

the War this Winter season. Though the *Gazetts* here give out that the Fort at *Winschoten* is taken, we cannot find ground enough to build any certainty on it. They would have the people believe, that their Treaties with *Denmark* and *Brandenburg* are upon the point of conclusion; but the project is spoiled by a discourse that runs about, That the King of *Denmark* hath demanded three Millions, and arrested the *East-India* ships for it, and that the Duke of *Brandenburg* desires so many strong places, both on the *Rhine* and *Maes*; that the States will in no wise agree to it.

The Duke of *Lunenburgh's* forces, under the Count of *Waldeck*, remain still about *Osnabrug*; and since the Army will not march to make a conjunction, must be contented to quarter there this Winter. The Duke of *Brunswicks* Envoy hath delivered his Credentials, and Commissioners are appointed to confer with him in his Masters affair. The Sea-Equipage is carried on with all vehemency, but to get men, they are forced to allow each Sea man ten shivers; and a Land-soldier seven per diem, which will not do neither, without the calling in their Capers-Commissions, or reducing them to a certain number. The States of *Holland* and *West-Friesland* appointed their meeting not until the twelfth instant, but upon some extraordinary emergency assembled this day. The *Sieur Meerman* of *Leyden*, who was nominated to succeed *Bevering*, late Treasurer, is said to have excused himself from accepting that charge. The Elector of *Colens* Resident is ready to depart hence; and some give out, that the States will employ him to *Regensburgh* the next Dyer, to negotiate with the Emperor on their behalf. It is said, That *Monsieur Croon* shall be nominated to go for *Constantinople*, to make his Residence there, and take care of our Merchant affairs.

*Brussels*, Jan. 2. Several Letters are come hither from the Bishop of *Munsters* Quarters, which make mention of a third Defeat given the Dutch by the Bishop of *Munsters* forces, in which they killed and took near eight hundred; but the particulars not being yet come, we expect a farther confirmation of it.

*Dublin*, Dec. 21. The ship mentioned in the last to have run ashore in the Country of *Mayo*, proves a ship of *Middleborough*, of 7 or 8.0 Tun, the *Sea-Horse*, bound for the *East-Indies*, having in her, Arms, and six Chests of Silver; she was much beaten at Sea by storm, having spent her Main-mast and Fore-mast, and lost her Rudder on the Rocks near *Broad-Haven*. The ship was beaten in pieces and sunk, about 100 of her men escaped on Planks, and by such shifts; the rest, about 74, were all drowned. Some of the Goods are cast up by the Sea; four of the Chests of Silver recovered, and we are not without hope of getting the rest of the money, and the Guns belonging to the ship, and saving the rest of the lading, that is not perishable by Water.

The House of Commons having on Monday last, according to their former Resolve, entered upon the Debate of the Grand Bill of Settlement, past these following Orders.

Ordered upon the Question, That the Answer of His Grace, the Lord Lieutenant and Council, unto the humble Petition of the House, presented unto His Grace the eleventh instant, be entered amongst the Acts, Orders, and Ordinances of this House.

Ordered upon the Question, *Nemine contradicente*, That upon the confidence and assurance this House hath conceived from His Graces said Answer, they will proceed to put a Question for Passing the Bill, Entituled, *An Act explaining some doubts, &c.*

Ordered upon the Question, That the Bill, Entituled, *An Act for explaining some doubts*, arising upon an Act, Entituled, *An Act for the better execution of His Majesties Gracious Declaration, &c.* having been three times read in this House, shall pass as a Law.

The next day the House attended His Grace with their Speaker, who acquainted him with the Votes the House had past in consideration had of the Answer returned by His Grace, and in the name of the House returned him their most humble, hearty, and thankful acknowledgments for His Graces said answer. His Grace received them with an affection suitable to such

an Address, telling them, That next to that Honor His Majesty had bestowed on Him, in making Him His Lord Lieutenant of that Kingdom, He esteemed this which they had done Him; and assuring them, That He would not proceed to the settlement of His own concerns, till such time as they should receive the benefit of His promises. Upon which, the House returned with abundance of satisfaction and content, and appointed a Committee to attend His Grace with their desires; that He would please to permit His Speech to be Printed, which His Grace granted. A Bill past for the confirming of Marriages made in the late times. And this day the Lords pass the Grand Bill, and the Bill of Subsidies, so that on Saturday next the Lord Lieutenant goes to the Parliament, to give the Royal Assent.

*Edinburgh*, Dec. 23. A Proclamation is lately issued forth, commanding all such Ministers, who being entered before the year 49. have, since the restitution of the Church Government by Archbishops and Bishops, relinquished their Ministry, or been deposed therefrom by their Ordinary; and all such as shall hereafter relinquish their Ministry, or be deposed by their Ordinary, within forty days after their relinquishing or deposition, to remove themselves and their families out of the Parishes where they were Incumbents, and not reside within twenty miles of the same, or within six miles of *Edinburgh*, or any Cathedral Church, or three miles within any Burgh-Royal of this Kingdom, or to Reside two of them within one Paroch; and in case they yield not exact obedience hereunto, (unless they have the permission of the Lords of the Privy Council, Lords of His Majesties Commission for Church Affairs, or the Bishop of the Diocess) they are to incur the Penalties of the Laws, against movers of Sedition. All Householders, &c. are also forbid to give any countenance to such Ministers to Preach, or exercise any Office of a Minister; and all Sheriffs, Magistrates, &c. commanded to make diligent search after such Offenders, and to seize and imprison their persons, till they give sufficient caution to appear before the Lords of the Council or Commission. That which is supposed to have occasioned this Proclamation at this time, is the insolent carriage of one Mr. *Alexander Smith*, a deposed Minister, who being taken at a Conventicle, and convened before the High Commission Court, used such reviling language against the Lord Archbishop of *St. Andrews*, who sat as President, that the Lord Commissioner ordered him to be put in Irons, and laid 24 hours in the Thieves Hole.

*Falmouth*, Dec. 23. On the 21, Captain *Nevet* brought into this Harbor the *Malaga* man he surprized at *Mounts Bay*. The Skipper and some other of the men are prisoners ashore.

*Newcastle*, Dec. 25. Those that came up the River, report, that thirty or forty small ships failed yesterday, and the rest intend to go with their Convoy this day.

*Deal*, Dec. 27. The *Success* and *Little Marias* Fore-top Sails are loose, and it is said one or both go to *Dever*, to carry over the Dutch Ambassador, who is now there.

*Lyn Regis*, Dec. 27. Some Vessels lately come hither, having taken in Provision, are going to Sea. This Town hath continued yet free from any Infection, and to prevent all occasions that might bring it hither, It is ordered by the Major, Aldermen, and Common Council of this Borough, That the Mart usually held in this Town, on the third of *February*, shall not be kept this year.

*Portsmouth*, Decemb. 28. We hear not of any of the Enemies Men of War, Private or others upon our Coast; which is well guarded by His Majesties ships, still crossing up and down to secure our Merchants. Sir *Robert Southwell* is in this Town, in order to the prosecuting his Voyage to *Peru*.

*Oxen*, Decemb. 30. To morrow is appointed for the Consecration of the Right Reverend Father in God, *Alexander*, Lord Bishop of *Sarum*, which is to be performed at the Chappel of *New College*, by His Grace, the Lord Archbishop of *Canterbury*, assisted by the Lords Bishops of *Winchester*, *Glocester*, *Peterborough*, *Limmerick*, and *Oxen*.