

# The London Gazette.

Published by Authority.

From Monday December 4. to Thursday December 7. 1676.

*Swinzev Nov. 30.*

**O**N Monday night last, a small Vessel of *Barnstable* homeward bound from *Bristol*, was by the violence of the wind and weather, forced ashore near the Bar of this Harbor, the Men and the Goods were saved.

*Portsmouth, Decemb. 5.* You have already heard that several of the *French* fishing ships were destroyed by the *Dutch* Capers at *Newfoundland*, those that remained, being about 20 Sail, arrived some dayes since upon these Coasts, and 8 or 9 of them had the misfortune to be cast away off of *Chichester*, and the rest put in here, and into the *Isle of Wight*. On Saturday last, the *Dragon* and *Portsmouth* Frigats sailed with the ships bound for *Smirna* under their Convoy.

*Deale, Decemb. 5.* Yesterday and this day all the ships that were in the *Dawnes* outward bound, sailed, and amongst the rest, those bound for *Virginia*, the Wind at *E. S. E.*

*Melazzo, October 27.* We have already told you, that the *French* and *Messineses* had possessed themselves of *Tauormina*, as they have since done of the *Castle la Mola*, situate on the Rocks near it, the Garrison that was there being necessitated to Capitulate for want of Victuals. All the Neighbouring places and Villages being now under the power of the *French*, we begin to be very much streighened here. Our Viceroy is extremely perplexed at this ill success of things, and yet more, to find the great inclination which many of the Nobility, and others of this Kingdom have to the *French*, and that they hold correspondence with them, by which means the Enemy makes greater progresses than they would otherwise do. Some of these are at present Prisoners, and will be severely proceeded against, to be an example to others. On Sunday last, by order of our Viceroy, *Thiso* was demolished and quitted by the Troops that were there, which at first caused some disturbance here for the people imagined it was done by the Enemy. The *Sacileta* is at present very closely pressed by the *French*, and we very much fear that we shall in few dayes hear, that it is in their hands.

*Naples Nov. 17.* By *Felucca* arrived from *Sirazy*, we have advice, That the *Scileta* was delivered up to the *French* the 7th instant and that he marched out 1000 Soldiers. It seems the *French* by force of Cannon, Bombes and Fireballs, have made themselves Masters of this important place, which being situate upon a Rock, the Soldiers could not cast up any Works of earth to secure them against the Enemies Cannon, which played upon them very furiously for several dayes together; the Surrender of *St. Placido* is likewise confirmed, the Garrison that was there, as likewise at of the *Sacileta*, being conducted to *Melazzo*. From *Palermo* we have advice, That the Prince of *Cass* having been condemned, for holding Correspondence with the Enemy, to be Beheaded, as he was going to be Executed, he was Rescued by some of the Nobility, assisted by the ordinary sort of people, out of the hands of Justice; but the Baron de *Carebba* was not so fortunate, having been Beheaded before.

*Florence, Nov. 25.* The affairs of the *Spaniards* in *Sicily* go ill, for the *French* have not only taken the *Sacileta*, and several other advantageous Posts, but in all appearance will make farther progresses this Winter. There are Letters from *Rome*, which say that *Catanea* and *Siracusa* are already invested, and that the Viceroy of *Sicily* not being able to keep the Field, had put himself into *Catanea*; but this News coming from hands which are look'd upon to favour the *French*, it does not yet meet with a general credit, that is, so much at least as concerns *Catanea* and *Siracusa* being invested.

*Vienna, Nov. 29.* On Monday last, very early in the morning, his Imperial Majesty parted from hence on his journey to *Passaw*, to Celebrate his Marriage there, the Empress Dowager, the Queen of *Spain*, and the Archduchess of *Austria* remain here, intending to go and meet their Imperial Majesties a dayes journey in their return hither. A Solemn Embassy is arrived on the Frontiers from the *Port*, where he will remain till the Emperor be come back to this place. From *Constantinople* there be Letters which advise the death of the Grand Visier, which, it's thought, may occasion some change in the affairs of that Court.

*Copenhagen, Decemb. 1.* Our Letters from *Schonen* give us now the particulars of the attack made by the *Suedes* upon *Christianople*, viz. that they were between 3 and 4000 strong, commanded in chief by Count *Pontus de la Gardie*, and under him by the *Sieur Oulveit*; that they had made two assaults upon *Christianople*, but were both times repulsed with the loss in all of 500 Men; upon which success, the *Boors* in those parts had assembled together to the number of 6 or 7000 Men, and had beset the *Suedes*, but that wanting Cavalry, of which the Enemy had a good Body, the Governor of *Christianople* had sent to the King of *Denmark*, who had the 29 past his Head-quarter at *Schwenstrup*, to pray him to send them an assistance of 2000 Horse, and in such case he doubted not but to give a good account of the Enemy, which his Majesty had accordingly commanded thither, so that we impatiently expect to know the issue. Yesterday and this day there has been a report, as if the *Suedes* Army were marching back to *Helmshadt*, which we shall be glad to hear confirmed, for that our Army is almost ruined by the weather. We cannot yet learn the cause of the Duke of *Holsteins* having quitted the Kings service, at a time when there may be so much need of a General of his Courage and Conduct. Admiral *Tromp* is going to pass over into *Schonen* with 2000 Seamen.

*Frankfort Decemb. 2.* The *Lunenburgs* have brought hither two pieces of Cannon, and eight Mortar-pieces, which are to remain here this Winter. The Winter-quarters for the said *Lunenburgs* are not yet agreed and there has been a great stir about them; some of those Troops are at present quartered in several Villages belonging to this City, and we cannot hope to get rid of them without a Sum of money. The people in *Frankonia* clamour extremely, and say they cannot possibly quarter all the Troops that are put upon them, though to ease