

be sent back to *Dalmatia*, with Moneys and Necessaries for our Forces there.

The two Ships ordered to be built in the Arsenal, are upon the Stocks, and will prove to be much larger than any Ships that have yet been seen in these Seas; being full as long as any of our Gallies. Several other great Ships are building in our Docks, whereof one is near finished, and will in few days be ready to put to Sea.

*Hildesheim*, Feb. 6. We are daily looking for the return of the Count *Guillaume* of *Furstemburgh* from the Imperial Court at *Vienna*, with some impatience expecting what success he will have in his suit for the Investiture of *Metz*, as Prince of the Empire. In the mean time the Deputies from the Neighbour Princes, have their frequent Conferences here, and are now more warmly than ever pursuing their Design of making a League Offensive and Defensive. Here is as yet no Deputy arrived from the Prince Elector of the *Upper Rhine*, the two Electors of *Mayence* and *Palatine*, being at the present wholly intent upon the Decisive Sentence expected daily from the two Embassadors; which Affair being determined, 'tis believed they will speedily employ such persons to this Assembly, as may carry on their interest with the rest, it being generally thought that this Alliance will comprehend all the Electors, excepting only the Duke of *Baviera*, who also may be taken in, in case the Emperor shall think fit to enter into it.

*Zell*, Feb. 7. Notwithstanding our former resolution to disband and reduce our Forces to a lesser number, the posture of our Neighbour Princes, enforces us to change our intentions, and to keep our Forces entire; being as yet unsatisfied of the intention of the *Swedes* in the re-inforcement of their Army.

Monsieur *Balbitzki* continues still at *Hamburgh*, where there are frequent Conferences between the *Swedes* and French Ministers.

Monsieur *Millet* Envoyé from the King of *France*, continues about *Stadt*, being very intent upon the issue of the Negotiation amongst the Princes in the Assembly at *Hildesheim*.

From *Stockholm* we are informed that the *Sieur Tungal* is appointed by the Court of *Sweden*, to go thence Ambassador for the Court of *Spain*, which may create some jealousies in *France*, that that King will hardly be drawn from his Neutrality, notwithstanding all their arts and endeavours to the contrary.

*Legorn*, Febr. 7. The Report so strongly spread in these parts of a Peace between the *Venetians* and *Turks*, grows cold, wanting the expected Confirmation, being probably raised upon the proceedings of the Visier, who having taken a view of the Fortifications of *Candia*, indeavoured by the hopes of a Treaty, to make the City less careful of its defence; to which purpose, he sent a *Chiaus* to the Venetian General, to tell him that the greatest reason of his arrival at that Island, was (if possibly he could) to establish a peace with them, which was also the intention and desire of his Master the Grand Seignior, in which he was resolved to use his utmost endeavour; and to that end, desired his Excellency to send some person to the Camp, with full power to treat and conclude such Articles as should be agreed of between them, and in the mean time to have a suspension of Arms between both parties, which the General accordingly complied with, though with little hopes of effecting any thing; during which Treaty, nothing is omitted on the *Venetians* part that can be done, for the strengthening and securing of all places that may be exposed to any danger; care being likewise taken by the Fleet to hinder and intercept all Succor designed for the assistance of the Enemy. One of their Light Ships lately surprized a Saich of the Enemies put out from *Canea*, intending for *Constantinople*, having aboard her onely four Seamen, and one principal Turk, sent with Letters from the Visier to the Grand Seignior, to inform him of the State of *Canea*, which he found in an ill posture, with few Inhabitants and slender Provisions; and on the other side, the City of *Candia* in a far better condition for defence than he expected, concluding with his earnest desires, that some considerable

Succors might be speedily sent him, especially of Men and Ammunition, in that proportion as was formerly agreed upon at the Court.

*Basle*, Feb. 8. The French Design upon *Alsacia* takes up all our thoughts and discourse in these parts, we being assured from the Court of *France*, that a powerful Army will be sent thither in *March*, which 'tis believed may draw many of the Princes of *Germany* to put themselves upon their Guards.

*Hague*, Feb. 16. The disbanding of our Forces is as yet deferred, till we can be more certainly informed of the Intentions of our Neighbours, who continuing still in Arms, oblige us to stand upon our Guards, and to take such care of the Frontiers, that they may be in a readiness to defend themselves against any attempts: to which purpose, Orders are sent to provide themselves with all sorts of Ammunition and Provisions for six Months, and to repair the Fortifications of the most considerable places, a sum of money being accordingly raised by the Contribution of the several Provinces, to defray their necessary Expences.

We are informed that *Brabant*, and the other Provinces under the Spanish Jurisdiction, are providing against a Storm which they fear may suddenly fall upon them, being frequently alarmed by the *French*, who by a late stop of *Flemish* Ships at *Antwerp*, upon a pretence of Sickness in *Flanders*, have much startled the *Flemish* Merchants, and increased their apprehensions of a sudden breach.

Doctor *Magdowell* is at the last condemned to a perpetual banishment out of the seven Provinces, and to pay the expences of the whole process.

From *Rotterdam* we are told of the arrival of several Ships laden from *France* with divers Seamen, formerly taken by the *English* in the *Fortune* and *Waldereen*.

A Vessel arrived lately in the Stream near *Amsterdam* from *England*, with released prisoners, who were unfortunately set on fire and wholly consumed.

*Paris*, Febr. 19. His Majesty has given Orders to his Forces near the Frontiers, to advance towards *Châlons* in *Champagne*, where he intends a general Rendezvous, and great preparations are making at *Louvoy* for the Reception of his Majesty, and Provisions for his Army, which he intends there to take a view of.

Several of the Officers of the Companies drown'd in passing the River at *Conflans*, are committed prisoners to the *Bastille*, upon information that they were forewarned of the danger in over-charging the Boats, and took no care for its prevention.

The 12th instant, the Ambassadors and foreign Ministers introduced by the Master of the Ceremonies, made their Complements to the Queen upon the birth of the Princess.

The 13th, his Majesty went to the Castle of *Versailles*, where the Cardinal de *Retz* attended him, and was graciously received by his Majesty, the Dauphin, Monsieur and Madam.

*Falmouth*, Feb. 10. Yesterday arrived here the *Gerard* a Privateer in four days from *Dartmouth*, to which place the Captain brought in a pretended *Offender*, but upon examination supposed Prize, laden with Iron and Wool from *Bilboa*; and had besides in her Cabin a Chest of Plate, two Chests of Saffron, and a considerable quantity of *Cocheneles*; all which at her arrival there, was secured by the Officers for Prizes: But the Captain, who had taken the Vessel near the Port, and had not time to examine or secure any part of the Prize, being much dissatisfied that he had lost his opportunity, endeavoured to redeem it by force; and with part of his Crew came aboard her in the Night, where securing the Waiters, he broke open the Door, taking away what part of the Goods he pleased, selling them in the Town at inconsiderable rates; for which he is since secured.

*Barwick*, Feb. 10. On Friday last a Vessel bound with Corn for *Newcastle*, was by a Privateer of 30 Guns, chased into a Creek about 10. miles to the Southwards of this place, where she was defended by a Company accidentally drawn together near the place by the Sheriff of the County, and the Privateer forced again to Sea.