

Hamburg, Feb. 2. The peace is certainly concluded between the *Poles* and *Muscovites* for 13 years. We are also assured that *Lubomirski* is dead at *Breslaw* of an Apoplexy. The Queen of *Poland* is fallen into a dangerous sickness. The Field-Meer *Wrangle* is expected here the next week, at the Great Ballet intended by the Queen *Christina*.

Paris, Feb. 16. We are here full of the discourse of a Truce that is near concluded between *Spain* and *Portugal*, the great obstacles and difficulties being removed, and nothing remaining now under dispute, but onely the time for the continuance of it. The *Portugals* endeavoring to excuse their proceedings to his Christian Majesty, by pretending they were unable any longer to continue the War without a larger supply of Men and Moneys, then they could in probability expect. But of this we must expect a farther confirmation.

The Emperor has dispatched an Envoye to his Majesty, whose arrival we daily expect: His business supposed to concern our differences with our Neighbors in order to their composition.

The Cardinal *de Retz* lately arrived here, and two days since went hence again to attend his Majesty at *Versailles*, with whom he entertained a long Conference; and 'tis generally believed, that upon the Marriage of Monsieur *Colberts* Son to the Cardinals Niece, his Eminence will be readmitted into the Council.

Monsieur *de Lionne* has obtained the favor from his Majesty, to have the Reversion of the honorable employment of Secretary of State conferred on his Son.

The fourteenth instant, arrived here a Courier, dispatched from the States of *Languedoc*, to inform his Majesty, that those States are agreed upon the sum of 1400000 Livres to be raised as their free gift, intending likewise the yearly payment of 100000 Crowns to continue for eight years, to be expended in their great work in the Channel; by which they design to make a passage between the Ocean and *Mediterranean*, in which are already 2000 men employed, and 1000 more to be added to them in *March*, for the more vigorous pursuance of a work so advantageous to that Country.

His Majesty being sensible, that the examination of the *Cade Lemis* should be more time than he is willing should be spent upon that Subject, has given order to the Chancellor, That such diligence may be used in that affair, that it may be fully concluded in two months, intending its publication immediately after *Easter*.

Several Citizens according to their custom, at this time of the year, going disguised as *Masquerades*, were on Sunday last examined by the Watch, being observed to wear Swords contrary to the late Edict; and had been severely handled, had they not commuted their punishment by paying liberally with their Moneys.

Hague, Feb. 18. The new raised Forces are not to be so speedily disbanded as was imagined; the States having ordered their continuation till *April*.

It is also ordered that a double 200lb. penny shall be paid for the year 1668. to which *Holland*, as 'tis said, are ready to consent; and the other Provinces 'tis thought will follow their example.

Prince *Maurice's* intended Journey to *Vienna*, is said to be put off, the Provinces not consenting to that Negotiation.

Order is taken for the speedy setting out of Twelve Men of War to Sea, the Sea-men employed on them to pass Muster, and the next Week to receive their Pay.

The Six Ships building for the service of the French, are in such forwardness, as to be ready to receive their Masts.

Newport, Feb. 20. A Vessel of this place returning homewards from *France*, laden with Salt and other Commodities, to the value of 2000. li. Sterling, was at her entrance into this Harbor, seized on by a French Capers, and carried away for *Dunkirk*; where entering the Port, she was cast away, to the great damage of many of our Merchants: but for the future securing of our Trade, two Fregats will be speedily ordered to Sea, to cruise before the Neighbouring French Ports, to give some check to these insulting Capers.

Order is given out for demolishing *Dixmuyden*, *Ferre*, and *Bergen*, within fourteen dayes; the Souldiers are

in them; are to be with-drawn to the other more considerable Garrisons.

Dartmouth, Feb. 8. On Sunday, the third instant, the *Deptsford* Ketch with Ten small Guns, Captain *Pierce* Commander, passed out at the *Needles*, at the West end of the *Isle of Wight*, and the next day stood for the French Coasts, towards *Alderney*: In her way, about one in the Afternoon, she discovered four Sail making up to her, whereof the headmost, about three of the clock, seeming to chase her; whereupon the Ketch getting the Wind, stood in to speak with them, which occasioned two of the four, viz. A *Pink*, and a *Gallies*, to bear up and shift for themselves; the other two attended her, putting out their French Colours, whereof one proved to be a Merchant Ship, *Fregat* built, of 200 Tuns with six Guns, sent out upon that Kings account: The other, a Man of War of eight Guns and fifty six men, created by Monsieur *de Beaufort* for a Convoy to the Traders at *Havre de Grace*. The Ketch boldly stood up close with them, not firing till she came within Carbine shot, the enemy placing themselves close together to receive her. In which posture they lay near an hour and an half, exchanging plentifully their great and small Shot, but then the Man of War, growing weary of the fight, bore away, the Merchant ship left to her self, submitting to fair quarter. The Ketch gave chase for some time to the Man of War, who getting in between *Alderney* and the *Casquets*, assisted by the darkness of the Evening got away, the Ketch returning with her prize, which (as likewise the Man of War) was much torn in the fight, and had lost many men. The Ketch carried away likewise some marks of this engagement, but lost onely one man, though several hurt, especially by Splinters, the Captain receiving also a hurt, but without danger; his men behaved themselves with much valor, having in this dispute made, at the least, 18 discharges of their small shot. Foul weather taking them in their return, made them run some Ri que that night amongst the Rocks, and put them off from *Guernsey*, whither they intended: But the next day the Ketch making all the Sail she could, came safe into this Harbor, the prize bearing up for *Plymouth*. Her lading being most of a Sale, taken in upon the account of the *Gravel*, with some Wines.

Yesterday a small Vessel belonging to *Lemington*, near the *Isle of Wight*, bound for *Ireland*, with Salt and Hops, making towards the Harbor in the night, was unfortunately cast away, but the men by providence all saved.

Edenburg, Feb. 7. A Dutch Vessel of 10. Guns, laden with Hoops and other Commodities, has been lately cast away upon the west of *Scotland*, the Goods all lost, and only two of the men saved.

Plymouth, Feb. 10. The Prize taken by the *Deptsford* Ketch, near *Alderney*, is safely arrived here. On Tuesday Night last a Vessel that came some time since out from *Perthmouth*, was near *Dartmouth* unfortunately cast away.

Portsmouth, Feb. 12. This day the Captain of the Fire-ship that deserted the *St. Patrick* in the late unhappy Encounter with the two Dutch Men of War, is to be tried by a Council of War aboard the *War-spirit* at *Spitt-head*.

Whitehal, Feb. 13. This day the Right Honorable *John* Earl of *Bridgewater*, was sworn of His Majesties most Honorable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

We are ordered to give notice,
That although the Heralds Office, wherein the Descents and Arms of the Nobility and Gentry of England were formerly preserved, hath been burnt by the late dreadful Fire in London; yet the Books and Records therein kept were happily saved, and are now placed by the Kings especial Appointment, in those Rooms near *Westminster-Hall*, called the Queens Court, at the lower end of the Court of Requests, where all Persons that are concerned in matters of Honour, Arms, or Descents, may repair, and receive due satisfaction, and free themselves from the Practices and Abuses of such Painter-Stainers, who calling themselves Herald-Painters, do take upon them to direct the Marshalling of Funerals, give out Coats of Arms, and make Pedigrees, that are of no Credit or Authority.