

way and manner of a Conjunction; and are accordingly ordered to advise with *De Ruyter* and *De Witte*, about all the circumstances of that Affair.

*Ditto*, Aug. 27. *Tromp* presenting himself to the States, was the first day put off, and required to attend the day after; when coming before them, he was told, That upon certain disputes arisen between him and *de Ruyter*, it was found fit to take away his Commission of Lieutenant Admiral of *Holland*; which he seemed to acquiesce in very willingly, and to with a Complement retired. Upon which, the States of *Holland* notified the change to the States General, where *Utrecht*, *Overyssel*, and *Groningen*, demanded the Reasons; *Holland* answered, They had nothing to object against *Tromp*, but only that they had thought fit to take their Commission of Lieutenant Admiral from him. In the mean time, the Letter he writ to the States General remains suppressed, though *Zealand* and the other Provinces insist much to have Copies of it. He upon this desired to resign up his Commission of Captain to the States General. And upon further Consultation, Order is sent him not to stir out of the *Hague*, without Licence from the States, upon severe penalties. His Brother-in-law *Kywidt*, Burgmaster and Deputy of *Rotterdam* in the States General, having confessed himself the Author of the late Relation of *Somerdyke*, is deposed of all his Charges, and himself retired, with one *Vander Horst*, to *Antwerp*; the Fiscal of *Holland* in the mean time being ordered to proceed against him criminally as Author of a seditious Libel. In the place of *Tromp*, is chosen Lieut. Admiral of *Amsterdam*, *Joseph Van Ghent*, Son to one of that name who is Deputy of *Guelder*; his Vice-admiral is *Sweers*, and his Rere-admiral *Jan Gideens*. *Friesland* hath chosen, as 'tis said, in the place of *Tirick Heides* their Lieutenant-admiral lately kill'd, Rere-admiral *Bruyssvelt*; and Capt. *Wyselzer* Rere-admiral.

*Ditto*, Aug. 31. Now we have notice come, that the King of *Denmark* upon instance from us, and the French King, is willing to lend us 16 or 20 of his ships to joyn the common Fleet. But we shall hardly stay for them, but with all speed put out what we have of our own.

A plain Defensive League is agreed on with *Denmark* and *Lunenburg*, and the like with *Brandenburgh* is desired; but that Elector stands off yet, and presses us for more money, in consideration of the extraordinary force he is obliged still to keep on foot.

The *Sieur Hauterive*, Governor of *Breda*, writes, he had discovered a Train of Powder laid to have fired the Magazin of Stores and Provisions there. Of which, he suspects the Papists in that place.

*Holland* presses for the building yet twelve ships more, but the other Provinces say plainly they are not able to contribute farther: So as indeed, *Holland* must do all, or all must be undone.

*Rome*, Aug. 14. We have here a Courier from *Finale*, with the news of the Empress's arrival there, having embarked the 10 instant at *Barcellona*. The Cardinal *Chisy* has quitted his design of complementing the Empress, by reason of the Popes great indisposition, who yet has lately found himself able to satisfy the importunity of the French Ambassador, and to give him Audience. 'Tis left to the Governor of *Milan* to choose one of these four Cardinal Legates to supply the place of Cardinal *Chisy*, viz. *Bichi* Legate of *Urbino*, *Buonvisi* of *Ferrara*, *Piccolomini* of *Romagne*, or *Caraffa* of *Bologne*.

*Vienna*, Aug. 15. The 4 instant, arrived a Turkish *Chiaz* with five persons, whose Negotiation is only matter of Complement and Thanks for his good Neighbourhood, and the Release of some Prisoners.

*Frankfort*, August 12. The Elector of *Mayence* continues still at *Wirzberg*, and has lately disbanded some companies in the Garrison at *Erford*, which shows us some hopes of a peaceable composition of their differences. The Prince of *Denmark* is yet at *Cassel*, where the Officers of health are very strict in their guards to keep his person from the Contagion, refusing to let the Prince Elector Palatine Ambassadors enter, though they were at the Gates, in their way to *Sweden*.

