

displeased, that many eminent persons were too much spared in the assessing of the late Taxes, paying far below what they ought to have been proportionably rated at; and thereupon are upon the consideration of imposing a New Tax, which if pursued, will make a great confusion in this place.

Copenhagen, Nov. 25. We have advice from *Gottenburgh*, that the English Squadron which cruised thereabout, brought in four *Hollanders* Prizes, and one *Dane*; but they discharged the *Dane*, as soon as they understood to whom he belonged. This King hath sent a Frigate to seize a Dutch Ship about *Draaboen*, which in a hurry to save themselves from the English, ran away without paying of Customs. The Dutch Resident *la Maire*, hath paid his word for the payment of them, but that will not give the Court satisfaction. General *Heriz* hath deserted the service here; it is said, the cause of his discontent was, because he would have no dependance on the Council of War, but have the supreme command of all in the Dukedom of *Holstein* immediately under the King.

Hamburg, Dec. 2. The difference between the Magistrate here, and the *Burgers*, is not yet composed; nor is it thought it will be, till it comes to trial at the Imperial Court. The Dutch have caused here and at *Lubeck*, sixty piece of Ordnance to be made, to carry thirty six pound bullet. The Levies for *Munster* go on apace, Col. *Mull* having received the third part of his money for the delivering three thousand foot into the service within six Months, and is assured to receive the remainder in few days.

Paris, Dec. 16. It is writ from *Toulon* the eighth instant, that the Commander *Paul* is lately arrived here with his Squadron, who brought in a small Swedish Vessel laden with Raisins and Currants, and that the Duke de *Beaufort* is daily expected there with three English Ships, their lading not mentioned. The Treasurer of the Consignations of the Parliament, an office valued at Eighteen hundred thousand Livres, being taxed above six hundred thousand, hath withdrawn himself, and carried away or concealed above seven Millions, which will be the ruin of many men. Monsieur de *Iruait* is no longer Comptroller-General of the Finances, that place being bestowed on Monsieur *Colbert*. Messieurs de *Lorme* and *Pellisson* are so over taxed, that they rather chuse to stay in the *basile*, then make payment, saying, Their Taxes are double the value of their Estates. It is said, His Majesty intends to make four new Marshalls Messieurs de *Novailles*, Sr. *Aignan del Estrade*, who is Ambassador in *Holland*, and Monsieur d. *Schomberg*, at the present in the service of *Perse*.

The Judicature called *Les Grand Jours d'Auvergne*, hath caused the Hand and Head of *Mademoiselle de Hauteville* of *Normandy*, to be cut off, upon an Information against her for Coining of false Money. They have passed two thousand Orders for the Arresting of several persons, among whom, five or six of quality, viz. Messieurs de *Gondars*, *Dureluse*, &c. and have appointed Commissioners in the Countreys of *la Forest*, *Beaujolais*, and *Lionnois*, to examine the proceedings of the several Magistrates to visit the Abbys, &c. to oblige the Impropiators to repair the Churches, &c. by a time limited, upon penalty of forfeiting their Impropiations to the Church.

Flushing, Dec. 18. A Caper, called the *Young Hollanden*, arrived here, can give onely this account of his Voyage, that he was in pursuit of several Merchant-men, but that they were too nimble for him. Four French men, he saith, were cast away near *Ostend*; two laden with Wine, and two Advice Boats.

Maestricht, Dec. 18. It is discoursed, that the *Lunenburgh* forces, under Count *Waldeck*, have already entred upon action near *Warendorp*, with intention to attack some places, which obliged the Bishop to gather his forces together, and that one part of them lie between *Boickholt* and *Borchom*, and the other part between *Goesvelt* and *Munster*: His Garrisons in the mean time, being disposed into trusty hands, the Count *Gorgor* left Governor of *Meppen*, the Grave *Efferen* of *Boickholt*, the Baron of *Dausen*, Governor of *Borchom*, Colonel *Pleur*, Governor of *Birculo*, and Colonel *Pest* of *Deutecum*. It is reported, that a party from *Weyssel*

have made an Inroad into the Dominion of *Limbeck*, which they plundered, and carried away many of the Inhabitants prisoners.

