

V. enns, Dec. 21. Several Conferences have been held in this Court, about the calling of a Diet in *Hungary*: The Estates of the *Upper Hungary* seeming unwilling to appear, till several Points are determined and granted to them that were debated in the last Diet: to which purpose the *Palatine*, with several of the Nobility, is arrived here, and care will be taken, upon consultation with his Imperial Majesty, to give them satisfaction, and prefix a time for the convening of the Diet.

Our Letters from *Upper Hungary* inform us, that the *Turks* draw their forces together about *Fenoua* and *Fula*, and 'tis believed, with intention either to depose *Abassi* for the great arrears of Contribution due to them, or to render themselves Masters of those places that belong to *Prince Ragotzki* in the District of *Waradin*.

Our latter Letters from *Transylvania* tell us, that the *Prince Abassi* is lately grown so confident of his Right to some Countreys, in the possession of the *Prince Ragotzki*, which he pretends do belong to the *Dutchy of Transylvania*, that he is resolved to endeavour their Restoration by force of Arms, in case the *Prince Ragotzki* cannot peaceably compose the business.

The *Count Coningsmark* is suddenly expected here, as Ambassador from his Majesty of *Sweden*; and the *Count de Furstenberg*, a Pensioner to the Crown of *France*, is likewise expected in quality of *Envoye Extraordinary* from his Electoral Highness of *Cologne*.

These are to give Notice, that on Monday, Decemb. 31. a Case of Silks, marked H. Numb. 11. was by a forged Order of Sir John Wolstenholme, feicht from the Carrier of Dover, containing nine pieces of coloured plain French Silks, and nine pieces of black Lutestring, and four pieces of A-la-modes. If any one can give notice to Mr. John Rainer, over against the East-Indy House in Leaden-Hall-street whether the same are conveyed, they shall have 20 l. for their pains.

Dantzic, Jan. 9. The Polish Diet is certainly dissolved by the Protestation and Departure of *Lublomsky*, a Member of the Lower House, whom no persuasion could induce to return, and null his Protestation: Another Diet is to be convened in *March*, but with little hopes of better success, in so divided a Countrey, and where it lies in the power of any single Member by his Protestation to dissolve them.

On the 31st past, arrived a Courier at *Warsaw*, with the news, that the *Tartars* and *Cossacks*, had made an invasion upon Great *Poland*, and had fallen upon *Makowskiz*, who commanding twenty Companies about *Gaminitz Podolski*, was beaten with the loss of several of his Forces, and himself either kill'd or made prisoner. That they had marched as far as *Leopold* or *Loewenberg*, but finding it a place of much strength, they had left it, and ('twas feared) were intending for *Lublin*, which would not be in a condition to make opposition.

Another Courier confirms the defeat of *Makowskiz's* Companies which are wholly broken and ruin'd, and that some few of the Kings Companies made their defence in some little Towns, but gave but little stop to the Enemies march, who had burnt and destroyed several Towns, and kill'd many people.

The King had Commanded the Militia of the neighboring Countreys to be in Arms, but 'tis feared they will be too slow in their obedience, and unable to frustrate the purpose and design of the Enemy, who with his flying Army will make his retreat with his Prey before the others can be ready to engage them. They make great spoil where they come, burning those things they cannot carry away, putting the old men to the Sword, and carrying away the young and able into slavery.

Letters of the third instant from *Warsaw* tell us, that the Countreys of *Betzi* and *Wollin* have got into a Body, and fallen successfullly upon several parties of the *Tartars* (the Body of them being about *Sokol*) and have redeemed several prisoners.

Paris, Jan. 21. The Archbishoprick of *Malines* being vacant

by the death of the Archbishop, 'tis said, the Revenue thereof shall (during its vacancy) be employed in the expence of the War, for the payment of Soldiers.

Some contrivances are on foot, for the raising a large fleet, towards the expences of the Fleet, which his Majesty is resolved to make very considerable, in which, the *Chevalier de Bouillon* is to command a Squadron of ten Men of War.

On Sunday last the *Marques de Sable*, Son to the late *Monseigneur de Servient*, formerly a Plenipotentiary from this Crown to *Munster*, being in company with five or six of his friends, hapned to quarrel with the Archers of the Watch, one of whom it seems, had beaten one of their Lacqueys, whereupon they drew their Swords, and fell so severely upon the Archers, that they killed one of them; but then the Archers being highly provoked, discharged their Muskets upon them, where the *Marques de Sable* received a shot in the thigh; the *Marques de Genouillac* was killed upon the place, and the *Chevalier de Genouillac*, his Brother, much hurt, as were some others of their company: several of them were made prisoners, and amongst them some Gentlemen, whose curiosities only lead them to enquire what had passed.

His Majesty has lately had a Draught presented to him, for a Haven to be made at *Cherbourg*, capable to entertain a large Fleet, and 'tis believed they will suddenly fall upon the building of it.

From *Turin* we are informed, that a French Gentlewoman is lately arrived there from *Lisbon*, sent by the *Queen of Portugal*, with very rich Presents to the *Dutchess of Savoy*, her Sister. The *Duke of Savoy* has chosen his most Christian Majesty for his Arbitrator in the differences he has with the *City of Geneva*, and intends to send hither the *Count de la Trinite* as his Ambassador, who is preparing for his journey, intending suddenly for this Court.

Middlebourg, Jan. 25. On Monday last, about a League below *Utushing*, lay a Man of War of 42 Guns, attending a small Fregat of four Guns, but supposed to be very rich, both of them intending to pass the Channel in their way for *Guinea*, whither they are bound.

De Ruyter being well recovered of his distemper, is now at the *Hague*, in daily Consultation with the States. *Van Tromp* is suddenly to be married to a Widow, very considerable for her Fortune and Alliance, she being the *Cousin-German* to *de Witts* Lady, which Match will much tortify his Interest.

From *Amsterdam* we are informed, that they have been there much terrified with an apprehension of a design laid to have fired that City, which wrought so strongly upon them, that the Guards were every where doubled, the Burgers upon Arms, and great store of water drawn in all the considerable places of the City, that they might not be taken unprepared.

The French Ambassador has lately delivered a Letter from the King his Master, to assure them that he has no private Treaty on foot, to their prejudice. The *Marques de Choapes* is to go Lieutenant-General to the *Swedes* Army, whose intentions are still suspected, and 'tis said, there begins to appear some difficulty, about the Ratification of the Treaty with *Bremen*.

Whitchal, Jan. 20. Friday the eighteenth instant, His Majesty went to the Parliament, where he was pleased, with the usual solemnities, to pass several Bills, of which five were Publick ones, viz.

- I. An Act for raising Money by a Poll, and otherwise; towards the maintenance of the present War.
- II. An Act against Importing Cattle from Ireland, and other parts beyond the Seas, and Fish taken by Forreigners.
- III. An Act for encouraging of Coynage.
- IV. An Act to continue a former Act for preventing of Theft and Rapine upon the Northern borders of England.
- V. An Act for burying in Woollen only.

The rest, being six, were of private concernment. And after a Gracious SPEECH to both Houses, His Majesty returned, leaving them to finish the remaining business of this Session; which he was pleased to declare, He intended should end on Monday seven-night next.