*Seville*, Aug. 3. The Duke de *Veragua* in the Capitana-

*Real*, accompanied with four other ships of the *Armada*, set out from *Cadix* four days since, for the Coasts of *Algarve*, the nearest part of the Sea Coast of *Portugal* towards *Andalusia*, where the Admiral *Keat Don Du: de Ybarra* with 21 sail was attending him.

The news of 22 Turks Men of War, said to be come out of the *Streights* to intercept the *New Spain* Fleet, gives no small care to these parts; the great booty they met with in the two *West-India* ships they formerly took, encourages them to hope after these; but if the four Men of War of *Centurioni's* Squadron, joyns with the *New Spain* Fleet, as they have orders to do, they need not fear the Turks attempts.

*Husling*, Aug. 31. We are upon the brink of a strange confusion: The late conflagration at the *Mille* seems but a faint emblem and prognostick of a more fatal flame ready to break out in the State. *Tromp's* being cashiered by them of *Holland*, and without any reason given, breeds very ill blood among the common people; the quarrel lately growing so high in this place between the *Ruyterists* and *Trompists*, that several have been kill'd in the quarrel; his whole Squadron in the Fleet ready to rebel; those of his own Ship openly refusing to receive his Successor *Van Ghent*: So as the *Dupies* have been forced to distribute those men upon different ships, and to new Man his Ship with others, lest of the Rebellion.

To all this is added, the matter of *Buat's* seizure, upon whose examination and view of his Papers is found, that indeed the wishes he had made towards a good Peace with *England*, were by the consent and advice of a great part of the States themselves; and most of the principal Magistrates of *Holland*; already the names of 16 or 18 are given in, which were his Companions in what he is accused of, which makes that matter look very dreadfully to the quiet of the State, if indeed our prevailing party drive it to extremities. However, they have already appointed his Judges, and order is given to form his Process.

*Brussels*, Aug. 31. Yesterday past by this place the *Marques de Bellefonds* in his return from *Zealand*; where he left *de Witte* and *de Ruyter*, with great hopes of getting out their Fleet again to Sea by the end of this week, which *de Witte* pressed with passion, and *de Ruyter* seemed to consent to, having conceived a good opinion of his strength and fineness: Some consultations there have been of attending the French, who ('tis said) arrived at *Rochelle* the 17th, and talked of being ready in few daies, but with resolution not to stay for them, believing themselves strong enough without them; and that 15 daies time, or thereabouts, might make a great Crisis in their affairs: But 'tis generally believed, that were their *East-India* Fleet in safety, considering their present posture, nothing else could tempt them to come out this year.

*Royal Charles* in *Southwold Bay*, Aug. 23. We know not what to think of the advice brought in some days since by the *Little Mary*, who being sent to scout abroad by the Generals, brought in word, That on Tuesday the Twenty one, 56 sail of the enemies were come out as far as the *Weilings*, and the rest preparing to follow. But the Letters of the same day from *Zealand* speaking them still there; and the same Frigate (the *Little Mary*) sent abroad again for further Discovery, bringing this day word, That she had been Nineteen Leagues off at Sea, and yet had not made one Sail of them, We believe they may have only dissembled a coming to Sea, and being forced to it by the Clamors and Discontents of the Commonalty at home, may have stood out as far as the *Weilings*, or it may be *Schoneveldt*, to amuse their People.

*Harwich*, August 25. Yesterday came in here a Ketch from the Fleet in *Sowle-Bay*, who left them at 7, or 8, in the morning, with their Top-sails loose and unmored, in a posture ready for sailing, but without any late News of the Enemy.

*Whitchal*, Aug. 26. Letters from *Offend* of Sept. 3. say, Seven or Eight of the *Holland* Fleet sailed from *Flushing* on Tuesday last afternoon, and that the next day Twenty more were intended to follow: But it was believed they were only to pass into the *Weilings*, and there stay for fashion-sake, till the rest of the Fleet could come out; which was given out, would be that Week.