

ously planted to receive him, and afterwards with Mortar Pieces and Granado's, that falling into some disorder, the Garrison at the same time making a stout Sally upon them, forced them to quit the place with a considerable loss of men, and to save themselves by flight; the Visier himself, with one Troop of Horse only in his company, recovering *Candia Nova*. In this Days Service, the Visier amongst other considerable Persons and Officers, lost one of his Nephews, slain by a Cannon-shot from the Walls. Upon the great loss of men received by him in this and several other Sallies, which were always made with great disadvantages to the *Turks*, the Visier has resolved to retire himself for some time to *Canea*, and to expect there the Succors promised him by the Grand Signior: In the mean time, the Garrison hath made such good use of their success, that they have thrown down all the Works cast up by the *Turks* for the straining of the Town, and have level'd their Trenches, which will cost them many weeks pains to make good, if their Design continue.

From *Constantinople* we are informed, that they are there continuing their Preparations for the War, designing 20000 *Turks* for the succor of the Visier; who for their Transportation, are to be attended by 20 Ships from *Constantinople*, 20 from *Asia*, and 20 more from *Africa*, with whom are to be sent over all sorts of Provisions of Victuals as well as Ammunition, of which the *Turks* in that Island are in much want; and by reason thereof, their Army grown very weak and sickly.

Five Vessels from *Barbary*, cruising about *Sapienza*, have been by force of Storms and contrary Winds, driven ashore and cast away.

Rome, *March 7*. His Holiness is again fallen so very ill, that he was scarcely able to complete the Ceremony of the late promotion of Cardinals; since which, his voice begins to fail him, which makes us generally despair of his recovery.

*Hamburg*, *March 14*: Some persons arrived here from *Erford* inform us, that his Electoral Highness of *Mentz* was there expected; and 'twas discoursed there, that he intended to send some Troops of Horse and Companies of Foot into the Town; and the Baron de *Reiffenburg* still continues close prisoner at *Wurtzburg*.

The intention of the *Swedes* forces is not yet known, but several Soldiers come daily to them out of *Pomerania*. Some Deputies are expected at *Stantz* from the City of *Bremen*, their business not known.

From *Copenhagen* we are informed, that his Majesty of *Denmark* continues his care for the speedy putting out his Fleet to Sea; and that Count *Paulus de la Guardie*, with a great company of the Nobility, a train of at the least 50 persons, is arrived at *Elfenburg* expecting there the arrival of the Queen *Christina*, and to attend her into *Swedeland*, where her lodgings are appointed in the Castle, where she formerly lived before she resigned her Crown.

*Paris*, *March 23*. The 21 instant, in the afternoon the Cardinal de *Retz* left this City, and went post by Chariot for *Lyons*, intending from thence to pass by Boat for *Provence*, and (if the Cardinals *Grimaldi* and *de Vendosme* be not already gone) will embark with them for *Rome*. His Majesty has presented him with 24000 Crowns for the arrears of his Pension, and to defray the expences of his voyage.

On Friday last, the Spanish Ambassador had his last audience from his Majesty, and took his leave, the King being pleased in very obliging language, to express the great affection and esteem he has for his person, desiring him, to assure her Majesty of Spain of his Friendship, by which he resolved religiously to preserve the peace between those two Crowns. The Ambassador went afterwards to take his leave of her Majesty, where he was received with the usual Ceremonies.

His Majesty has lately bought the estate of *Vaujour* in *Anjou*, of the Count de *Santerres* Cregitor, for the sum of 800000 Livres; to which, he intends to add some other Lands, and of all together, to erect a new Dutchy. He in-

tends very suddenly to come to the Parliament, in order to this new Erection, as also to take some order for his Domains; and at the same time, to receive there the Count de *Fueillade* in quality of Duke of *Rosnois*, and Peer of *France*.

His Majesty (as 'twas said) has commanded home Monsieur de *Schomberg* from *Portugal*, the Marquis d'*Halmuin* being ordered to command in his absence: 'Tis believed, his Majesty will at his arrival, confer on him the dignity of Marshal of *France*.

This Court is a little surprized at the return of all those French that attended the Queen of *Portugal* to *Lisbonne*, the Queen onely retaining her Physician, her Nurse, and one of the Ladies of her Chamber.

The Count de *la Trinite* is here arrived Ambassador from the Duke of *Savooy*.

Monsieur de *Louvois*, who takes the care of the Artillery, has already bought 1600 Horses to attend the Train, besides a considerable number he has ordered to be bought in *Germany* for the same service. His Majesty has ordered all his Magazines to be stored with Corn for three years, and that Provisions be sent into all the Frontier Towns, to serve them two years; and has moreover sent 120 pieces of Cannon into *Abbeville* and *Amiens*.

He has also made this alteration in Religious Houses, that no person be for the future admitted into any of them, without his Majesties Letters Patents for their admittance. Ordering likewise, that all Nunneries established since the year 1635, that presume to admit any persons without his Letters Patents, shall be immediately suppressed, and the Religious persons in them sent home to their nearest relations, except onely such as have a sufficient portion, to enter themselves in some other Convent.

*Hague*, *March 24*.

From *Antwerp* we are assured that all places of any consideration under the Spanish Jurisdiction, are taken care of and fortified, and such store of Military Provisions, with good Garrisons put into them, that will be able to defend them from any sudden attempt; and that in the Castle of the City they are making great quantities of Powder, for the necessary supply of all places.

The *Ginvezer*, a States Man of War, is lately cast away upon *Pampus*, but the men had the good fortune to get safe to land. A Bark was also cast away near the *Texel*, with a considerable number of Passengers. Another Vessel going out for *Swedeland*, ran on ground upon the Isle of *Ure* in the South Sea, with considerable damage, and with much difficulty escaped a Wreck.

'Tis likewise confidently said, that two of our Men of War are cast away about the *Texel*, whereof the *Brach* is one.

*Plymouth*, *March 17*: Yesterday arrived here Captain *Herbert* with his Squadron, bringing with him four prizes, whereof two Dutch, the other two French, all of them laden with Salt, Wines, and Brandy. They have also taken four others which were separated from them by storm, and have not yet recovered their Harbour, but are daily expected. Here are also arrived a Fleet of Colliers from *Wales*.

*West-Cornes*, *March 18*. On Saturday Night last arrived here a small Billander belonging to *Gaunt*, called the *Fortune*, laden homewards from *Nantes* with Wine and Brandy; from whence he came out with seven Bretagners laden with Salt for the *Grand Partie*, coming out of *Conquest Road*, a French Buis, a Privateer of eight Guns of *St. Malo's* plundered him and his Company of a considerable quantity of Merchants Goods, and told him he intended to cruise in *St. Georges Channel*. He speaks likewise of above seventy Men of War and Fire-ships, that are fitting up at *Preftwich* all the expedition imaginable, and that they are pressing both Land-men and Sea-men, to send aboard them.

*Dover*, *March 18*. This day was sent in here by Captain *John Holmes* in the *Lenox*, now call'd the *Dover-Castle*, a Dutch Pink of an hundred Tuns, a fine Vessel, newly warr'd and tallow'd, with four Guns, bound from *Holland* to the French Fleet, laden with Cables.