

Treaty take effect between the Swedes and Muscovites, which 'tis said is as good as concluded, the Swedes Forces in Lief-land ('tis thought) will be commanded into Germany, to make some diversions of those Troops designed against him in these parts.

*Legorn, Sept. 10.* On the 16 instant, arrived here a Ship with a small Barque from Tunis, advising us, That the French Ship employed from France with monies for the redemption of the French Captives, at her departure from thence, fell upon an English Vessel called the *Tunizine*, under the command of Captain *Chaplain*, which she pillaged; but upon complaint, it was so ill resented by the *Dei*, that he immediately caused the French Consul to make ample satisfaction to the English Captain for the damages received, commanding him to send a Letter to the French King his Master, to acquaint him with the whole business, telling him, That if he refused not the Captain to be Executed for the Fact committed, he should account the Articles of Peace between them to be Nullified.

Yesterday, the *St. Louis*, a great French Ship, went off from hence for *Smyrna*. Also three *Genouefe* Gallies past by for *Naples* to take in Souldiers and Provisions, and to Transport them for *Spain*. The *Saint John Baptist*, a Dutch Vessel of 28 Guns, is arrived here from *Villa Franca* to seek Employment.

*Venice, Sept. 24.* Our last Letters from *Zante* inform us, That those people are in great apprehensions of the Turks, who are gotten together in a Body of 30000. and, as is given out, intend to attempt that Island; upon which news, our Captain General has dispatched away two Squadrons of his Fleet for their assistance: one of them is already arrived at the Island, the other standing off, reserving themselves to give Succor to any place that may require assistance. The 3. Gallies belonging to the Island are also fitted and armed out, and lye ready expecting the Enemy. Notwithstanding all this preparation for Defence, several considering persons believe not that any Design is on foot against that Island, the Turks not having at Sea above 36 Gallies, which is not a number sufficient for the Transportation of so considerable an Army.

*Majence, Octob. 4.* Notwithstanding the Acts of Hostility that pass on both sides, we doe not despair of a happy issue, by the Interposition or Arbitration of those Princes concerned in the Compromise. We have lately received Letters of Inhibition from the Imperiall Court, that no farther acts of Hostility may pass, till the business in Dispute be first debated by the Arbitrators. We are likewise informed that the Forces expected by the Elector Palatine from *Newburg*, *Luxemburg*, and *Brunswick* are since remanded; but the Countreies on both sides are still pillaged and destroyed.

Yesterday, about the Evening, a party of the *Lorrainers* passed the River near the City of *Bingen*, where they plundered a Village or two, taking a *Calvinist* Minister and his Wife prisoners; but afterwards stripping them both naked, let them go again.

Some few dayes since, a party of *Lorrainers* marched into the Countrey as far as *Heydelberg*; but were so well received by some of the *Palatine* Forces, that many of them were killed upon the place, a good number of them brought prisoners into *Heydelberg*, the small remainder of them saving themselves by a speedy flight.

*Paris, Sept. 6.* The Lieutenants of the *Bourbon* and *Mazarine* are arrived at Court with this account from the Fleet, That the English, after a long pursuit after the Fleet, commanded by Monsieur *de Beaufort*, met with three of our great ships in the Rear, that were not able to keep up with the Galls of our Fleet, who were immediately encompassed by the White Squadron, two of them, viz. The *Bourbon* and *Mazarine*, with some difficulty got away, and saved themselves in *Houere de Grace*, but the *Ruby* being left behind, we know not yet what fate she met with.

Since that 'tis said his Majesty has received news of the arrival of the Fleet at *Brest*. A Barque of *St. Maies* advises, that she met with the *Vendosme* and three other ships that were making for *Brest*, endeavoring (if possible) to joyn the rest of the Fleet, from which they were separated by storm,

and are not returned without damage.

The King having a desire to pass some time at *St. Germain*, has sent one of his Physicians before; to inform him of the health of the place: If the Small Pox be in the Town, 'tis believed the Court will not part from *Vincennes*, till they remove again to reside at *Paris*.

*Hague, Octob. 3.* This day at noon we received Letters brought by a Pink, arrived at *Scheveling* from the Fleet, telling us, that they were at the date of those Letters *Octob. 1.* between *Dunkirk* and the Downs, and had sent out six or seven ships to cruise, and bring them intelligence. That *de Ruyters* distemper continuing very high upon him, has rendered him unable any longer to endure the Sea, and forced him to leave the Fleet. They tell us also, that Vice Admiral *Enne Doodefs* and Admiral *Banckert*, who have likewise been very ill at Sea, are in a fair way of recovery.

Yesterday in the Evening came an Express to the French Ambassador, to inform him of the arrival of the French Fleet at *Brest*, and at the same time arrived Letters from our Fleet; upon which, the States assembled to consider of the present state of affairs, especially upon *de Ruyters* sickness. The result of all their Consultation is thought to be onely to call in the Fleet, the season of the year being too far past for any further action this year.

*Disso, Octob. 7.* There has not of late been any thing farther done in *Buats* business, though many reports have been spread about it, and particularly, that several other persons were to be concerned in it. The Assembly of the States will certainly be this week broken up; but 'tis much doubted (considering the time of year) whether any Deputies shall this year be sent to the Fleet.

*Rotterdam, Octob. 2.* We are informed by several ships arrived here, and particularly, by one from *Bordeaux* arrived from *St. Valery*, that *de Beaufort* coming the 24 past into the Channel, and understanding the English were in the Narrow, immediately called a Council of War, where it was resolved, by no means to fall in with the enemy, and accordingly they were upon their return for *Brest*; That two of the Merchants, under his Convoy, were taken by the English, and two others forced to set fire on themselves; and that two of our Men of War under the Command of the Captain *Vanderburg* and *Resterings* upon the retreat of the French Fleet making ob for the Narrow, fell in with part of the English Fleet, and that *Vanderburg* was forced to fire his own ship.

*Disso, October 7.* On the fourth instant *de Ruyter*, in Captain *Swaerts* ship, arrived at the *Maes* in a very sick and weak condition, and from thence imbarquing in the *Poff Tacht*, went off for *Amsterdam*, but the wind proving contrary, could not reach that night any farther then *Delft*, and from thence was in the Town Barge carried to *Amsterdam*. He left the Fleet off *Dunkirk* towards the *Northforeland*; Lieutenant Admiral *Van Nessel* taking his place in the *Seven Provincies*, and his Brother in the *Huisy*. We much fear ill news from the Fleet, by reason of the late great Storm.

*Amsterdam, Octob. 8.* Some passengers from the *Hly*, inform us of the arrival of five of our long expected ships from *India*, with divers other Merchants of our East and North traders. Yesterday *de Ruyter* came hither much indisposed, but no news from our Fleet since the late storm.

*Westminster, Sept. 28.* This day the House of Commons Resolving the Debate touching the City of *London*, Resolved that the humble Thanks of the House should be given his Majesty for his great care and endeavor to prevent the burning of the City.

*Tarnewth, October 1.* This Evening a Dogger-Pinke was brought into this Port, taken by the *Lilly*, who (though pretending to be Swede) is thought will prove good prize.

*Null, Sept. 30.* This evening arrived a Swedes ship laden with Iron from *Stockholme*, from whence he parted about five weeks since, and past about 14 daies since by *Elseneur*, and saw the *Danes* whole Fleet about 30 or 32 sail riding in *St. Annes Road* near *Copenhagen*, from whence 'tis not believed they will stir this year. He met with no man of War: by the way, either at Sea or upon our Coasts.