

went lately out, the *Europa*, together with a Man of War, are as we hear, forced back to *Zealand* by the late bad weather, being much damaged, and having many sick on board. The three Ships bound for *Guiny*, mounted each with 18 Guns and 60 Men, are ready, and have Orders to sail with the first favourable winds; It is said they intend to go Northwards. The Prince of *Orange* lies with his Forces at *Goude Sluys*, and hath taken possession again of the Posts quitted by the French. Some days since happened a Fire here in Town, which burnt several Warehouses, and did other considerable damage.

Blissing, Jan. 7. Yesterday came in three of our Capers, and brought with them not any purchase, but the ill news of the taking the Privateer called the *Raep* by the English; and that the *Bull* had been likewise engaged with an English Frigate, that she lost her Main Mast, and to save her self, left two Prizes she had lately taken, behind her, which were retaken by the English: another Privateer come in here, tells us, he left four of our *West India* Ships engaged with the *Plymouth* Frigate, who had already taken one of them, and sunk another. We are certainly told that there are at present 270 Commissions given out for Private Men of War, great and small, by the Admiralty of this Province; all our livelihood depends upon them, and because they have not of late brought in any considerable number of Prizes, the Commonalty begin to want wherewithal either to employ or maintain themselves; The Ship *Argyn*, together with the other Merchant man bound to the *East Indies*, are ready to sail with the first Easterly wind. The people return again to their former way of quarrelling with their Magistrates, and are now in the humour again of having some of them displaced; it is said that four of the eldest Magistrates have quitted their Houses, and retired privately out of Town, which occasions a great noise amongst the people, and makes us all fear some great and suddain tumult is at hand.

Ditto, 11. The Commonalty are again pacified with fair words and promises, that things shall be better for the future, which we look upon as so great a blessing, that publick thanks have been given in all our Churches for our deliverance from those intestine confusions, which for some days last past have threatened us. Most of our Privateers have been forced into Port by the late violent storms, and have amongst them all, brought in but two small Prizes, an English and French Vessel; they tell us indeed, that they had taken some other Prizes, but that they were retaken by the English.

Hague, Jan. 6. We live here in such continual fear of the Enemy, that several persons have within few days retired with their Goods and Families to places of better security; and at present we are about putting up Palisado's round this place, and making other preparations for our defence. The Swedish Ambassadors have made their publick Entry, and have had their Audience of the States, though we cannot learn that they have as yet declared themselves in the point of the Mediation, whether they do accept of it or not. The Prince of *Orange* was some days since here in Town, but is at present in the Army at *Alphen* near *Leyden*; Colonel *Pain* and *Vin*, who Commanded at *Newerbrug*, and deserted that Post, will be severely proceeded against, and it is not doubted, but he will loose his Life. Several hundreds of Seamen are to be taken into the Service of the States, and shall in a separate Body be Commanded by Lieutenant Admiral *de Ruysser*, the Heer *Tromp*, and the Heer *Sweers*. The Princess Dowager of *Orange* is at present very much

indisposed. At *Amsterdam* the People begin to be very disorderly again, inasmuch that some Troops of Horse which were sent by the Prince to Quarter there, were refused entrance; the people at the same time exclaiming against the Government; and the Prince's evil Councillors. And at *Rotterdam* the like disorders happen daily.

Hague, Jan. 20. Our great consultations now on foot next after those of securing our selves from a second Invasion of the French, are how to raise a Police capitale of its self to continue the War at Land, being sensible how much we have been and still are like to be disappointed by our Auxiliaries. To this end it is confidently given out. That the States of this Province are agreed, with those of *Zealand*, *Frisland*, and *Gronningen*, to pay this year 17 Millions of Florins towards it, besides all the ordinary Taxes which are already upon us; to which the *East India* Company is to add, as of free Contribution, two Millions more. In the mean time the Swedish Ambassadors are pressing for an answer to their Proposition of a Mediation already accepted on, it seems, by the Kings of *England* and *France*. A few days will shew us what inclinations are in our Governors to a Peace, which the Common People every where cry for.

Among other our Calamities, that of the overflowing of the Country is the most universal, and the most felt; partly the cutting the Dikes the last Summer by the French, for their own security in *Vtrecht*, and partly what we our selves have been some time since necessitated to do of that kind, has put the whole Province of *Holland* in a manner under water, so as the poor Bores are driven from their Houses, to seek shelter on higher ground for themselves and Families, driving about from one place to another, in what Boats and Vessels they can procure, in a most sad and miserable condition.

Advertisements.

Brussels, Jan. 16. The 28 past, was stolen from the Countess de *Colre*, A very rich Jew, being the King of *Englands* Picture set with nine great Diamonds, cut cornerwise, and about 70 small ones; another set with 8 or 9 Diamonds, cut cornerwise, and several small ones, with one great table Diamond in the middle; one great table Diamond; two ear Pendants set each with one great Diamond cut pair wise, besides several small ones; 2 Bracelets of Pearl, with Roses of Rubies between the Pearls; a little Diamond cut triangular, set about with small Diamonds; a red Stone, set round with several small Diamonds; a small Powderbox of Gold with the Arms of *Bourbonville* upon it, which is a Lyon; a small gold Watch with a chain of the same; a cherry coloured Petticoat with gold and silver Lace. They that give notice: either of the said Jewels, or of the Person that stole them, must address themselves to the Posthouse here at *Brussels*, and shall have 200 Pattacoons as a Reward.

ALL Persons selling Wine by Retail without License, in *England*, *Wales*, or *Town of Berwick*: And likewise all Persons owing an Rent or Arrears of Rent for Wine-Licenses, are advised either by themselves or their Agents, Friends, Correspondents or Attorneys to repair unto His Majesties Office for granting Wine-Licenses, situate in *Durham-yard London*, at or before the 12 day of *February* next, and contract or agree, and take forth their respective Wine-Licenses; and also at or before the said time, pay their said Rents and all their said Arrears of Rent for Wine-Licenses, as the Laws direct, else *Latinars* or *vine factus*'s will Issue against them, which will be both chargable and troublesome, and only to be avoided as aforesaid.

Upon advice this day from the *Trinity-House* of *Newcastle*, that by reason of some Wrecks occasioned by the late Frests, and great Storme lying in the middle of the Channel, at the entrance of the River of *Tyne*, the said entrance is rendered Unnavigable in the Night, and it is by them judged requisite, that no Lights be put out till the said Wrecks be removed; The Master and Brethren of *Trinity-House* of *Deerford Stroud*, do hereby give Notice of the same to all Traders that way; and that no Lights will there be put out, till it be safe for Ships to enter the said River in the Night.

Stolen out of the Church of *Little Gaddesden*, in the County of *Hertsford*, on Thursday at night, the 9 of *January*, A Communion Table-Cloth of purple Velvet, with a silk fringe about it; one holland Surplice, one silver Chalice part thereof gilt, a linnen Communion Table-Cloth, and one Diaper Napkin; The persons suspected to have committed this Sacrilege, were two men and a woman, one of the men having a dark coloured grey Coat, with a snafack on his shoulder, and the other man habited much like him, both tall young men; the woman had a light grey Wastcoat, with two red Petticoats, and a black hat; If any can discover and secure these Persons or the Goods, and will send word to Mr. *Foster's* Shop an Upholsterer, at the sign of the *Goats* in *Barn-bican*, *London*, shall be well rewarded for their pains.