

the Kings Council, who have required him to meddle no farther in that design: In the interim, the Cardinals of the Squadra are openly engaging for the exclusion of all Pope Alexanders Cardinals, and consequently of Farnese, whom the French seem most to aim at: The generality opposing all ways possibly the French design.

Don Sigismond, his Holinesses Nephew, who went with the Legat into France, hath lately taken the habit of a Prelate, in order to a Cardinals Cap, which 'tis thought will be conferred on him the next Promotion. 'Tis likewise discoursed, that the Prince Mathias of Flogence, and the Duke de Mercoeur, may stand fair for the same Dignity.

Dantzick, Sept. 18. Letters from Poland inform us of a difference between the Swedes Envoyé Extraordinary (his Credentials stile him) and the Elector of Brandenburgs Ambassador, occasioned by the latter taking the upper hand in his own house, upon a visit given him by the other; which the Envoyé telling him was not civil, the other replied, He would not in complement give away his Masters honor, which put an end to the visit with much discontentment. The Swedes Envoyé intends (as 'tis said) very suddenly to leave the Court, and to go for Livonia, the Polish Agent being likewise expected home.

The Treaty betwixt the Poles and Muscovites is not like to have its effects; but that betwixt the Swedes and Muscovites is so far advanced, that there is no doubt made but a Peace will be suddenly concluded between them.

Elbe Stream, Sept. 18. The Swedes Troops ordered for the Dukedom of Bremen, approach very near; and since they cannot be suffered to pass through the Country of Lauenburg, 'tis said, part of them are to come by water, in order to which, all the Boats on the Swedes side are under an Embargo for that service, the other part of them to march by Land to Blanckenfels; the Artillery lies ready for them at Wismar.

Several Passengers arrived from the Swedes Leaguer before Bremen, report them to be extraordinarily well fortified, and in the lowest places of it so deeply intrencht about, and so well drain'd by their Engines called Schaken, an invention of the Fieldherc Wrangel, that they are kept very dry in their Trenches, and intend to lie all the Winter before the Town, keeping always a Light Body ready to oppose the Sallies of the besieged.

On Munday morning last, a party of Horse commanded by a young Swedes Cornet, took the Sieur Van Hussen, Master of the Artillery, with a Major called Hammerstein, and about forty foot coming from Niemberg, intending for Bremen, and brought them prisoners to the Leaguer, which every day grows stronger; their Levies going on vigorously on the other side of the water in Westphalia, and the Neighboring Countreys.

**T**he Plague continuing still very dangerous at Cambridge, Peterborough, and other places near the City of Ely, The Lord Bishop of Ely hath thought fit to prohibit the holding of the Fairs of St. Luke and St. Audrey at Ely this instant October.

Genoa, Sept. 15. The 11 instant arrived a Gally of this place from Alecant, having made some stop at Barcelona, to dispose of a Brigantine prize she took by the way, and brings with her 100 thousand pieces of Eight for this place: The Dutch ships in this Port, finding it very hazardous for them to adventure homewards, and the season too far spent, have altered their designed Voyage, and intend to drive a Trade between Spain and this place.

The Empress is now arrived at Milan, having from Bosco where she lay the 5th night, after her parting from Finale, arrived the 6th at Castelnovo de Scrvia, the 7th night at Voghera, the 8th at Pavia, the 9th at Certosa, and from thence reached Milan: but her publique entry in that City will not be till the 28 Instant. The two Envoyés designed thither from this City, intend now to wave that place, and to complement her at her arrival at Vienna, towards which place they are to set forwards in 8 or 9 daies with a very splendid Equipage, each of them attended by 6 pages, and 8 Footmen in rich Liveries, being Gentlemen of the best note.

Paris, Sept. 29. The Duke de Beaufort with his Fleet of above 50 Sail, great and small, accounting his Fireships and Advice Vessels, arrived at Diepe the 23 instant; and the very next day according to Order he there found from his Majesty, returned for Brest, dismissing the Merchants under his Convoy for their several Ports; some of which, had it seems, the misfortune to fall amongst the English Fleet, by whom divers of them were sunk and destroyed.

We are likewise informed from Diepe, that two Vessels arrived there the 26 instant, with the news, that five of the eight Dutch ship, which accompanied our Fleet from the Streights, and had proceeded on from Diepe, intending to join de Ruyter, were met by some of the English Fleet about the height of Elogne, by whom, two of them were sunk; nor can they yet have any good account of the other three.

We are in no small apprehensions for our Fleets, upon the news brought us of their engagement with the English, which we are the more inclinable to believe, upon advice we have from Diepe of the appearance of the English upon that Coast. The Duke de Beaufort has not reinforced his Fleet with these fresh men sent out of the Guards thither for that purpose, fearing they might not be fit for Sea service, whereupon they have orders sent them to return.

Harwich, Sept. 27. This day arrived here the Fansan from the Fleet, whose commander gives us this account, that on Tuesday last the Prince with the whole Fleet sailed by Dungeonness, keeping without the Goodwins on purpose to look for the Dutch; the wind then at S. S. W. that in the afternoon they discovered them, and made them between 70 and 80 sail great and small, standing large away; and were then to the N. R. hwards of the Knock, and ours to the Southwards, but the Wind blew such a stiff, that they were in no possibility of Engaging, whereupon our Fleet bore under the Kentish Knock, where they came to an Anchor in much safety, and in the night lost the Dutch, whom they suppose to be to Leeward of the Gaber, or keeping Sea to the Northwards; when he left them, the Fleet was in a very good condition, not a Mast amiss, only some few of their boates missing. He adds that he was at the taking of the great French Man of War, and that he saw four more burnt; who despairing of making their escapes, got themselves into Bylanders, and there let fire to their own ships: he knows not what guns they carried, but saies in his judgement he never saw nor heard a greater blatt then they made when their Powder rooms took fire, which makes him conclude them Men of War; the same account is confirmed by his Boatwain, and others in his Company.

Alborough, Septemb. 18. On Wednesday at 4. the Fansan came from the Fleet, then at Anchor near the Kentish Knock, the Dutch, with some French ships, riding near the Galeser Sands, the foulness of the weather at that time hindring their Engagement: About 4. hours after the Amity came off from the Fleet, to repair some small Damages received by the Storm.

This night the Revenges Ketch came into this Harbor, speaking the good Condition of our Fleet, being very Healthy and full of Courage; and that the Red Flag was out, both Fleets in sight of each other, expecting every hour fit weather to Engage, if so, we shall in few days hear more of them.

Harwich, Sept. 29. This day at noon were discovered from our Beacon, though the weather were very hazy, 12 sail, and after them, as they seemed a whole Fleet, which we conclude to be our own, steering S. W. and by W. the Wind between North and West, in few hours we expect to hear more of them.

Whitchel, Sept. 29. This day by a Warrant from his Majesties principal Secretary of State, the Person of Valentine Knight was committed to the custody of one of His Majesties Messengers in Ordinary, for having presumed to publish in Print certain Propositions for the rebuilding the City of London, with considerable advantages to His Majesties Revenue by it, as if His Majesty would draw a benefit to himself from so publick a Calamity of his people, of which His Majesty is known to have so deep a sense, as that he is pleased to seek rather by all means to give them ease under it.