

thers, where they intend to reside till the Dissolution of the Parliament. The Soldiers continue their insolencies, of which great complaints are still brought, and that they have a second time plundered the Royal Town of *Samber*. We very much fear a new confederation; and that the next Parliament will have no better issue than the former.

Hamburg, Octob. 19. The Swedes at their Leaguer before *Bremen*, begin now to apprehend a cloud rising in *Germany*, which appears every day bigger to them, and are much confirmed by their last Letters from *Regensburg* of the Emperors resolution to give assistance to the City, and that some *Silesian* Regiments are already moving towards them. A Trumpeter is likewise arrived at *Stoadt* in eight days from *Regensburg*, his business, 'tis said, is to advise the *Field Here* to draw off his Forces from *Bremen*, otherwise his Imperial Majesty would be obliged with the rest of the Members of the Empire to assist that City.

Several great persons are met at *Stoadt*, in order to an amicable composition, but with what success time will shew.

The Duke of *Lunenburg* puts himself into a posture of War, building Forts upon the *Elbe*, and planting Guns to hinder the passing of the Swedes Forces that way; and 'tis said, hath already seized sixteen ships going up to such provisions, which has extremely incensed the *Field Here* *Wrangle*, who has ordered his Gallies to goe up with forty Vessels, by force to convey the Forces expected that way from *Pomerania*; though our last Letters inform us, that the Forces expected are to march by Land to *Blankenesse*, where they are appointed to pass the *Elbe*.

The *Bremers* on the fifteenth instant made a stout Sally upon the Swedes, but found them so well prepared to receive them, that nothing considerable could be done upon them. They have a strong Garrison within the Town, consisting of 2000 Horse, and 2000 Foot, besides the Citizens, and are well furnished with proportionable provisions to hold out a long Siege.

The fourth instant the Duke of *Saxony* received homage from his Subjects at *Ratzberg*, which was done with all imaginable solemnity, and the twelfth, the Queen *Christine* assisted at the marriage of the Landgrave of *Hesse*, with the Widow of the late *Frederick Alceft*, Governor of *Holstein*.

Amsterdam, Octob. 27. A Vessel arriving in the *Elbe* from *Martonice*, informs us of a great *Hurricane*, which in that place, but especially in *St. Christophers* and *Guadeloup*, has done very much hurt upon the Lands, and much torn and scattered the shipping about the Islands.

Here is arrived a Galliot from *Bergen* in *Norway*, who was on the seventeenth instant in company of five *Caribby* traders, with whom he kept two days, leaving them about the *Dogger-sands*; at which place they met with contrary winds. The *Hart* from the coast of *Angola* is arrived at *Bergen*, and the *Good-Hope*, that went out of the *Texel* in *September*, is said upon the North coast.

Paris, Octob. 30. The Knights of the Order of *St. Michael*, met according to their Order in *Cordeliers* Church, to celebrate the yearly ceremony according to custom, though for some time this year deferred by his Majesty, by reason of the indisposition of the Marquis de *Scardis*.

On the eighteenth instant they held their Chapter where the Count d' *Autain*, Dean of the Order with his Colles, late President in the room of the Marquis, who not being yet recovered, could not attend the ceremony; where the Bishop of *Neo-Cesaria* officiating at the solemnity, made an excellent Sermon upon the occasion.

His Majesty intends, that all the found children now in the Hospitals, with all those that are at home a charge to their poor families, shall be sent to Sea to learn Navigation, and fit them for that service.

Order is given to all the Ports for grinding of a considerable quantity of Corn, to make Meal to furnish and stock the Magazines, and to halloo the Levies of some new Companies of Foot.

Letters from *Maine* tell us, that a *Subterranean Fire* is broken out in the Forest of *Perfige*, which burns with that

violence, that 'tis no easie work to quench it again.

The King has ordered in his Council, that for the future no Novices shall be admitted by any of the Religious Orders to make their Profession, till they arrive at twenty five years of age, if Men; and if Women, at twenty.

The Archbishop of this City has taken away sixteen of the usual observed Holidays of the year, that persons may have so much more time allowed them to follow their trades. But the Feast of *St. Genevieve* being one, the Religious of that Order seem much concerned, and endeavor w^hat they can to defend the honor of their *Saint*.

A Gentleman of *Savoy* having had his head cut off for some crime at *Geneva*, the Duke of *Savoy* exceedinglyresents their proceedings, which are affirmed to be both opposite to the Treaty of Peace with *Savoy*, and against the Law of Nations, and is accordingly arming against them, having sent some Deputies to the *Swisse* Cantons to dissuade them from assisting the City.

Upon advice given us of the Fortifications upon the borders of *Flanders*, especially at *Cambray* and *Ostend*, where they are enlarging their Port to contain 3 or 400 Vessels; and that the Fort *Charles Roy* is so much forwarded, that already they have built it to the height of a man, with strong Battions about it, which they are furnishing with Cannon, having in it a Garrison of 3000 men, and the like number of *Malons* and *Pioneers* laboring there, which will in a short time complete the Work.

The King has ordered several Companies to march towards the Frontiers about *Picardy*, and his Magazines to be well guarded and stored; and has likewise commanded other forces to march towards *Rosillon*, to reinforce his Frontier Garrisons about *Catalonia*.

The Abbot of *la Ferte Seneterro*, Natural Brother to *Marschal* of that name, is by an Order of the Chamber des *Grands Jours* established at *Puy*, arrested for some misbehavior in *Provence*. And 'tis said, the Marquis de *Chasteau Neuf*, is also arrested by the Chamber established at *Languedoc*, upon the same account.

'Tis said that *Don Escobar de Gamorre*, Ambassador from his Catholick Majesty to the States of *Holland*, has offered the Mediation of *Spain* for the composition of the differences between *England* and them, preferring to enter into a Defensive League with the two Nations, upon their reconciliation.

The Duke of *Lorraine* is said ill of a Fever. The Swedes Ambassador went two days since from hence for *Germany*, very well satisfied with his Negotiation and Entertainment in this Court; having been presented with a Box of Diamonds from his Majesty, to the value of 9 or 10000 Crowns, and is to return to his command of the Horse-Guards to the King of Swedes now before *Bremen*.

Hague, October 30. Our people are generally much rejoiced at some hopes they have, that a Treaty of Peace may be this Winter set on foot; yet the great preparations daily made for carrying on the War, gives us cause rather to suspect the contrary.

The States having offered their Mediation to his Majesty of *Swedenland*, for the composing of the differences between that Crown, and the City of *Bremen*, are daily expecting what answer will be returned them.

The Princess Dowager of *Orange*, is suddenly expected here with Madam the Electress of *Brandenburgh*, who intends to spend the Winter here. And 'tis said, that the States have resolved to admit the Envoyes Extraordinary from his Electoral Highness of *Brandenburgh*, to the same rank and place in their conferences, with the Extraordinary Envoyes from any Crowned Princes that are sent to them.

Ipswich, October 27. On the 23 instant a Dutch Hoy set on shore at *Yarmouth* 200 Seamen that have been prisoners at *Amsterdam*, and released upon exchange. They came thence about *Michaelmas*, but by ill weather were forced to *Hamborough*, where they left 50 of their company to be brought over in another Vessel, having been so crowded together in the Hoy, that about twenty of them died in their passage.