

Courriers to Paris and Madrid, on the account indeed of the Popes sickness, though covered under other pretences.

Mr. Thomas Warren an Apothecary, living at the Golden Anchor and Hart in Basing-lane near Bread-street, is appointed by the University of Cambridge, to receive what the Charity of Well-disposed persons shall invite them to give for the Relief of the Poor of the place, much Visited with the Sickness.

Hamburg, Aug. 24. General Wrangle has not yet returned any answer to the late Declaration made by the City of Breme, who (as 'tis said) have sent their Deputies to the Duke of Zel, and the Bishop of Osnaburg, to demand assistance against the Swede, in case of necessity; which is one reason why the Duke of Lunenburgh has not yet disbanded his Forces.

The Count Wrangle is arrived here, to confer with Queen Christina before her departure, she using all Arts to gain the Grandees of Swedeland, which may much facilitate her business there.

Elfenour, Aug. 19. The late News of the English Success against the Dutch, has put a stop to all Civil and Military Affairs: The Holland Resident seems to want Faith to believe, what he has hardly Confidence to deny, but since he cannot argue us out of our senses, he now endeavours to persuade, That the English loss was far greater than theirs. However, he has laboured hard for assistance, and has prevailed for 16 ships, which he is to take care to Victual. Twelve of them are already brought into the Road, and the other four are to follow them with all Expedition; but still there remains a great difficulty how to furnish them out with Seamen, which the Danes are not able to do, without leaving the other part of their Fleet altogether unfurnished.

This Night came an Express from the King to the Governor, to stop all Holland ships till further order; which is supposed only out of care of their safety, to send them under the Convoy of the intended Success.

Hague, Sept. 3. Though we have plainly found Bellefonds errand was but to keep up our hearts under so many discouragements, and prevent any other thoughts for our preservation, then to throw our selves yet further into the arms of France; and that indeed all the pretensions of Beauforts being at Rochelle, was but air and abuse: Yet now D'Estades hath this morning by a Memorial, with greatest seriousness, assured the Estates General, That by an Express now fresh arrived from Paris, his Master gives him an account of Beauforts arrival at Rochelle, from whence he had sent the Captain of his Guards to give him the notice of it, and that he would lose no time to fit out again: So as now we are held up with every dayes hope of seeing him joyned to our Fleet, where it is under-hand said, He is by agreement to have the supreme Command, and de Ruyter to be in the second place. So as Bellefonds having adjusted all points about the Conjunction in one day at Middleborough, is posted away to Paris, not having allowed us time to discover the abuse of the story he brought of Beauforts being then already arrived at Rochelle.

Four or five Jesuites having it seems been taken at Sointenast, and brought Prisoners to Stuy, in Reprisal for the children of the Zelanders; the Spanish Ambassador hath made a great complaint of the procedure, which is put into the hands of the Council of State.

This Week dyed at Bredah the Sieur Huygens Sieur de Zuylichem, having served Four and forty years in the States General; and in this Town the Sieur de Merode is likewise dead.

The Sieurs Kiewydt and Vander Horst retired to Antwerp upon the business of Somerdykes Relation, are summoned to appear by the Fiscal; but what they will resolve to do, is not known.

How violent soever the prosecution be against Buat, great instructions doe still discover themselves in the Soberer sort of our Principals, for a good Peace; and the Sieur Apelboom having desired it, the Sieurs Heukelom, Renswoud, & Glinstra, are appointed to meet him upon the point of the Swedish Mediation.

There hath been a Report here as if De Ruyter were sick

of the Plague, but the thing is mist ken; the Truth is, his House is infected, and a young Child dead of it, and that he himself, as is said, visited his Wife during that time.

Rotterdam, Sept. 3. A Merchantman arriving yesterday at Macslandsluy, says, he came from Hitland 8. days since, and that he saw there Eleven great ships, which are judged by some to be our East-India Fleet: and he is told, a Swede bound Westward, having been met off at Sea, says, That passing along the Coast of Norway, he saw a Fleet of 14 great ships steering this way: Whether that be the same with those at Hitland, and whether either of them be our East India Fleet, is doubtful: Certain it is, only six persons in Holland are of the Secret where they are, and what they are to do.

Flushing, September 5. The Plague Increases much in Zealand, which causes those houses of entertainment that are found to refuse all commers, thereby occasioning many contentions and quarrels, and oftentimes fighting and killing. The Drums that have been beaten for Volunteers, have drawn in but few men; on the contrary, many of their Seamen have quitted the service, though with the loss of their pay. The Hollanders have no kindness left for the Zealanders, and stick not to say publicly, That if a Zealander be in danger the next fight, they will not stir to relieve him.

We have here certain news of de Beauforts arrival at Rochelle, but not much assurance of his assistance, so that our Fleet is adventuring to Sea without him. On Saturday in the afternoon they sailed to Blankenberg 66 Men of War, and near 20 Fireships, most of them disguised into Men of War of 30 or 40 Guns a peeces. Six of their Men of War that were sent out the Tuesday before, returned yesterday morning, and four more sent out in their rooms, as scouts: About ten more ships are expected from the Texel, and some recruits of Men (which is our great want) from France.

On Thursday last, the Men in De Ruyters ship, at a Muster fell into a Mutiny, throwing up their Caps, crying out, Vive le Prince d'Orange, and Monsieur Tromp; and reviling De Ruyter, ran all below Deck, refusing to serve unless Tromp were restored, which with much industry was at the last composed by De Witte, who for the present allayed that heat, by reigning down Ducatoons upon them.

Capt. Enno Doedes is nominated Vice-admirall in the room of Heer Coeders.

Bruges, September 6. Yesterday the Holland Fleet were seen from hence under sail to the Westwards of Blankenberg, standing Westwards along the shoare, where were told from hence about 70 sail; 'tis thought they intend Northwards to secure their India ships, and other Merchants expected that way.

Bristol, Aug. 27. A Hamburg Vessel is arrived here from Rochelle, upon whom comes a poor Englishman, by name Richard Williams (or William Richards) born of Parents of that name at Green-Bank in Wappin, near London, who being found to want his Tongue, hath by signes declared before the Mayor, and other the Justices and Magistrates of this City, that he belonging to the Mary of London, carrying 26 Guns, which being in a Voyage from Malaga to London with Wines and Fruits, about fourteen weeks ago, fell in with twenty five of the French Fleet under the D. of Beaufort in the Streights; some of which after a long chase, and a sharp fight of forty eight hours, in which she lost thirty two of her men, at last took her, and no sooner were Masters of her, but immediately, with a monstrous barbarity, tying the remainder of her men, who were sixty two, back to back, they threw them overboard into the Sea; this poor Creature only escaping, by what accident is not yet learnt, whom having found, they presently fetched a pair of Pincers, and forcing his tongue out of his mouth, they cut it off close to the root; in which sad condition he was sent ashore at Rochelle, and from thence by the charity of this Hamburger brought hither. An instance of so great inhumanity, that we are not willing to believe it, with all its circumstances, even of the most Savage Enemy, and will therefore expect a further confirmation.

The Account of this Weeks Bill runs thus. The Total 266. Of the Plague 30. Decreased in all 24. Decreased of the Plague 12.