

Majesties Ratication, which 'tis thought will not be denied: the Condition being but slight for the French faction, but very advantageous for *Lubomirski*, who is like to be greater then ever.

*Vienna, July 30.* The Swedes Envoye is often in Conference, and frequent in company with the great Ministers; 'tis said, he has propos'd a Match between his Master and the elder of the Emperors Sisters, having already got her Picture and sent it to Sweden.

*Rome, July 31.* The Indisposition of the Pope continues, and is grown to that height that his Physicians seem to doubt of his Recovery; yet some of our Politicos give out, 'tis only a feigned Distemper to avoid giving Audience to the French Ambassador, who by all his endeavors has not yet prevailed; and 'tis said takes his delay so ill; that if he gets not a speedy Audience, he will return home without it.

*Celle, Aug. 10.* The City of *Bremen* hath at last formed a Declaration upon the Four points in controversy, which if approved of by the Emperor and Empire, may probably put an end to their business with the Swede.

1. As to their appearance upon the Ryx-days, the City will promise to empower their Deputies upon those days, not wittingly to vote any thing against the interests of *Swedenland*, and to absent themselves out of the Ryx Assembly when the Swedes Envoye shall be there.

2. As to their appearance upon their Creyts-days, the City will agree to forbear it.

3. As to their Homage, the City will not pay any to the respective Emperors, if the Crown of *Sweden* will obtain the Emperors permission thereunto, provided it hinder not the confirmation of their Priviledges.

4. As to their payment of Ryx and Creyt Taxes, they plead, That by reason of the lessening of their Territories by the Grant of two Offices to the Crown of *Sweden*, Anno 1654. their Quota ought in proportion to be lessened, and consequently to be a sixteenth in lieu of a twelfth, which they will justly pay into the Swedes Cash.

This with other Declarations are by the *Brunswick* Envoye to be delivered to Field *Here Wrangle*: The success not known.

Two days since, Field *Here Wrangle* sent an Express by a Trumpet to Count *Waldeck*, signifying, That whereas he was informed, that a Counsellor of *Bremen* had told the Swedes Commissioners, that he the Count had order to succor *Bremen*, if the Swedes should attacke it: He desired to know the truth, that he might take his Measures accordingly.

On Thursday last the *Brandenburgh* Envoye went to *Bremen*.

*Middleburgh, Aug. 17.* All industry imaginable is used to patch up our Fleet, for whose resting, 200 Carpenters are employed from *South-Holland*. We talk of being out in a week, though we think a-much longer time will not sic them out, and furnish them with Seamen; but this want is intended to be supplied with Soldiers, 800 lying ready to be put on board, and six Regiments more discourses of. Our whole Fleet that now lies in between *Ulshing* and *Rammekins*, is upon a just account 66 Men of War, and 19 Fireships and Gallies; of which number, three Men of War and two Fireships are additions since the fight. Our loss of men appears greater to us then at first we could well imagine, our easiest computation being between 4 and 5000 kill'd, and between 2 and 3000 wounded. The found men, till the last Friday and Saturday, have been kept from shore, when half the *Hollandis* Squadron were permitted for three days to refresh themselves on *Lyné*, and at their return the other half to have the same permission. In the mean time an Imbargo, and a Guard set on them, both here and at *Ulshing*; and no Vessel or Passage-Boat to transport any of them upon pain of Death.

*Amsterdam, Aug. 17.* Letters from *Cleves* tell us, that the thirteenth instant the Prince of *Simeren* arriv'd there, whither his Highness the Prince of *Orange* is to depart in few days, in order to the celebration of the marriage between the Princess of *Orange*, and the aforesaid Prince of *Simeren*.

It is happy for us the winds have continued so strong at the East, to keep back the English Fleet from the *Texel*, many

of our Merchant men having in this time got in, but many are yet behinde too.

'Tis said that *Visslaar* (who was second to *Tiricke Heiddes* in the late fight, shall succeed him in his place of Admiral of *Friesland*.)

*Hague, August 17.* We are not a little jealous of the belief the world may have of *de Ruyers* retreat, as we call it; and therefore the *Sieur de Somerdyke* hath been summoned before the States of *Holland*, to know if he were Author of a little Pamphlet intituled, *A Relation of Tromp's Fight, &c.* which he denyed absolutely, and so was dismissed; however among us, even by what *Somerdyke* who was in the action, relates of it, we take *Sir Jeremy Smiths* giving way, to have been a snare laid to decoy *Tromp*.

Yesterday came a hot allarm of an attempt, the English were making to Land at *Carwick*, upon which an Assembly was called in all haste, and 19 Companies of Foot, and 6 of Horse forthwith ordered to march to that Coast.

*De Witts* is returned hither, indeed to see his Child Christened, which is now lately born in his absence, but pretending to give an account of matters in the Fleet, and in the Report he makes, saies, his design was immediately to have put the Fleet to Sea again, such as it was, for our justification to the world, but that *Zealand* falling upon the repairing their Squadron, it was necessary to do so in the others too; that things were in the mean time preparing by the Fiscal, for the Council of Warr, but wise men believe that matter will be daubed over. *Tromp* and *de Ruyter* continue as they were, without any other Reconciliation, then that they meet now at publick Councils of Officers, &c. To which *Tromp* hath been obliged, partly by fair means, and partly by foul.

The States have had notice from *Alckmar*, That all their Seamen have quitted the Fleet, and are come home: which we fear is the case of other places, and the remedy will be difficult.

The French Ambassador continues to assure us, his Master is resolv'd *de Beaufort* shall joyn us, and demands a Committee to Treat with him of the manner and circumstances; but at the same time insists much that *Denmark* be required to send 20. of their Men of War to make up the party: And all this seems to ask time, and yet we are told our Fleet shall be at Sea in 8, or 10 Days.

The *Sieurs Hasselaer* and *Baare* are dispatched to the *Texel* to stop all Merchants ships from going out, and upon refusal, to cut their Cables, and disable their Tackle; order is likewise given to take up all the Sea-marks and Buoys about the *Texel*, and that no Fisher-boats be suffered to put to Sea from no part.

Yesterday about noon arriv'd an Express from *Paris* to the States, whereupon an Assembly was immediately called, the business not known, but guess'd something in relation to the French Fleet. Here is a rumor that the French Fleet is arriv'd at *Belle-Iste*.

Upon advice that the English had attempted in some Shallops to land near the *Wicke*, the Beacons were immediately fired, and the Bells rung out; and accordingly the Country got into Arms, and the Cavalry upon their Guard: Whereupon his Highness the Prince of *Orange*, the *Here Rhinegrave*, with several persons of note, came presently to *Scheveling*, and several Troops of Horse were sent down to *Carwick* for the security of those parts, in case of an attempt.

*Deals, Aug. 10.* On Wednesday night last a small West-Country Vessel, being chased by a French Sloop, secured her self under *Walmer* Castle. Yesterday 53 West-Country Vessels pass through the *Downs* Northwards, under Convoy of one of His Majesties Fregats.

*Tarmouth, August 8.* We have here advice from the Fleet, that upon the 4th instant our Fleet steering Northwards, appeared before the *Maes* and *Scheveling*, which gave no small allarm to those Coasts, as sufficiently appeared by the firing of their Beacons: on the 6th the Wind blowing Easterly, they went forward towards the *Texel*, where they likewise much allarm'd the Country about *Petten*; many Prizes fall daily into their hands, particularly we are told of a Frenchman laden with Pitch and Tar, and an Amsterdamer taken on Tuesday last, with 50 Carpenters that were going for the Fleet.