

it. An Extraordinary Envoy hath signified to the States, that his Mistress the Queen of Spain, had at length declared herself on the subject of the Defensive League, concluded with this State, and that they might very suddenly expect her Majesties Ratification; and some report, that it is already arrived. Prince *Maurits* may in a day or two, together with the Deputies of the Council of State, part hence towards our several Garrisons on the *Rhyn*, to take a farther account of the present condition of those places. This day the new Officers took the Oath of Fidelity before the Council of State; it is said, some of them have already their Companies almost compleat, having before they had their Commissions, taken Men on provisionally, which may very much forward these Levies. By Letters from our Ambassador at *Stockholme*, we have advice, that their Majesties had begun their journey to the Copper Mines, and that he had not yet had Audience of their Majesties, they desiring it might be deferred till their return, which may be about the beginning of the next Month. The Express which lately went hence with dispatches to our Ambassador in *England* is returned hither.

Hamburgh, Feb. 10 The English Envoy Mr. *Barrue*, is arrived here from *Copenhagen*, on his return for *England*. The Duke of *Saxen Lawenburgh*, is said, to have lately passed this place incognito, on his way to *Copenhagen*. The Officers employed by the Bishop of *Munster* in his new Levies, are most gone for *Mechelburgh*, having found the people hereabouts very unwilling to go into that service.

The discourse here is, that the Dukes of *Lunenburg* will send several Troops into the service of the States General of the United Provinces. From *Berlin* they write, of the great endeavors that are there used by the Heer *d' Amerongen*, the Dutch Minister, to induce his Electoral Highness to declare in favor of the States his Masters. Here are Letters in Town arrived from *Moscow*, which speak of new troubles raised in several parts of that Empire by the Rebels, and that the Czar was preparing a considerable Army against Spring, for the quieting those disorders.

Paris, Feb. 13. The King having, since the death of the Chancellor, resolved to keep the Seals as yet in his own hands, hath appointed six of his ordinary Councillors, and the like number of his Masters of Requests, to have the care of preparing things, and Sealing them one day every week in his Presence, till he shall have thought fit, otherwise to dispose of the Seals, with farther Orders to be observed by them, in the executing the same: The sixth and eighth instant, by reason of the many dispatches that were ready for the Seal, were appointed for the passing them, which was accordingly done in the Kings Presence, who was pleased to sign the several instruments himself, and to write with his own hand whatever the Chancellor had formerly used to do.

The sixth instant, *Don Miguel Thuriotta*, Resident here on the part of the Crown of Spain, had his Audience of leave of the King, in order to his return from this Court, he being appointed by the Queen of Spain, to be her Secretary of State in *Hollandes*.

The fifth the Heart of the Princess *de Conti* being embalmed, and enclosed in a Box of Silver, was carried by the Dutches of *Longueville*, accompanied by the Dutches of *Brissac*, and several other Persons of the most eminent Quality, to the great Convent of the *Carmelites*, where it was received by the Bishop of *Auxerre*, assisted by the Religious of that Order with the usual Ceremonies: The

King to express the esteem he had of the great worth of this deceased Lady, hath been pleased to declare, that he will have a particular care of the education of her two Sons, the Prince *de Conti*, and the Prince *de la Roche sur Fon*, and that they shall be brought up with the Dauphin. The 10 the Extraordinary Envoy from the Elector of *Brandenburg*, was conducted to his first Audience of the King; what his errand may be, is not certainly said.

The Mareschal *de Croqui* is arrived from *Nancy*, and hath been very kindly received by the King. This week was performed by the Capucins of this place, in their Church, a solemn service for the late Chancellor, as having been their Protector. From *Madrid* our last Letters tell us, that it was reported there, that the Queen Regent had ratified the Treaty concluded lately by her Envoy *Don Emanuel de Lyra* at the *Hague*; and that our Ambassador at that Court, the Marquis *de Villars*, had declared, that in case her Majesty assisted the Enemies of this Crown, the King his Master would be obliged to act accordingly.

It is said, that the Emperor hath sent to offer his Mediation to the King, for the endeavoring to reconcile those misunderstandings, which may be at present between him and the States General of the United Provinces. The King hath, as we are told, conferred on the Sieur *d' Almeras*, the Title of Marquis, together with the charge of Rear Admiral of *France*, having at the same time sent him a Commission to command this Summer a Squadron of men of War in the Mediterranean, as the Sieur *de Marsois* is likewise to do. From *Rosbol* they write, of several considerable men of War that are there sitting out, and that they may in two Months at farthest be ready to put to Sea. Madam, is at present perfectly well again, to the great satisfaction of this Court. The Count *de Conningmark*, who is at present raising Forces for the Service of this Crown, is, as we are told, to come and reside here, as Extraordinary Ambassador from the Crown of *Sweden*. The Marquis *de Villeroy* is by the Kings order retired from Court.

Whitehall, Feb. 12. Upon the vacancy of the Bishoprick of *Durham*, by the Death of the Right Reverend Father in God *Joha Cofin*, Lord Bishop and Count Palatine there, who departed this Life, upon the 15 of *January* last, in the 77 Year of his age; (and hath left a most ample Testimony to the World, of his great Piety and Charity) His Majesty hath been pleased, in order to the administration of Justice in Civil affairs within that County Palatine, to constitute Sir *Gibbons Gerard* Knight and Baronet, to be High Sheriff of the same; as likewise to appoint Sir *Francis Goodrick*, Temporal Chancellor of the said County, to be Keeper of the Great Seal of the said Bishoprick and County Palatine of *Durham*.

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