

The French Ministers, both here and at *Ratisbonne*, begin to talk high about the Dowry of the Queen of *France*, and whisper their desires, that the Emperor would declare his intentions as to the differences that may arise in the *Low-Countries*.

The Spanish Ambassador has appeared at his entry with great splendor and magnificence, with a Train of 34 Coaches with six Horses, 120 Pages, and 28 Lacqueys, for whom he has variety of Liveries, in which, they are to attend him upon several occasions.

*Genoa*, Decemb. 7. Several Dutch and French Merchant ships are in this Port, intending for *Cadix*. We are advised from *Thoulon*, that two new Men of War, one of 44 Guns, the other of 46, were upon their departure; and 'tis supposed, before this, gone out to cruise, and that four others of a larger size are there upon the Stocks, which they hope to set out against the next Spring.

The French having prohibited the Importation of Foreign Merchandizes, some projects are here on foot, to prohibit likewise all sorts of Merchandise that shall come from *France*, as Wine, Corn, and the like; but the Governor of *Milan* having the same design, this Republick is willing for some time to expect their publication of an Order for that purpose; and 'tis said the Republick of *Venice* intend the like.

We have now certain news, that the Republick of *Venice* hath published a Declaration, Prohibiting the Importation of all sorts of French Merchandises; and that the other Princes of *Italy* intend speedily to follow their example.

*Paris*, Decemb. 22. His Majesty hath ordered several Commissioners to the Frontiers about *Flanders* and *Picardy*, to take care of the affairs of those parts; and 'tis discovered, that he intends to dismanle several places there, and particularly, *Corby*, *Dourlens*, *Han*, and *Roye*, others name *Bapume* instead of *Dourlens*.

Care is taking for the regulating of Coaches, and taking off a great number of those that are already kept, not permitting for the future, any persons to keep Coaches who are not Lords belonging to the Court, or Presidents, or Counsellors of the Great Chamber, who are also to wear their distinctions in their Horse-cloaths, to be drawn onely by two Horses, and to be confined onely to one Coach for all their Family; which is like to be put into speedy execution.

On Saturday last, the Sentence of the Council d'*Etat*, given against *Monsieur de Vertamont*, was read to him by an Usher of that Court, in the *Bastille*, where he is prisoner, but no copy of it was suffered to be given him: But there was also annexed to it, a second Arrest of the Council, dispensing with part of the first Judgment given against him, the Archbishop having, it seems, to his great praise, obtained his Majesties favor, excusing him from giving him that publick satisfaction which was adjudged.

Several forces are drawn out of the Garrisons of *Arras* and *Hesdin*, which are ordered to march towards *Alsacia*, to oblige the Town of *Colmar* to submit to his Majesty, and take in a French Garrison.

The Duke de *Beaufort* having demanded his Majesties permission to come to the Court, and shewed himself much concerned at the sending *Monsieur de Bellefonds* to Sea, with the Captain *du Quesne*, who seemed to take too great share in his authority, his Majesty has by an Order countermanded *Monsieur de Bellefonds*, for the satisfaction of the Duke in that point, but withal has enjoyned the Duke to continue at *Brest*.

*Hague*, Decemb. 19. We are daily now in expectation of the *Sieur Urbrants*, our Minister in *Sweden*, who we finde, after all his Conferences and Debates in that Court, hath been obliged to leave it, and to return home without doing any thing, that Crown refusing preempptorily to make themselves Neuters, during the whole time of this War with *England*.

Our last Letters from thence tell us, their Army in *Bremen* have orders to continue still together, and some fresh forces ordered to join them; and that *Coningsmark*, he that was lately in *France*, is dispatching immediately to *Vicnna*, the Errand not known.

Twenty four of our Fregats are now gone to Sea with Orders to take out all their Seamen they finde, whether in *Flemish* Bottoms or other Vessels, the generality of them desiring rather to seek employments abroad, then to serve any longer in their Men of War.

*Edenburgh*, Decemb. 13. Yesterday Capt. *Neilson* of *Corjack*, *Alexander Robertson* Minister, *John Lindsay*, *George Cockeran*, and *John Gordon*, received their sentences from the Court of Justice, and are accordingly to be Executed to morrow at the Cross, only *Lindsay* is to be reprieved till the return of the Lord Commissioner, by reason of his known distinction, which has been on him near ten years: The other persons intended to have been tryed the same day, were disabled by their wounds to appear so soon: The remains of the scattered crew of Rebels are every day pickt up, most of the prisoners in the Country being full of them.

*Tangier*, Novemb. 22. The Mole goes on very effectually, twenty six yards being already set in deep water, and as much more will be finished before Christmas, some small fruitless attempts have been made by the Moors in the night, upon the Magazine and place of works but such order is taken by 600 Guards and Ambassadors layed for them, that they have little encouragement to give us further disturbance, having in one attempt lost their Leaders, and carried off many wounds. Two *Renegados*, Spanish youths from *Argilla*, that came hither to desire the Governours protection and assistance in their return to their old Religion and Country, inform us, that *Taffaletto* is driven out of *Foz* by the *Sarz* of *Sally*, who has written lately to *Gayland* several proposals for Peace, and his Restauration, of which we expect confirmation.

About eight daies since the *Ketch* belonging to this place, having been sent out to *Cadix*, as Convoy to some small Vessels thither bound; in Cruising to the Westwards, seized on a French Vessel of 100 Tuns laden with Pipe-staves, with which piece she arrived here this morning.

*Margate*, Decemb. 16. A small *Caper* has been lately seen upon our Coasts, but we hear not of any hurt he has done, more then the frighting of two of our Neighbors a shore; from whence they went off again without any prejudice.

A ship has been lately discovered upon the *Goodwins*, but the weather so bad, as no Boat durst adventure out for their assistance. She is supposed to be sunk, having been seen there all this day, and nothing now appearing but her Masts. By our Glasses she is supposed to be a *Swede*.

*Deal*, Decemb. 16. On Thursday last, the *Richmond* sent in hither a prize, but the violence of the weather forced her to draw or slip her Anchor, and is since safe in *Dover* Port. Her lading is Pitch, Tar, cast Copper in small Chests, with some *Kettles*.

*Downs*, December 16. The Vessel seen upon the *Goodwins*, and thought to be a *Swede*, proves to be a French *Man of War*, another is likewise now run upon the same Sands, and both of them lost.

*Witchall*, Decemb. 19. This day His Majesty in Council hath ordered a Proclamation to be issued out for the speedy Collecting, Leavying, and Paying in the Arrears of His Revenue arising from Fire-Heards and Stoves, what was due at or before *Michaelmas*, 1665, to be paid to such Receivers or Collectors as already are or shall be commissioned by His Majesty, and what did grow due at our *Lady-day*, 1666, and not before, and so forwards, to the Farmers, Sub-Farmers, or their Substitutes: All Justices of Peace, chief Magistrates &c. with other Officers and Ministers of Justice, being streightly charged to aid and assist the said Levies and Collections, that all concealments of Fireheards or Stoves be speedily detected, illegal and undue Certificates for Exemption discharged, all obstructions in Collecting removed, and all persons that shall assault or affront the Officers or Deputies exemplarily punished, as by the Proclamation at large will more fully appear.

The Bill of Mortality for this last week, runs thus. Buried in all 223. Of the Plague 3. Decreased in all 37. Of the Plague 1.