

privileges very advantageous to the Merchants for the Encouragement of their Trade: Employing likewise many men and much moneys upon the Highways between *Villa Franca* and *Nisee*; to make them passable for the Transportation of Commodities, the Countrey adjoining being willing to contribute largely to these expences, in hopes of the advantages they may hereafter reap thereby.

We are inform'd, that a Corsaire of *Algiers* with 300 men aboard, is put into *Thouon*, where he is to refit and new Mast.

Hildesheim, Feb. 10. The Assembly is like to continue here long; but their Transactions are kept very private. The Articles between the *Swedes* and the City of *Bremen*, are at the last ratified, but not to the satisfaction of the Citizens; the *Swedes* being unwilling to leave their Neighbourhood, the City resolving to keep their Oath made to the Emperour. The Forces are on both sides rather increased than lessened, and 'tis feared the Dispute may be again set on foot, to the Disturbance of all the Neighbour Princes.

From *Zelle* they assure us of the good posture and hopefulness of a happy composition of the Affairs between the two Princes Electors; but that Circle is resolved still to continue their Forces on foot.

From *Alsatia* we are inform'd, that the Governor of *Brisac* has received Orders from the King of *France* to have all things in a readiness, & his Forces prepared for a Rendezvous, against the arrival of those intended to be speedily sent thither. That the States of *Alsatia* are continually consulting what remedy to apply to this growing Evil.

Dantzick, Feb. 6. The Condition of *Poland* is at the present very deplorable, by reason of the great Devastations made by the *Tartars* and *Cossacks* in their late Incurſion, in which they have burnt and plundered many considerable Towns, and a great number of Villages; leaving rear upon a whole Province wholly ruined and destroyed. Seventeen Troops of Horse, that appeared in defence of the Countrey, were cut in pieces by them. Eleven others, that were marching to their assistance, being so routed and dispers'd, that Duke *Demetrio* their Leader, with much difficulty made his retreat with only 200. of his number. They are at the present said to be retic'd with above 10000. Prisoners, whom they use very severely, tiring them out with hard Marches, and speak high of a speedy return with a much greater force; with which they threaten to march farther into the Countrey. 'Tis confidently said they have already made themselves Masters of *Camienick* and *Mochielz*, two Towns of great importance. The Polish Forces under the Command of *Seleminski*, have at a distance attended their motion, but not able to effect any thing considerable upon so numerous a Party, obliging them only to keep close in their retreat, from whom he often gleaned up their stragling Companies, defeating a part of their Rear; recovering some small part of their plunder, and taking some prisoners.

Paris, Febr. 23. Here is lately arriv'd an Envoyé from his Imperial Majesty, his business not yet known: Since his arrival he has had much conference with the Spanish Ambassador, upon several propositions which he is to make to this Court.

The Spanish Ambassador in his way between *St. Germaines* and this City, was lately affronted by some Souldiers of the Guards, which he perceiving to proceed from their excess of Wine, they being all of them drunk, was willing to have concealed, but it being much resent'd by other foreign Ministers in this Court, who seem'd highly concern'd in an affront done to an Ambassador he thought it convenient to make his complaints to his Majesty, who promis'd him an ample satisfaction, which in few days after was given him; the Souldiers being by His Majesties Command brought shackled in Chains to the Ambassadors house, by Monsieur *de Castellax*, Major of the Guards, with the Officers of their own Company, who making their excuses for the insolency of the Souldiers, the Offenders acknowledging their Crime, begged his pardon, but were afterwards condemn'd to the Gallies; but the Officers whom his Majesty threatn'd to punish for their remissness, were upon the Intercession of

the Ambassador pardon'd: His Majesty being pleas'd at the same time to treat the Ambassador with very obliging language, as a person for whom he had not only an high esteem for his qualification, as a publick Minister, but as one whom he admitted into his particular kindness and friendship.

Several Weddings have been lately solemnized in this Court, particularly the Count *de Fucillade* is married to *Mademoiselle de Roznez*, Sister to the Duke of that Name, who has upon that Marriage, resign'd his Duchy to the Count, reserving to himself the sum of 400000 *Livres* in lieu of it.

His Majesty is likewise pleas'd to give the Count 100000 *Livres*, and to confer on him the Title of Peer of *France*, in which Quality he is to be received in Parliament, as soon as he enters upon his Duchy.

The Count *de Mon'ard*, Son to the Prince *D'Harcourt* is married to *Mademoiselle de Brancas*, and the Count *de Neresan*, to *Mademoiselle de Launay Grauc*.

A Courier is lately dispatcht from his Majesty to *Pain* in *Navarre*, to suspend the Chief President, and the Attorney General of that Parliament from the execution of their charges, they having lately put a stop to the Taxes, order'd to be there levied by the Chamber of Justice, till they had first made their Remonstrances to his Majesty.

From *Rochele* we are inform'd, that eight Companies of the Regiment of *Navarre*, are by order embark'd into two Ships that lie ready to sail, as is suppos'd, for the *West-Indies*.

A Vessel belonging to *Havre de Grace*, was lately so closely pursued by an English Privateer, that she was forced to set her self on fire, the men escaping in their Boats. We hear also of three other Ships of *St. Malos*, laden with Spanish Wines, and a great Dutch Merchant ship, that have lately falln into the hands of the English.

The Duchy *d'Espemon* is upon sale to Monsieur *Colbert*, whose Son is to enjoy that Title. The Moneys agreed on, are to be paid on Friday next.

The Cardinal *de Retz*, is much satisfied with his Reception at the Court, where he is desir'd to stay, during the divertisements of the Carneval; after which, he intends to return to *Commercy*, without farther interressing himself in the affairs of State.

It has been lately propos'd in Council, that Impositions and Taxes should be impos'd on several persons not formerly taxed, yet by their Offices and Employments able to contribute largely to the publick, as Notaries, Bankers, &c. But upon consideration this Proposicion was laid aside; the former Taxes being impos'd as penalties upon illegal methods of gaining Estates, they being unwilling in this juncture of Affairs to exasperate the people by fresh Impositions.

Portsmouth, Febr. 17. The *Sweepstakes* being here arriv'd from *Lisbonne*, hath landed their Majesties Envoyés, returned from that Court, and brought home under his Convey, a Fleet of 15 Merchants richly laden, who are all of them safely arriv'd.

Plymouth, Febr. 17. A Vessel arriving here in ten days from *Rochele*, informs us, that 15 French-men of War of considerable force, were in that Harbour full mann'd with Sea-men and Souldiers, all of them ready to set sail for *Brest*.

The two Prizes formerly taken by Rear-Admiral *Herbert*, and put into *Scilly*, are this day come safe into this Port.

Deal, Febr. 18. There is newly arriv'd in the Downs, a rich *East-India* Ship, call'd the *African*, in a good condition, she came out from the *Indies* in December last, but met with no Vessel at Sea, except only one French-man, who thought not himself strong enough to attempt her.

A Bay brown Horse, 14 handfuls high, meal-mouth'd, a feather or two under his Main; one white foot, one little white Star in his head, scarce seven years old, taken out of the Mule on Thursday night: Wherefore all persons are to take notice hereof, and if they hear of, or finde such an Horse, to give notice to any of his Majesties Servants in the Mule, and they shall be well rewarded.