Hague, Dec. 20. The Officers of the new Regiment are now pitched upon. *William Joseph Van Gent* Colonel, *Francis Palm* Lieutenant Colonel, and Count *Van Horn* Major, the Motto of their Colours, *In utrumque parati*. We still flatter ourselves with the hope of concluding a Treaty with *Brandenburgh*, or at least think it our best game to make the people believe so; and to that purpose have sent Commissioners again to that Elector, which, it is supposed, will have this effect, to keep the people quiet, in expectation of a better success then the former had.

Rotterdam, Dec. 20. Several new Men of War are lately launched, but the Sea men and the Schlicty are not satisfied with their usage, that it will be a hard matter to man them out for Service. The Letters from the *Texel* say, Two East India ships are gone thence to Sea, and that others lie at the *Uly*.

Zurphen, Dec. 19. Some French came hither yesterday, but went presently to the Leaguer again. Prince *Maurice* intends, as is said, to march to-morrow toward the Enemies Countrey, who lies about *Vreden*, *Otterslein*, *Abuys*, *Syloen*, *Stadiles*, *Borchom*, and *Boickholt*; from whence they can very easily draw together a considerable Body upon any occasion. The French have already had experience of it, who adventuring in a party a little too forwardly, were surprised by the enemy, and several wounded and taken prisoners. The enemy lie to advantage onely, and the season is now fit for action, that we much fear the event.

Falmouth, Dec. 13. About ten days since, a *Dartmouth* Vessel, called the *Mizabeth*, coming from *New found Land*, was taken and carried into *Flushing*. The *Canary* ship, brought in by the *Elizabeth* and *Richmond* Frigates, is called the *Blew Bear* of *Hamburg*; she hath 400 Ripes aboard, and a Spanish Merchant pretends to claim thirty six of them. On the eleventh instant, three French ships arrived at *Perfance*, laden with Salt from *France*.

Plymouth, Dec. 15. On the thirteenth instant, the *Unity* brought in higher eight light ships as prizes; they were bound for *Bordeaux*, with several others, all Dutch Bottoms, and each of about two or three hundred Tun. The *Tyger* hath brought in a Vessel laden with Salt, and is gone again to Sea. Here are about thirty ships from *Dartmouth*, and other places, ready to set sail.

Hull, Dec. 15. On Wednesday last, Rere Admiral *Harman* past by with his Fleet from *Gottenburgh*, consisting of thirty eight Merchant ships, besides his own Squadron: Six of them were laden for this place, two of them our own Town ships, one *Newcastle* man, and three *Swedes*. The greater part of their lading, as they say, is Iron, Pitch, Tar, and other Materials for shipping.

Portsmouth, Dec. 17. Our Sea-men are all very quiet and orderly, and not without reason, since they finde that all those that went to Sea received their pay very exactly, with a very careful provision of Cloaths and other necessaries. Sir *Christopher Mings* is diligent in fitting out a good Guard for the Channel, and appoints ships constantly to cruise, for securing our own, and annoying the enemy. We hear of no Privateers upon this Coast.

Newcastle, Dec. 15. Two ships belonging to this Town, with the *Vidory* Frigate, are safely arrived from the East Countrey. They came in company with Rere Admiral *Harman*, and parted on Tuesday last off the *Dogger-sands*. He had (as they say) Eighteen Frigates, two Ketches, and about forty Merchant men, all richly laden, and most upon His Majesties account. About five or six of them are gone to *Hull* with a Frigate for Convoy.

Harwich, Dec. 16. Our parts afford no news more, then that the *Gottenburgh* Fleet are come into this Harbor; a farther account we cannot give, because none of the men are yet come ashore.

The Account of the Weekly Bill of Mortality, runs thus:
Total 525 Plague 281. Increase 83.