

James, the making all possible haste in equipping their Fleet, that so they may be timely at Sea to meet the Enemy. It seems the Dukes of *Bromswick* are not well satisfied with our Proceedings, complaining that we do our own business, and not theirs; that we stay too long in recovering our own Towns, and forget to fall upon the Bishop's Country, in which their Forces are in a readiness to assist us. This put the States upon a resolve to send to Prince *Maurice* to acquaint him with it, but withal, to leave it to his Discretion, who best knows his Masters Sense, and what is most for their Advantage.

Naples, Nov. 21. The Vice-Roy has sent the Officer *de la Vicaire* into the Provinces of *Leve* and *Bari*, to guard the Duke of *Martina*, the Count *de Conversano*, the Prince *de Cursi*, the Duke *de Noja*, and other Noble-men, who were arrested upon the Death of the Duke *delle Noci*, who, as we hear, some time since, was killed in a Duel by the said Duke *de Martina*.

Marseilles, Dec. 15. Since my last, two French Men of War are come into *Toulon*, who can give no particular account of Monsieur *de Beauport*, more than that he hath in company eight Ships aboard with him, besides Prizes. A general Embargo is put upon all Vessels for six days, except such as are bound East-ward, who have this particular privilege (as is thought) to fetch Marriners, who are a scarce people here; to man out those Ships to Sea that lie at *Toulon*. The Delays used in the business of the *Bilboa* Merchant, give us no small Discouragement, the Admiralty having renvoyed the Release of her to the King, or the Lord Admiral. The Ships of *St. Malo*, which came hither with Fish, are reloading with Soap, Brandy, Sc. Oyl, &c. and it's said, will have 4 Men of War for Con-roy. The Count *de Vivone*, General of the Gallies, goes to Court after the Holy-days. Yesterday came in hither a Ship of this Town, laden from *Argiers*, and here are others that drive a constant Trade for *Tunis*, which seems the more strange, in regard they would debar others from any Commerce with that Place, which puts us upon the enquiry of some new Reason to justify the sinking of the *Genoua* Merchant, and detaining the Adventure at *Toulon*, who carrying no Contraband Goods, can be accounted guilty of acting nothing against us, but what we approve in our own people. The Advice from *Argiers*, 12 days since, says, that the *Corsaires* have made several Prizes, 2 Ships of this Town, bound Westward, two Dutch, and some Barks from the Coast of *Spain*; that 6 of their Ships are abroad, and more going out to the number of 17. The *Tunis* Merchant from *England* was then in Port at a very good Market, having happily escaped the *Dutch*, and discharged the Provisions he had taken in for *Tangier*.

Paris, Dec. 26. The People here begin to reason the War betwixt *England* and *Holland*, and say, they have sufficiently gratified the Dutch, in sending the 6000 already against the Bishop of *Munster*; that to act any thing for them by Sea, were certainly to ruin their Trade, and expose themselves to a certain loss, without probability of being Savers by the Bargain. Their common Discourses speak an high and open Discontent, and seem to bode some suddain disorder. This makes the King think of disposing his Commands into confiding hands, and he hath already bestowed on the Duke of *Coassin*, the charge of *Mestre de Campe de la Cavalerie Legere*; and to the Count *de Rochefort*, that of Captain Lieutenant of the Dauphins *Gens d'armes*; to the Marquis of *Montpelai*, the Government of *Arras*; to the Marquis of *Flavacourt*, that of *Graveline*; and to the *Vicomte de Lesport*, that of *Marfal*. And 'tis but full time, all sorts of People in this Kingdom being infinitely disoblighd and exasperated of late, *Paris* particularly, at the decrying the value of the Money, which is supposed to be the reason this King keeps so great numbers of Men, no less, 'tis said, than 20000 quartered, upon all the Avenues of the City; and threatening, as is said, to take away the Chains and Posts of the Streets, to prevent Barracado's. This from whispering is grown a common Discourse, and hath given such an Alarm, that all the Citizens flock'd to the Hall to buy Provisions, as for a Siege, in such Quantities, that Bread was raised, that very Morning, two pence in the pound. The 19th, the King sent the Master of the Ceremonies to the

