

*Madrid, Jan. 4.* The Count de Lemos with the Gallions will be speedily ready to set sail for his Vice-Royalty of *Perou*, having with him a Train of 200. persons, which will all belong to his Family. 'Tis believed this Fleet intends to touch at the Isle of *Providence*.

The Government of *Catalonia* will be shortly vacant, by the re-calling of *Don Vincenzo Gonzague*, the present Vice-Roy, whose time for exercising that Charge, is near expiring. Several Persons have already made their interest in this Court to succeed him, but 'tis believed their Majesties intend to continue him for three years longer, in consideration of the many services he has done them.

The Marquess de *Caracene* is expected at the Court, having ordered his Forces into Quarters. 'Tis said he has called in many Commissions from his Officers, but upon what account is not publickly known.

The Duke de *Montalto*, Governor to the young King, is in expectation of a Cardinals Cap, which some report to be already come. 'Tis discours'd, that the Marquess de *Castel Rodrigo* is chosen to supply his place of Governor, and the Duke de *Veraguas* to be sent Governor of *Flanders* in his room.

Our Ships that were cruising upon the Coasts of *Portugal*, have been by the violence of Storms, forced to withdraw, but 'tis believed will speedily return again to that Employment.

*Legorn, Jan. 17.* A French Barque arriving this week from *Thoulon*, informs us that they are hastning out their three New Ships, which may probably be near ready for the Seas by the end of *February*.

Several French Vessels are lately past by for the *Levant* upon the account of Trade.

Letters brought hither by a French Ship arrived from *Saanderon* inform us, That the Persian King had lately dealt severely with an Ambassador from the King of *India*, who styling his Master, King of all the World, demanded the Delivery of *Candabar* and *Cullibeezar*, which 'tis believed may occasion a War between them, for which the King of *Persia* is preparing.

They tell us that five French Men were arrived at the Persian Court, two of them from the King of *France*, the other three in the behalf of the Persian Company. But the Dutch Agent there had endeavoured by Presents and otherwise, to prevent them from obtaining any Priviledges.

Two Dutch Ships from *Battavia* brought over a new Dutch Agent to the Persian Court: The Old One *Van Wiche*, in taking his leave of the Governor of *Gombroone*, after several *Rodomontado's* for the glory of his Nation, concluded that *England* and *France*, in respect of their Riches and Power, were no more to be compared to their High and Mighty States, than a couple of Boys to an Elephant: The Governor replying, He believed not what he said, dismiss him. But some French Gentlemen that stood by, so ill represented the impudence of the Agent, that taking witness of what he said, they have made their Complaints to their King.

*Basse, Jan. 24.* The Republick of *Venice* hath sent lately to our Cantons, as well as to other parts of *Europe*, to inform us of the dangerous posture of their Affairs in *Candia*, upon the late descent of the Turks, who have also a Design this Spring to bend their utmost force against the Metropolis of the Island; requiring assistance in the Common Cause of *Christendom*.

The French continue levying Souldiers about *Brisac*, and the report augments their design to send Forces into *Alsazia*, to oblige the City of *Collmar* to admit a French Garrison, which puts the other Neighbouring Towns upon their defence, especially *Strasbourg*, where Order is taken to take care of their Fortifications, and to reinforce their Garrison.

The Difference between the Duke of *Savoy* and the City of *Geneva* is not yet composed, but the Duke seems not so warm in the prosecution of the Quarrel, as he at the first appeared.

*Paris, Feb. 5.* His Majesty hath given Command to all his Forces in *Normandy* and *Picardy* to be ready to march

upon the first Orders; intending to have a general Rendezvous for them about the end of this Month.

About Four thousand Carts and Waggons, are ordered to be made with all convenient speed, Forty Waggons with Powder, and all the Brass Guns are sent from *Dunkirk* to *Callais*, and Four hundred pieces of Canon are embarked here, to be employed as 'tis said, in the service of the Fleet.

The Cardinal de *Retz* is gone from *Commercy* to *Chazons* in *Champagne*, where he intends to stay for some time, and afterwards to pass forwards for this place.

The 28th. past, One of our New Ships was launched at *Brest*, with the usual Ceremonies, and called the *Trident*; being a Vessel of 800. Tuns, and is to carry 55. Guns. Two others that are fitted up and armed, are to go off this Week, viz. the *Prince*, of 1100. Tuns, and 66. Guns; and the *Breton*, of 1000 Tuns, and 56. Guns. Two others are forwardly upon the Stocks.

*Hague, Febr. 6.* On Thursday Night last, hapned a great Storm, which continuing till Saturday Morning, has occasioned several Wrecks upon the Holland Coasts: We hear likewise of one (supposed to be a Flemish Ship) cast away near *Newport*. But this advantage we have received by this violent Weather, that to our admiration, it has cleared our Rivers of all the Ice, which we thought would have required much more time; so that the Rivers being now generally open, the Fleet of Holland Merchants expect onely a fair wind, intending through the Channel, which by the advantage of the long Nights, and the French Coasts, they hope to do in safety.

What Hopes and Inclinations soever the generality of our people conceive of an Accommodation, our Preparations still go on for the War: The Pensionary *De Witte* employing all his subtilty for its continuance, reposing much confidence in the assistance of the French, who arriving here in small Companies, are grown of late so numerous, that 'tis conceived he hath a secret Guard of them, which will appear ready at his Devotion, should his Affairs require their Assistance.

*Barwick, Jan. 26.* On Thursday Night last happened a great Storm, which has done much hurt to several Houses and Stacks of Corn, &c. in *Northumberland* and the parts adjacent: In which Tempest a Scotch Privateer in his return from *London*, was forced ashore on the sands near *Hely-Island*, and is in some danger to be lost.

*Weymouth, Jan. 30.* Yesterday put in here a Spanish Vessel belonging to *Bilboa*, laden with Wooll and Iron, bound for *Ossend*, she has been 52. dayes bearing at Sea in fowl weather, in which she spent her Main-Top-Mast and her Waists, and consumed all her Provisions.

*Portsmouth, Jan. 31.* Yesterday arrived here the Hawk Ketch from the Downs, who coming near the Isle of *Wight* about break of day, was discovered by two Sloops and a small Fregat, all of them French, and full of men, that lay there at an Anchor, who immediately weighed, and stood boldly up with the Ketch, one of them coming in close to lay her aboard, upon whom she fired a Gun with Case shot, which fell in amongst them with such Execution, that a great Cry was presently heard from that Vessel, after which they desisted from any further attempt, and went off, riding close along by the Shore, as if they were Fishermen.

*Harwich, Febr. 2.* Yesterday arrived in the Rowing Grounds, the *Success* and *Drake* Fregats, bringing in with them three Dogger-boats, Prizes.

The Kings Most Excellent Majesty having been graciously pleased by His Letters Patents under the Great Seal of England, to give Authority to Henry Bruncker Esquire, for the erecting of a Light-House on *St. Anns* point in the County of *Pembroke*, to prevent such damages as ordinarily accrue to Seafaring-men, through the want of such timely Provisions in that Case. All Persons using the Sea, whether Captains of Ships, Masters, or other Mariners, may hereby know, to the end that no mistake happen, by reason of their not timely notice thereof: That there is upon the said *St. Anns* point a Light-House now erected accordingly, and Fires are therein continued burning for the benefit and direction of all such as pass along that Coast.