

having after some hours fight, sunk two of them, and took two, the fifth saving her self by flight, the night coming on, which favored her escape. The two prizes were brought safe into that Island with 400 *Turks* prisoners, and 160 *Christian Slaves*, who were immediately set at liberty.

From *Constantinople* we are also told, that the City has suffered much by a sudden and great inundation, which has ruined many houses, and drowned a great number of people.

*Genoa, Decemb. 7.* The differences between this Republick and the *Milanois*, about the Waters of the River of *Escurvia*, are like to be amicably composed, the Government being sufficiently satisfied, that the violences offered by our Soldiers were against the Order of the Senate.

The *Marquis de Bayonne* having complained, that the Fort of *Savona* made several shots against his Gallies as he passed by; the Governor of *Milan*, the Cardinal *Sforza*, and the Vice-Roy of *Naples*, seem to blame his near approaches to the Fort, since he had no intention to take it.

Letters are sent to *Spain* with the account of this business, which (it is believed) will be determined there according to the judgment of these three great Ministers.

Our late Letters from *Milan* inform us, that the *Soldiers* levied in that Dutchy for the service of his Catholick Majesty, are to march to the Sea side, under the command of the Sergeant Major *Don Francesco Ravizza*. They discourse there of new levies both of Horse and Foot. The Governor *Don Luis Ponz de Leon* being also very diligent in visiting all places of that Dutchy, and furnishing his Garrisons with Ammunition and Provision.

*Hamburg, Decemb. 10.* The *Swedes* forces keep still together, nor is it yet known what intention they have, nor where they will dispose of themselves this Winter. We are told they have a design to fortify *Hillhusen*, where they have already sent some of their Artillery with great store of Arms, and some Loads of Tools for breaking up the earth, and have put in 300 fresh Soldiers to reinforce that Garrison, which gives much jealousies to the Neighboring Countreys, and particularly to the Bishop of *Munster*, who has put his forces into a posture to march, and commanded all his Subjects that are able to bear Arms, to be ready whensoever they shall be commanded to march to the Frontiers, if occasion require it to defend their Countrey.

The fourteenth of this month, a conference is to be held at *Hillesheim*, in order to the composition of the differences between the Elector of *Cologne*, and the Duke of *Brunswick*, which has been formerly much endeavored by the Bishop of *Strasbourg*, but without the issue which he hoped for.

London, Decemb. 22.

ALL Persons who are willing to serve and furnish this City with Timber, Brick, Lime, Stone, Glass, Tiles, Slates, and all other Materials for Building, may in Person repair to the Committee of Common Council at *Gr-sham House*, London, on *Mundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays*, in the Mornings, week by week, who will be ready to receive and treat with them upon any Proposals they shall make, which are desired may be in writing.

*Paris, Decemb. 22.* The Admiral hath lately dispatched a Courier to *Rochele*, with order not to put to Sea those 12 ships that were designed and fitted up to cruise upon our coasts as our Winter guard, but to carine them, and expect his farther commands.

*Monsieur de Vertamont* has his liberty restored to him, and is gone from the *Bastille* where he was prisoner, by virtue of the sentence pronounced against him; but the Masters of Requests are ill satisfied with the form of their procedures against him; and have made their complaints against the Judgment given, affirming it to be against the usual practice of things of this nature, the Judges not having been informed of the business as they ought to have been: They have also demanded, that the Execution of the Arrest may be suspended, and the business heard by the Parliament. However, *Monsieur Puffort* is sent to *Monsieur de Vertamonts* House, to take an account of his Papers, and to make a strict enquiry after those persons that are suspected to have contributed towards the composition of the Faction against the Archbishop.

The Legate of *Avignon* taking notice of several persons that have and still do repair to the City for shelter, against the severe proceedings of the Council *des Grands jours*, has lately published his Declaration, importing, That the City of *Avignon* cannot be a place of security to them, having lost its ancient Privileges, and consequently will be obliged to deliver them up to the King of *France*, whensoever he shall demand them as criminals.

*Monsieur de Mondargue* sent Vice-Roy to *Madagascar*, is reported to have died there presently after his arrival.

It is also said, that the Count *de Montgomery* is to be recalled from the *Bastille*, and upon the frequent visits made to him by *Pescanus*, several persons have taken occasion to collect his hastie thoughts of changing his Religion. 'Tis likewise discoursed, that his Majesty has given order upon the Frontiers of *Picardy, Champagne, and Lorraine*, that the Smiths be every where set to work; that great quantities of Spades, Pickaxes, and all such like Tools be speedily provided, that shall be thought necessary for breaking of Ground, and raising Works.

The Parliament has verified his Majesties late Declaration, prohibiting all sorts of persons from wearing Arms after seven of the clock in the Evenings, during the Winter; and commanding, that no persons for the future presume to wear Swords but only Gentlemen, and such Officers as belong to his Majesty; with several other clauses for the suppression of Gaming-houses, and other inconveniences and abuses too frequently practised in this City, commanding the Archers to march frequently every day through the Streets, for the security of all places, and to seize upon the Swords of all such persons that presume to wear them against the intention of this Declaration.

*Middleburgh, Decemb. 25.* The States of *Holland* continue still to sit at *Ambray*, and proceed in their diligent and frequent consultations with the *Dputies* from the several Admiralties, for the setting out the Fleet against the next Summer; being informed, that several *Fleemings* and *Swedes* were fraught and laden with *Powder* in *Holland* and *Zeland*, they have prohibited their transportation under great penalties.

The tenth instant, several of their Members were sent to the *Texels* to visit the Vessels that were to sail from thence into *England* with exchanged prisoners, having had information that some counterfeit Goods were privately embarked to the disservice, and contrary to the Order of the State.

The *Bay* from *Bremen* on Thursday last, was admitted into the presence of the Assembly of the States General, to take his leave of them, and return thanks for the care they took for them, and affection shewed to their City in their late differences with *Sweden*. The States have also given order to their *Dputies* at *Bremen* to hasten their return; and 'tis believed, they intend speedily to disband a great part of the forces raised upon that occasion; but, that a great part of them shall be dispersed amongst their old companies, which are to be kept always complete and full.

From *Amsterdam* we are informed, That two of the ships that intended for *Guiny*, and were by violence or storm forced ashore, have received much damage, and were in great danger of being cast away; but they have now some hopes by lighting the Vessels, to put them again on flar.

From *Rotterdam*, we are advised of the arrival of a Vessel laden with *Wines* from *Pourdeaux*, having by the way lost the company of 13 other Vessels with the same lading, that came out from thence with her; but meeting with a storm off of *Conquet*, they were all of them dispersed, and as yet no advice arrived of any of them.

The Admiralty of *Amsterdam* talk big of their preparations for the next Spring, and have already fixt upon 36 persons, whom they design for Captains in the next years service.

*Deal, Decemb. 19.* Upon information brought to the Isle of *Thanet*, of three ships cast away upon *Godwin Sands*, some Boats were sent out to attend them, who found a French Man of War, and two Merchants ships there cast away, and not one man lived: Much of their Goods with some Timber was driven on shore in that Isle, and above 60 Straw-beds and some broken pieces of the shipping driven hither.