

tance of selling Provisions, carried in Orders for securing the Governor, who was suspected to hold Correspondence with them, which put an end to that designe.

Legorn, March 7. The 31 instant, arrived here the Duke of *Albuquerque*, with six Gallies from *Genoua*, and the next Morning went off again in his way for *Sicily*, where he is to continue Vice-Roy.

The 5th Instant, came in a Great *Genoese* Ship from *Spain* and *Genoua*, under the Command of Captain *Bianco*. The same day arrived also the *Madonna del Rosario*, a French-Ship, from *Smyrna* and *Messina*, she was chased near this Port by two *Turkish* Corsaires, who left her to pursue her Consort bound for *Marseilles*.

Paris, March 16. A Spanish Vessel passing by to the Coasts of *Bretagne*, in her way for *Flanders*, was by the folly or drunkenness of the Pilot, driven upon the Rocks, and broken to pieces, and 273 men cast away; intended for the Spanish Service in the *Netherlands*; amongst whom was a Nephew to the *Conde de Molina*, Ambassador from the Crown of *Spain*, now in *England*, with several *Reformed* Officers, onely seven of the whole number escaping, who were at their coming to land relieved by *Monsieur de Beaufort*, and sent forwards for this place.

His Majesty has lately shown some signs of his displeasure against the Republick of *Genoua*, for refusing to trade under the French Flag into *Turkey*; which is lookt upon as a slight put upon the French Power, and 'tis believed may introduce a farther Dispute, if the Affairs of *Flanders* divert it not.

The Contest between the Duke of *Savoy* and City of *Genoua*, grows every day higher, and upon information brought to his Highness that the *Swisse* Canton of *Berne* had sent a considerable assistance of men for the strengthening of that City, the Duke has ordered the speedy raising of more Forces, which he intends shall with all diligence be prepared to march; and joynt with the 4. or 5000. men that are already advanced for the straitning of that City.

From *Rochelle* we are inform'd that *Chevalier d'Almetras*, Captain of the *Diamond* is sailed out with three other Men of War; but 'tis believed he intends no farther than *Lisbonne*, to which place he is to transport men and moneys for the service of his Majesty of *Portugal*; five other Vessels that went out with him under his Convoy, intending forwards for the *West Indies*.

His Majesty has been lately much concern'd, at a Report blown abroad, that he interested not himself in Affairs, but left them to the Management of his Chief Ministers; and is resolved for the future, once every week to give Publick Audience to all those that have any Complaints to exhibit to him, intending every Tuesday, both Morning and Afternoon, to receive Petitions, and to give his Orders upon them.

Yesterday arrived a Courier from *Rome*, informing us of a late promotion of Cardinals made by his Holiness, and particularly of the Duke of *Vendosme*, the Duke of *Moulaeto*, the Arch-bishop of *Saltzbourg*, and the *Sieur Delphino*, Patriarch of *Aquileia*, and that his Holiness has nominated the *Seurs Roberti*, his Nuncio in this Court; *Spinola*, his Nuncio at *Vienna*; *Visconti*, his Nuncio in *Spain*; and *Caraccioli*, Auditor of the Apostolical Chamber; to the other four Vacancies reserved in *Petto*, at the last promotion.

Hague, March 17. The *Sieur Isbrandts*, being lately arrived here from *Swedenland*, has given an Account to the Assembly of the States of his Negotiation in that Court, from whence we every day expect the arrival of the Count de *Donna*, Ambassadour to the States from that King. The Deputies from the several Admiralties are also expected here, with whom *De Ryhter* is to have a Conference, for the carrying on the War this next Summer, sixteen of our Men of War, most of them at the *Hly*, lie ready, waiting onely for a fair Wind to put to Sea, under the Command of *Van de Saen*, intending for *Denmark*, where they hope to joyn with the six Ships sent there for the service of the King of *France*, and six other *Dutch* Ships designed to be employed in the States Service. Four stout ships are fitted up and ready to go

out for the *East-Indies*, intending for their better security to go round about by the North of *Scotland*.

Our Preparations for the War are more studiously carried on; then our Endeavours for Peace; notwithstanding the great impatience of the people, who are very clamorous against the prevailing party, that so furiously hurries them on against their inclinations to the War; which has also strictly prohibited for the future, any discourse amongst them of a Treaty, or of the present state of affairs.

From *Dunkirk* we are informed that the Embargo is still continued, and the French pressing hard for Sea-men for their Fleet. An express Order is lately sent thither, that no Vessel of any Nation whatsoever of above twenty five Tuns, shall put out to Sea, under great penalty.

The States of this Province are assembled, and have disposed of several Military Charges that were found vacant, particularly conferring the Government of *Heusden* upon the *Heer Van Slydrecht*, and have given a Regiment of Horse to the *Grave Van Waldeck*, and a Regiment of Foot to the *Grave Van Hoorn*. The Majors of each Regiment are advanced to be Lieutenant Colonels, and their places fill'd by the Captains, *Limburg* and *Overschie*, and several other Companies likewise disposed of.

The Count de *Donna* Ambassadour from *Swedenland*, is here arrived incognito, and lodged in the house where the English Ambassadour *Sir George Downing* formerly lay, and intends suddenly to make his solemn Entry with a great Train, and above forty Liveries.

The Deputies from the several Admiralties are arrived here, attending the States Orders for the equipping of the Fleet. *Prince Maurice* is gone for *Cleves*, and 'tis said, will suddenly return again hither, to Condukt Madam the Electress of *Brandenbourg* to *Berlin*.

Hull, March 12. Yesterday came in on this Road, and this day into this Harbor, Captain *Coleman* of the *Hampshire*, bringing in with him a Dutch Privateer of nine Guns, with 42. Prisoners.

Dover, March 12. On Wednesday the 6th instant the *Pacquet-Boat* coming out from *Newport*, was by a sudden turn of the Wind driven on Shore, with about 34. persons, of whom onely 14. escaped to land, the rest with the Vessel cast away.

Plymouth, March 12. Yesterday a Fleet of about thirty Sail, were by contrary winds forced to put into this Port, pretending to belong to *Offends*, *Bruges*, *Newport*, and *Hambourg*, amongst them was discovered one *Cornelius Tjson*, an eminent person of *Holland*, passing in one of these Ships as a Steers-man, who after examination is committed to the Custody of the Marshal, and the Skippers belonging to the rest of the Ships under examination, in order to a further discovery.

Lyn, March 13. By a Passenger arrived here from *Blackney*, we are informed, that on Sunday last, the *Pearl Freegat* sent into that Haven a Prize, being a *Pickaroom Sloop*, with about forty Men. The next day a Galliot, a Dutch Privateer that has been frequently plying upon these Coasts, was seen at an Anchor off *Blackney*, with her Mast cut by the board, and had hung out a white Flag, as was supposed, for assistance, being in much danger. He reports also, that some Dutch Sea-men have been lately washed ashore about those parts, by which they gue's that some Dutch Vessels have been lately cast away about those Coasts.

Weymouth, March 13. The 11th instant, a Fleet of about thirty Sail of great Ships: were discovered off *Portland*, standing to the West South-west, and the next Morning three others following them the same way; we know not as yet from whence they were. A small Caper has for some few days been seen plying about this Road, but we hear not of any prize she hath taken.

All Artificers of the several Trades that must be used in Re-building the Royal Exchange, may take Notice, That the Committee appointed for management of that work, do sit at the End of the Long Gallery in *Gresham Colledge* every Monday in the Forenoon, then, and there, to Treat with such as are fit to undertake the same.