

which have been here refitting. He is first to convoy the Ships bound for the South Sea, to a certain Latitude, and then to go on a Cruise against the Corsairs of Barbary. We have had here such very tempestuous Weather for several Days past, that several Ships have been drove on Shore, and some lost, amongst which the Sarah from Dantzick, laden chiefly with Timber, has been dashed to Pieces against the Rocks, only three of her Crew having saved themselves. We have received certain Advice from Algiers, that several Men of War lately sailed from that Port on a Cruise.

*Petersbourg, Dec. 5.* The Empress has conferred on General Butterlin, the Command in Chief of her Troops in Livonia; and the Generals Alexander and Peter Schuwaloff, are appointed to command those in Ingermania and Esthonia. Major General Brown, an Irish Gentleman, who has for some Time past been soliciting his Discharge from this Service, has consented to continue in it, on her Imperial Majesty's raising him to the Rank of a Lieutenant-General.

*Naples, Dec. 6.* Five of the ten Xebecks which the King ordered some Time ago to be built in order to protect the Commerce of this Kingdom against the Barbary Pyrates, are almost ready to put to Sea, and the other five will be finished in the Spring. The Merchants of this City, and those of the other Trading Cities of this Kingdom, have agreed to bear Part of the Expences of supporting the above Xebecks, on Account of the Protection the Trade will receive from them.

*Genoa, Dec. 9.* Count Sartirane, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of Sardinia to this Republick, has notified to the Senate the Conclusion of a Treaty of Friendship between the King his Master and the Court of Vienna, for the Preservation of their respective Territories, and the Advantage of the Commerce of their Subjects. On the 1st Instant a violent Shock of an Earthquake was felt here, which however did but little Damage: But we hear that some Towns and Villages situate upon the River Ponent, have been greatly damaged thereby. We have received Advice, that a Tuscan-Pink, which sailed from hence on the 30th past, having on board 30,000 Piastras, besides a valuable Cargo of rich Merchandize, had been dashed to Pieces against some Rocks, in a violent Storm two Days after she sailed, in the Road of St. Julien; but the Crew had the good Fortune to save themselves, except two Men who were drowned.

*Stockholm, Dec. 14.* The King has caused a Pardon to be published for all Deserters from the Troops of this Kingdom, provided they return to their respective Regiments in a certain Time therein limited. The same Edict gives Liberty to all Persons who have been banished this Kingdom, to return to their respective Dwellings; shortens the Time for all those who have been condemned to work at the Fortifications; and discharges all Prisoners, except for particular Crimes. Count Tessin, who some Time since solicited the States of this Kingdom to be discharged from his Employments, has been desired, on Account of his good Services, to continue in them as long as his Health will permit.

*Vienna, Dec. 18.* The Members of the Civil Government in this City have been for some Days past examining several Proposals that have been laid before them for abolishing all burthensome Taxes, and for substituting others less grievous in their Room, amongst which it is proposed to oblige all Persons who keep Coaches or Chairs, to pay a certain yearly Tax towards repairing the Streets. They talk also of laying a new Duty upon Houses, in Proportion to their Rent, for the better Support of poor aged People who have nothing to subsist on. In Consequence of a Resolution that was taken some Time ago to augment considerably the Fortifications of Olmutz, the Capital of Moravia, several able Engineers have been lately sent thither. 'Tis said the Court is determined to establish a regular Commerce between the Ports of Trieste and Fiume and those of Spain, and that an eminent Merchant has already undertaken to begin that Commerce.

*Berlin, Dec. 23.* The Hereditary Prince of Hesse Darmstadt arrived here last Saturday from Prentzlow with the Princess his Spouse, and were graciously received by the King and the whole Royal Family. His Majesty has disposed of the important Post of Chancellor of the Court of Justice of the Dutchy of Guelderland, in Favour of M. Freneau, one of the Council of that Tribunal.

*Cologne, Dec. 24.* Information having been received that several Persons have of late greatly adulterated Wines for Foreign Markets, notwithstanding the Ordonnances forbidding the same, the Magistrates have, to prevent all Abuses of that Kind for the Future, appointed two Commissaries to see the said Ordonnances strictly carried into Execution, and to punish all those who shall be found any ways guilty of the Breach of them.

*Whitehall, December 24.*

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint the Right Honourable George Dunk Earl of Halifax, John Pitt, James Grenville, Esqrs. Thomas Hay, Esq; commonly called Lord Viscount Dupplin, Francis Fane, Charles Townshend, and Andrew Stone, Esqrs. together with James Oswald, Esq; in the Room of Robert Herbert, Esq; to be Commissioners for Trade and Plantations.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint Charles Polhill, James Vernon, Robert Eyre, William Burton, John Orlebar, Augustine Earle, David Papillon, and John Windham Bowyer, Esqrs. together with William Mellish, Esq; in the Room of Horatio Townshend, Esq; deceased, to be his Majesty's Commissioners within England, Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, for the Management and Receipt of his Majesty's Revenues of Excise and other Duties.

*East-India House, June 12, 1751.*

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East-Indies, do hereby give Notice, That on the 31st of December 1751, they will pay and discharge all Principal Money and Interest that shall be then due on such of the said Company's Bonds as carried an Interest after the Rate of Three per Cent. per Annum from the 31st Day of March 1750, and were not brought in and marked as consenting to the Terms and Resolutions of the General Court of the said Company of the 25th of April 1750. After which 31st of December 1751, all Interest on the said Bonds will cease.