

pose a separate Body, shall act apart, unless some extraordinary occasion do at any time require a conjunction, for the better promoting the good of their common interests. The *Sieur Mierkroon*, the Danish Minister has acquainted the States General by a Memorial two days since presented to them, that the King his Master had caused the necessary Passports to be dispatched for the Swedish Plenipotentiaries for the Treaty at *Nimeguen*, and that his Majesty at the same time had, till the formal Embassy he intended to send to *Nimeguen* was read appointed him the said *Sieur Mierkroon* to represent him in the quality of his Plenipotentiary, to treat of affairs there. We have no farther news of the Affairs between the French and our Fleet; and I send you from *Italy* with great impatience to bring us a particular account.

Marseilles, Febr. 4. The news we receive of an Engagement between the French and Dutch Fleets on the 7 and 8 past, near the Fare of *Messina*, the particulars we have are, that the Fight was very unequal, and having continued two days, though some say the Dutch have had the better. At *Toulon* on the same day, a great diligence was made to send out 8 Men of War more; and here, a great many Barks and Merchantmen, are now making ready, to carry a fresh supply to *Messina*.

Paris, Febr. 12. The great news we have at present is of a Battel that hath been fought between the French and Spanish and Dutch Fleets, on the 7th past, off of *Liparis*, which comes by Letters of the 14 past from *Naples*; they give the advantage entirely to the Spaniards and Dutch, and tell us these particulars; That the French Fleet consisted in 30 ships; That the Dutch and Spaniards were stronger, besides 12 Gallies which were of great use to them; That Lieutenant Admiral *de Ruyster* with his ships engaged the French, while the Prince of *Montesarchio* with his guarded the mouth of the Fare, as well to hinder those French Men of War that were at *Messina*, from coming to the assistance of their Party, as others from getting in; that the Fight was very furious, but that the Dutch Fireships did the French great mischief, who having lost 14 of their number, which are said to have been burnt, sunk, or taken, took their course to the Westward, with intention as was believed, to return home, or else to put into *Civina Vecchia*; That the Spaniards had lost one Man of War, and one Galley; That during the Fight, the Viceroy of *Sicily* had put himself at the head of 6000 Men, had retaken the Country of *Ibisso* and was advanced to the *Capuzina*, a Post of great importance, held by the French near *Messina*. These particulars, as hath been said, come from *Naples*, brought thither by the Patron of a Felucca, who pretended to have been eye witness, and though much the same account comes from *Leghorn*, *Milan*, and other parts of *Italy*, yet it seems it has all its rise from *Naples*; and therefore we cannot here but look upon the Authors to have been somewhat partial, and in the interim expect to receive from more uninterested hands, the true information of what has passed.

Genova, Jan. 29. All the news here is of a Fight, between the French and Dutch Fleets, on the Coast of *Sirily*, we know not the particulars, further than that it's generally said, the Dutch have had the Victory.

Florence, Jan. 27. The news which for some days past has filled this City, is of a Fight between the Spanish and Dutch Fleet on the one part, and the French on the other, which as the report goes, was concluded with a great Victory to the former; the relations are very various, some tell us the French have lost 14 ships, others 11, others 7, and others but 3; and that the Dutch were in pursuit of the rest: the one owns that the Dutch have lost the ship commanded by the Vice-Admiral *de Haen*, while the other assures us, they have not sustained any loss at all, so that amidst these uncertainties, we must suspend our belief till we hear farther. It is added, that the Viceroy of *Sicily* hath taken a very considerable Post in the Country of *Ibisso*, and that he advanced towards *Messina*, putting that Ci-

ty into great fear, whose only reliance was in the French succors.

Naples, Jan. 21. The last week we gave you an account of the reports that were then in Town, concerning the Fight between the French and the Dutch Fleets near the Fare of *Messina*, and of the great Victory which was said to be obtained by the latter, which hath been since very much moderated, if not wholly contradicted: By certain Feluccas arrived here within these two or three days, we understand, that on the 7th instant the Fight was begun between the French and the Dutch, that it lasted very sharply that whole day, but that the night separated them, the French having, as it's said, lost two Men of War, and the Dutch one; That the French stood off to Sea, and the Dutch after them; since there has not been any news of the French, and it's said the Dutch are returned in the Fare of *Messina*, and that the day after the Fight, the Prince of *Montesarchio* joined them with 8 Spanish Men of War. Some report likewise, that the 14 French Men of War that were at *Messina* are come out, and have joined their Fleet; but these particulars seem to contradict one another, so that we must expect till we have the farther certainty, which we might in all probability have had ere this, but that the weather has for some days past been very tempestuous, and hindered the coming in of Vessels. We are drawing together here 4000 Soldiers, to be sent to *Melazzo*, for the reinforcing the Viceroy of *Sicily*, who is approached with his Forces towards *Messina*, where Provisions begin to be much wanted.

Whitehall, Febr. 6. His Majesty having been pleased upon the death of Dr. *Henchman*, late Bishop of *London* to Translate the Right Reverend Father in God Dr. *Compton*, late Bishop of *Oxon*, and Dean of His Majesties Chappel to that See: and to promote the Reverend Dr. *Fell*, Dean of *Christ Church*, to the Bishoprick of *Oxon*; who having been a cordingly Elected Bishop of that See was this day Consecrated by the Right Reverend Father in God the Bishop of *Worcester*, his Grace of *Archieb* Commissioner for that purpose, in his Lordships Chappel *Whitehall*, being assisted by the Bishop of *London*, *Rochester*, *Exeter*, *Chichester*, and *Worcester*, and after the performance of the solemnity, their Lordships, with many of the Nobility and other persons of Quality, were entertained at a Noble Dinner.

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