaged, as hath been formerly said, with two Turks Men of War in the Mediterranean, with this farther advice, That he had since heard by Captain Viburne who came from Argiers, that the biggest of those Men of War had got home with much difficulty; having received 17 shot between wind and water; and very much torn, with the loss of 25 men, besides 50 wounded: That the 20th of December, being on his way to Port Mahon, he came up with the White Horse an Argierine of 38 Guns, having with her an English Prize the William and Thomas, taken about nine days before the conclusion of the Peace; Thomas Forman Master; the Turks Commander, after signs made of peace, came on board Captain Beach, and at his desire likewise sent for the English Master and others of his Ships Company, who declaring they were taken before the Peace as aforesaid, were by Captain Beach, at the instance of the Argiers Captain, who demanded them, in pursuance of the said Peace, returned accordingly to him.

That the 18 he arrived at Port Mahon, where he found Sir Edward Spragge, by whose Order he sailed thence again the 22 homeward; That the 4 instance, in the night, a Sally Man of War came up with him; with an intent to lay their on Board, thinking them to be some small Vessel; but coming nearer, and perceiving his error, he fired a volley of small shot into Captain Beachs killing one of his men, and wounding the other, and immediately sprang his Luff; the Frigate returned him all the Guns she could, both great and small. Upon which, the Sally Man, there being but little wind, put out his Oars, and after six hours chase, with much difficulty escaped by reason the Frigate wanted wind to pursue her.

Disso, February 7. Yesterday Sir George Downing, His Majesties late Ambassador at the Hague, to the States General of the United Provinces, arrived here, and this day after his private Examination by some of the Lords of the Council, and his account thereof given to His Majesty, he was by His Majesties Warrant, sent Prisoner to the Tower; for not having obeyed the Orders sent to him.

Advertisements

ALL persons in England, Wales, and Berwick, who owe any Rent in arrear, or by advance by their Wine-Licenses, and hereby directed to pay the same (by themselves, Attorneys or Friends, that shall come to Town this Candlemas Term) into his Majesties Office for Granting Wine Licenses, in Durdam-Tard, London, else they will be forthwith Arrested for the same.