

that things may remain in *statu quo*, till the affairs be decided.

**Hamburgh, Aug. 26.** The Mediators between Sweden and the City of *Bremen*, labor hard to finde some expedients for an Accommodation. The City stands stiffly for their Liberties, and will not accept of any conditions that may in the least inringe them: But insists, that there is lately some misunderstanding risen between the Citizens and the Magistrates, inso much, as a Faction is begun amongst them, which, if true, will soon put an end to the affair.

We are informed from *Gluckstadt*, that the Cannon there made for the King of France, prove ill in the trial; all that have been yet put to proof, breaking in the trials, which the Founders would excuse, by pretending the Metal was not such as they at first required. They write likewise, that the young Prince of Saxe is not yet expected there, and is to consummate his marriage with the Princess of Denmark.

**Hague, Sept. 8.** Our troubles are still in the increase, nor can we yet prophesy what end they are like to have. Several Troops of Horse are ordered to quarter near this place, for the security of the States, who tis thought design the executions of some persons of quality, many of the States themselves, and indeed the greater part of them being accused of receiving pension from foreign Princes, of which they are now charging one another: The next Wednesday is to be held a Council Provincial of *Holland, Zealand, and Friesland* only, who are to consider of this great business, which infinitely perplexes us in this juncture of affairs. Several of the Captains in the Fleet, as well as Soldiers and Seamen continue highly offended at the late affront done to *Trump*, for whom they shew themselves very passionate, what the issue of our dissensions may be, we fear to think. Several of our Provinces are very earnest for a Peace, especially *Zealand* and *North-Holland*, who refuse any longer to contribute to the War.

The Plague is grown very violent at *Flushing, Middlebourg*, and several Towns of *Zealand* and *Holland*, and tis not a little suspected in the Fleet, where they die in great numbers. They set out from *Zealand* on Sunday the fifth Instant with 72 Men of War, and near twenty friships, many of them distill'd like Men of War of 38 or 40 Guns, some other ships they expect to joyn from the *Texel*, those that remain being ordered to follow as soon as they can get ready: but never did their Fleet goe our worse furnish'd with Seamen, and indeed a third part of their Men and Soldiers never before in Sea service.

The Burgomaster *Vander Horst* being cited to appear before the States, sent his father-in-law to excuse him; but this satisfied not the States, who have proceeded criminally both against his person and goods, as like wise against *Kievit*; and are sending Soldiers to secure *Vander Horst's* house at *Kosterlam*, and *Kievit's* in this Town.

His Highness the Prince of *Orange*, with the Princess *Dowager*, and the rest of the Court, continue still at *Cleves* in good health, but the Nuptials are deferred for a longer time. The Princess *Dowager* on the 28, completed her 64 year and according to custom, kept her Anniversary Feast for her Children, Allies and Friends, who each of them presented her with a piece of Massive Gold Plate. Her Daughter the Princess of *Anhalt*, was on the Tuesday before brought to Bed of a young Princess.

**Hamburgh, Aug. 25.** This day about seven in the Evening, the two *Holland* men of War that lay at *Gluckstadt* with two Convoyers of ten Guns apiece, came suddenly upon the English ships that lay in this River near the Town, contrary to the privilege of the Elbe stream; and after a short opposition made by the Merchants, burnt three English Merchant men, with one *Hamburgher* bound for *Portugal*, and took three others, and one *Swede*, the other eleven retiring for safety under the Cannon of the Town. The *Holland* Men of War ran afterwards on ground between this and *Altenah*, and might have easily been taken or fired, if the Town could have been persuaded to have lent the English any assistance.

### The Account of the Motion of the Dutch Fleet since weighed Anchor; from several Letters runs thus,

On Saturday the 25 in the afternoon, the Dutch Fleet came out to *Blankenberg*, and were then counted to be about 66 Men of War and 20 Friships; Ten Men of War more they expected to joyn with them from the *Texel*.

On the 26 they were again discovered four leagues off *Hulshing*, standing as was thought Westwards.

On the 28 they were again seen near the *Lord-Sand* and *Kentish Knock*, to the Eastwards of *Margate*, where they continued till the 32.

**Southwold, Sept. 1.** The thirtieth His Majesties Fleet full of Men and Courage, weighed out of this Bay, and stood off two leagues or more; but little wind stirring, they came to an Anchor again, and having culled out some numbers of able Seamen out of the Coal Fleet of 300 sail, which parted by here that day and the day following, the wind coming up at North East a fresh Gale, the Fleet weighed yesterday morning and stood to the South East, until they were out of sight, in search of the enemy, who we hear by some Officers were seen off the coast of *Flanders*.

**Harwich, Sept. 1.** Yesterday was brought in here a fair Dutch Privateer taken off of *Newcastle*; and a Vessel that came in last night, says, she saw our Fleet half seas over towards the Coast of *Flanders*, and thought she saw a sign made to the rest of the Fleet by the Generals Flag, but the content thereof knows not.

An Express just now arrived, says our Fleet, and the Enemies, had yesterday fight one of another, both in overgrown Seas, blowing Northerly and blowing for the wind: The Dutch were reckoned about 70 or 80. Last night were many Guns fired on our side, so as we judge by this time they have slain in with the enemy.

**Dover, Sept. 1.** This morning by six of the clock we discovered a great Fleet at Sea of near 100 sail, which we suppose to be the Dutch, whom we likewise discovered yesterday from hence; and just now appears to the North East of them about three or four leagues from the back of the *Goodwins*, in view 60 sail and upwards, which we believe to be our Fleet, making all the sail they can, the wind blowing hard at East, that the Dutch cannot carry their Top-sails out, who are within a league or two of the French shore: Within two or three hours, we suppose our Fleet may reach them.

Several other Letters from the same and other places, confirm to us the news of the near approach of our Fleet to the Dutch; and that about eight or nine of the clock this morning, one of their Flag-ships was seen on fire, and afterwards to blow up, but by what accident they know not; another of their greatest ships of 70 Guns was also seen to have spent her Main-Mast, steering before the Wind, two Gallies attending her. They say farther, that upon the approach of our Fleet, the Dutch made away with all the sail they could, getting as near the French Coast as possibly they might, and keeping in a round body. That our Fleet came up to them with full sail, the Front of them, towards the Evening, engaging the Rear of the Enemy off the Point of Land beyond *Bulkogne*, and that several broad-sides were given, the wind then blowing hard at East, so that a gale that would not suffer them to bear out their Lower Tiers; but that the Body of the Fleet were then come up, and the night approaching, would not permit much execution. The next day in all probability we may hear of their Engagement. God Almighty prosper our Fleet.

**London, Sept. 2.** About two a clock this morning a sudden and violent Fire broke out in this City, beginning not far from *Thames Street*, near *London-Bridge*, which continues still with great violence, and hath already burnt down to the ground many houses thereabouts, which had accidently affected His Majesty with that tenderness, and compassion, that he was pleased to go himself in Person with his Royal Highness, to give order that all possible means should be used for quenching the fire, or stopping its further spreading. In which care, the Right Honorable the Earl of *Craven* was sent by His Majesty, to be more particularly assisting to the Lord Major and Magistrates; and several Companies of His Guards sent into the City, to be helpful by what ways they could in so great a calamity.