

From *Constantinople* we are informed, that the Sultan entertains himself in Hunting, it being a recreation that he takes much delight in; and upon the importunities of the *Sultana* his Mother, has given liberty to his Brothers, confin'd to the *Scraglio*, to use the same recreation, being the less jealous of them, since he has three sons of his own, in whom the succession will be secured.

*Milán, Decemb. 8.* Since the embarkment of the last levied Souldiers the Governor hath called a Council of War, where were present the principal Ministers and Officers of this *Dutchy*, by whom it was agreed that order should be taken for sending into *Switzerland*, for the raising some Companies of that Nation for the present service. By an Express lately arrived from *Madrid*, the Governor has received Orders for the speedy raising of Ten Companies of Horse and Foot to be transported into *Spain* for the service of his Catholick Majesty; each Souldier to have a Crown by way of Donative, and two Months pay advance; The Colonels to whose care these new Levies are committed, promising to have them ready to embark by the beginning of *March*.

*Amsterdam, Decemb. 22.* The last week happened so great a Tempest at the *Uly*, that a Spanish Vessel was cast away, and the remainders of the Vessels formerly burnt by the English, cast up by the Waves, and set floating; a Vessel designed for *Guiny* lost her Mast, and was afterwards ran on ground, but the greatest part of the goods were saved.

The Chevalier *Baurg* who some time since took on himself the Title of his Excellency, having mispent much time in the vain search after the *Phylosophers Stone*, left his Chymistry for the more thriving Trade of a Merchant; but this also failing him, he broke and has left the Town, without taking leave of his Creditors, who having trusted him with Wares of great value, and especially Jewells, in which he chiefly dealt, have since offered 600 Florins to any Man that shall discover him so as to secure his person.

*Hague, Decemb. 25.* The 22 instant sentence was passed against Monsieur *Kievit*, by which they have confiscated his estate, and banished him for ever out of the united Provinces as a Traitor, in which, if he be taken, he is to loose his head; his Wife is also fined at 200 Florins, and his two Sisters at 100 a peece, for causing a Book to be printed in defence of *Van Tromp* their Brother; *Van derhurst* is likewise to be confiscated, and rendred incapable for the future of any employment.

No sentence is yet past against *Dr. Magdowcl*, and 'tis thought by divers, that they will be satisfied with his banishment.

*Middleburgh, Decemb. 29.* By an order sent from the *Hague*, all the Flemish Ships, and convoy bound for *Spain*, that were by foul weather driven from *Ostend* Road into the *Wielings*, and since into the *Ulack*, are secured, upon pretence, that the *Flemings* have formerly obliged some of the *Holland* Vessels that came in for shelter to *Ostend*, to pay Customs in and out, which the *Offenders* seem not to acknowledge; upon which account, they now demand satisfaction from these ships, to the value of about 100000 pieces of Eight. Advice of this severe procedure is sent by the Chamber of Commerce to *Braxels*; who have likewise dispatched one of their Members into *Zealand*, and others to *Ostend*, to inquire into the causes of this pretence.

Our *Guiny* and *India* Fleet is hastning out, but with what convoy, is not yet known.

The twenty seventh instant, part of the *Holland* fleet from *Amsterdam*, came within sight of *Ulushing*, where, upon the discharge of some Guns, the ships that attended them there, immediately weighed, and with them two or three lusty *Capers*, and that night went to Sea, their design concealed, and not to be known to the Captains themselves, till they arrive at a place at Sea, where they are ordered to open their Commissions.

*Paris, Decemb. 29.* Our late Letters from *Thurin* inform us, that the Duke of *Savoy* intends speedily to send an Ambassador to the King of *Portugal* his Brother in-law, and that Her Highness Royal, his Duchess, has by some accident received a hurt, which may much prejudice her in the condition she is in, being great with child. The same Letters ad-

wise us, that his Highness Royal is raising new forces in *Piedmont*, but on what design, is not yet known, his late quarrel with the City of *Genova* being upon fair terms of agreement. A Council *des Grands jours* is very suddenly to be held in *Bretagne*; for which purpose his Majesty has granted his Commission to Monsieur *d'Argouges*, chief President of the Parliament of *Renes*, with full power to make choice of what Judges he shall think fit to assist him in it. 'Tis also discours'd, that some order is to be taken for the regulating the trade of Cloth in that Province, it being the most principal place of this Kingdom for the making and venting of that commodity.

It has been lately much talked in this Town, that the Count *de Quelus* (who some time since was sent to the Council *des Grands jours* into *Languedoc*, with a guard of 40 of his Majesties Musketeers) was rescued by his Friends, led by the Count *de Spinchar*; but the vanity of this report is since made evident, the said Count being sent to *Aurillac*, at the desire of the Council *des Grands jours* at *Auvergne*, as whose suite he was first arrested, upon several Informations brought in against him, and before whom he is speedily to be brought to judgement. To which purpose, he is ordered to appear before Monsieur *Pelletier*, the chief Commissioner at *Auvergne*, where the witnesses are to be heard against him.

Two of Monsieur *Colberts* Daughters are lately betrothed, the Elder to Monsieur *de Cheurcuse*, Son to the Duke of *Luzac*, and the younger to the Count *de St. Aignan*, the only Son to the Duke to call'd. To each of whom, his Majesty gives 50000 Crowns towards their portions, intending to give as much with his other three children.

His Majesty has also given 200000 Livres to the Marquis *d'Angeau*, towards the defraying his expences in the Government he has lately bought.

From *Carcasson* we are informed, that on the 29 past, the Duke *de Vernueil*, Governor of the Province, with the Marquels *de Grignan*, one of the Lieutenants General, and the *Sieur de Besons*, met in the Town House, and gave beginning to the Assembly of the States of the Province, with the usual ceremonies.

The seventeenth instant, The Danish Resident had his last Audience from their Majesties at *St. Germain en Laye*, taking his leave likewise of Monsieur the *Dauphin*, with Monsieur and Madame.

On the twentieth, the Spanish Ambassador made his compliments of Condolance upon the death of the Duke *de Valois*, being till then hindered by some indisposition of body.

*Weymouth, Decemb. 24.* The 23 instant arrived here the *Nonfuch* Ketch from the Ile of *Guernsey*, by whom we are advised, that a Privateer of this Port, called the *Hopesfull Providence*, cruising off of *Portland*, about six leagues from thence, discovered a Dutch Vessel, which after two hours chase she took, the Vessel being a Fishing-ship from *Rochel*, homewards bound with Wines, and some *Rozin*, of about eighty Tuns with ten Men, and four Guns, but the Wind being strong at North, they could not recover any Port in *England*, but putting Men aboard her, sent her away for *Guernsey*, where, for want either of skill or care, they ran her upon the *White-Rock*, where she stuck, the Men getting to shore, left their Ship and Goods under water, which by the assistance of the Islanders was got off, and their Goods all saved.

*Edenburgh, Decemb. 20.* The Earl of *Argyle* with a Party of Five hundred Men is now in *Kantyre*, making search after the remainder of the Rebels, and has secured *Wallace* his son, but himself is not yet discovered. Yesterday four of the Rebels were executed at *Glasgow*; many of those that are now Prisoners seem very penitent for what they have done, exclaiming against the Covenant which they were drawn in to swear at *Lanrick*, and confessing the heinousness of their late horrid Rebellion. All things continue quiet in this Kingdom, and preparations are making for the Assembly of the States, which is appointed to be held the 9th of *January*.

The Account of the Weekly Bill runs thus, Buried in all 254. Of the Plague 4. Increased in all 31. Of the Plague 1.