

His Majesty's Commissioners have at the Assembly of the States of that Province at *Carcasson*, demanded of them two Millions, and 400000 Livres by way of gift, according to custom; and four Millions more payable every eight years to his Majesty for securing the Seas for the benefit of their Trade; but 'tis thought, many difficulties will arise in levying those great sums, the Countrey being generally impoverished by a stop of Trade, which has (for these two years) hindered the vending of their Wines, and other staple Commodities.

His Majesty hath ordered 140 pieces of Cannon upon their Carriages, to be transported to the Frontiers of *Flanders*, and has also commended the Receivers General *des Aides* of *Picardy*, to suffer 16000 pieces of Wine to pass freely to the same parts without custom.

In the late Declaration for the Regulation of Coaches, a penalty of 1000 Crowns is imposed upon those persons that keep Coaches contrary to the rule; and all those persons who are not permitted by the Declaration, may buy their privilege by an annual payment of One hundred Crowns.

*Stads*, Decemb. 20. General *Wrangle* with the greatest part of his Attendants and several Officers, is arrived at this place, where *Monsieur Milcr* the French Enbassader, with the Ordinary Resident from that Court at *Hamburg*, are attending him. The Count de *Coningsmark* and Colonel *Giesfen* having received them without the Gates, and in their Coaches conducted them to Audience, where they were also highly treated, but their Negotiation not known.

*Ditto*, Letters from *Riga* inform us, that after the Ratification of the Articles of Peace between the King of *Swedenland*, and the *Muscovites*, the disbanding of the Forces on each side, was immediately expected to have followed: but that is at the present suspended, though much to the prejudice and ruine of the Countreys where they lie: It has been confidently said, that the *Swedes* Forces will be speedily ordered to march into *Pomerania*, and from thence into the Duchy of *Bremen*: But our latest News ruins, that they have taken up their Winter Quarters; and since the Affairs of *Poland*, threaten them with new Disturbances, the *Swedes* are unwilling to leave that Country, till they see the success and issue of the *Polish* Diet.

From *Bremen* we are informed, that that City hath sent their principal *Syndic Wechlan* accompanied with one of their chief Counsellours of State to *Hildesheim* to complement his Electoral Highness of *Cologne*; and to return him the Thanks of the City, for the care his Highness took in their Concernment, and his assistance in the late Treaty of Peace between that City and the Crown of *Swedenland*. They are not without fear in the City, lest some fresh Disturbances break out again the next Spring, to the disturbance of their peace; as likewise the repose of the whole Empire (as 'tis said.) The *Swedes* keeping their Forces together; and making fresh preparations, designing also to raise new Forces. These apprehensions ('tis thought) have produced the late Assembly at *Hildesheim*, where are present the Archbishop of *Cologne*, the Bishops of *Munster* and *Paterborne*, the Dukes of *Newburg*, *Erunswick*, and *Lunenbourg*, together with the Envoys from his Majesty of *Denmark*, and his Highness of *Hesse*.

*Warsaw*, Decemb. 21. The Contests grow daily higher in the Diet, in so much that 'tis much feared there will be nothing concluded this Session; and 'tis believed they will be adjourned till *February* next. The Grand Council have grown lately into vain Disputes, wherein some of the Nobility seemed to threaten the more rude method by the sword to settle the Kingdom, if this of the Diet could not take effect. We are every day more and more confirm'd, that the Turk has a design to attempt upon some place in this Kingdom, a few dayes will discover his Intentions.

*Vienna*, Decemb. 25. The Here *Balbitzki* Envoy Extraordinary from the King of *Swedenland* to this Court, who was preparing for his departure, upon the News of the late Accommodation with *Bremen*, is recalled hither; and 'tis believed will receive some satisfaction for the Estate to which he has made his pretensions. The Counts of *Hatzfeld*, who at present are in possession; having been by Order from his

Imperial Majesty, sent for to the Court; where 'tis thought matters will be brought to an Agreement between them.

This Court continues in all sorts of Diversions for the Entertainment and Delight of the Empress.

From *Hungary* we are advised, that the Turks have discovered those people that committed such frequent murders upon the Borders, which prove to be the *Kaurzen*, a sort of people that dwell amongst them, who after they had kill'd any of the Turks, endeavoured to persuade the world that all the mischief that was done, was committed by the Hungarians: Many of them are imprison'd, and will be speedily brought to trial, and made exemplary.

*Genova*, Decemb. 28. We every day are in expectation of the Convoys belonging to this State from *Spain*, which is given out to be very rich. We have here a report, That a Ship that had taken in Soldiers raised in *Milan* for the service of the King of *Spain*, is lately cast away upon the coasts of *Provence*. 'Tis likewise said, That the *Spaniards* intend out of *Milan* and *Naples* to raise 7000 Foot, which are to be transported into *Spain*, to joyn with 1500 Horse that shall be there ready to attend them, for the service against *Portugal*, if the Treaty between those Crowns come to no effect.

*Hull*, Jan. 1. Three of the *Gottenburghers* which only were wanting of all the Fleet, came lately in here, viz. The *Monk*, the *Satisfaction* of *New Castle*, and the *Charles* of *London*. The *Monk* by ill weather had lost her Main-mast, both her Boats, and two or three of her men, the rest of them so frozen and benumbed with cold; that they were unable to govern the Ship, but were forced to let her drive with the wind: in which condition she was met by Captain *Hill*, a Privateer of this Town, near the Coast of *Holland*, who manned her and brought her safe in hither. The men in the *Charles* are also so very much frozen, that they are at the present disabled from service, and are in danger some of them of losing their fingers, and others their hands.

*Dover*, Jan. 4. A Dutchman of War having lately forced on shore two *Coiliers* upon the *Kensish* Coast, sent out his Long-boat with ten men well armed, and stored with hand *Gransdoes* to have fired them, but by the timely appearance of one of our *Fregats*, they were frustrated in their attempt, and forced out to Sea: The *Fregat* presently gave chase to the Dutchman of war, but with what success we yet know not: but the ten Dutchmen in their Long-boat being well tired at their Oars, were inclined to submit themselves to the mercy of the first Vessel they could make to; and are here secured with their Boat.

*Plymouth*, Jan. 4. Besides the two Prizes brought in by Captain *Torply* in the *Adventure*, yesterday arrived the *Flying Greyhound*, Captain *Hogg* Commander, with two Prizes, one of them called the *Golden Cup* of *Rotterdam*, laden with Wine and *Stumme*; the other the *Phoenix* of *Riga* laden at *Bourdeaux* by *Holland* Merchants, but pretended for *Hamborough*.

*Bristol*, Jan. 5. Yesterday arrived a small Vessel from *Gallicia* in 30 days, laden with Oranges and Lemmons, bringing no news, but only that she found the Coasts clear from any Enemies.

*Rye*, Jan. 5. This day came in here the *Lenox*, Captain *John Holmes* Commander, who having been cruising upon the Coasts of *France*, met with three *Hollanders*, one of which he forced on shore, firing the second, and after two hours fight, took the third, within half a League of *Callice*, which he has brought in with him, her Lading being all Salt.

*Plymouth*, Jan. 6. Yesterday arrived here two *Offenders* from *Bourdeaux*, who speak (as others have formerly done) of the French preparations, pressing all the French and Dutch Seamen they can meet with, for the service of their Fleet.

They complain much of the severity of the French to their Countrymen *Offenders*, having as they affirm, by twisting a Rope about some of their Heads, extorted from them a Confession, That they were bound for *England*; and afterwards plundered them of their Goods; a method, which (it seems) they have practised with two *Offenders* that are now in *Conquet* Road.