Parliament, with an Instrument to advise them, that on 22d, he would come and take his Seat of Justice, which accordingly he did, going all the way through a lane of Guard, and a strong Guard before him. He proposed to them several Edicts; First, That the *Chambre de Justice* should be abolished, and the judgment of Affairs put in the hands of six Commissioners, who should meet at *Mon-sieur de Machaults*; Secondly, That a new Rate should be put upon Offices, among which, that of *Mon-sieur Ni-cholai*, President *de la Chambre des comptes*, enjoyed by his Family for near 200 years, and for which he was lately offered 1600 M. Livres, is now valued at 500 M. Livres; Thirdly, To make himself *Premier Creancier*, to commence from that day, that the Partisans began to treat with his Majesty; Fourthly, That the Partians, and such as are interested in the Kings *Farmes*, should not by that be the less capable of Offices in the Parliament; Fifthly, To confirm an old Title to quit Rent upon all the houses of *Paris*; which the Parliament resolutely denying, his Majesty caused the Chancellor to read and pass, and upon their Refusal, forbade the Parliament to meet any more without his farther Order. What the Issue of these things may be, is the general discourse, and it is feared cannot be of good consequence, for, on Tuesday last, a Person was seized in the Chappel with Pistols charged in his Pocket. Our Affairs abroad are but in a staggering condition too, *Mon-sieur Foucault*, the King's Lieutenant, being sent for *Roussillon*, with fifty Cornets of Horse, and as many of Foot, to keep those of *Catalonia* from attempting any thing against us: And if the common discourse holds true, the *Spaniard* has bought *Casal*, and is already in possession of it.

Weymouth, Dec. 18. We have news of a Ship come into *Tornes*, laden with Linnen-cloth, *Holland* goods; and another into *Lime*, laden with Tow, Madder, &c. A Private Man of War is come into our Town, who meeting five Sail of Dutch, laden with Dutch Goods, put two of them ahore, fired one, and took a fourth, which he brought into our Harbor on Saturday night, a Vessel of about 60 or 70 Tun, laden with *Holland* Cheefe and other Provisions.

Edenburgh, Dec. 15. Yesterday 4 young Fellows were whipt by the common Hang-man through the City, their Ears burn'd, and they afterward delivered to be Transported to the *Barbado's*, for abusing one Mr. *James Scot*, Minister at *Ancran*, in Sermon-time. Six Heads were set upon the Gallows betwixt *Leith* and *Edenburgh*, for a Murder committed on the Laird of *Murle* and his Brother, both Men of great Estate, led on by *Alester Mackull*, one of the Lairds one Vassals: The Offenders being required by the Privy Council to come over and make answer to their Accusation, slighted the charge, and gave no Obedience; whereupon the Council ordered the Clan, that lived by them, to take Arms, and to bring over their Heads, which accordingly was performed. This *Alester* and his Comrades, killed and wounded near 80 Men before they were taken.

Westminster, Dec. 21. We have very great hope of a considerable Decrease of the Plague this week, having had only four dead in our Parish since Monday last.

Land-guard-point-Fort, Dec. 20. Great store of Colliers are going for *London*; since my last, about 40 are gone from *Harwich* and *Ipswich* River, and more are still going out thence.

Deal, Dec. 19. About 8 or 9 this Morning, we heard, to the South-ward, several Broad sides, and single shot, as if in chase: We suppose it is the *Norwich* Frigate in fight, of which you shall have the certainty by the next.

Dover, Dec. 20. Our Merchants Letters say, That an Embargo is laid in *France* upon our English Goods. About 8 or 9 in the Fore-noon Yesterday, we heard many Broad sides, the issue we know not. We are told that Vice-Admiral *Harmans* Fleet brought into *Ously Bay*, two Dutch Dogger-boats, and an *Holland* Privateer.

Oxon, Dec. 23. Our last Letters from *Paris* tell us, That the Lord *Hollis*, His Majesties Ambassador Extraordinary to the Crown of *France*, having received his Letter of Revocation, had his Audience of Conge with the usual Ceremonies from the French King, Dec. 6. And is now preparing for his Return.

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