

The Roman Catholick Christians that live under the Jurisdiction of the *Turks* in *Walachia*, *Moldavia*, *Transylvania*, *Bulgaria*, and the Neighbouring Countries, sent not long since to *Rome*, to desire his Holiness to appoint them a person that might as chief of their Church reside amongst them, which his Holiness has granted them; the person nominated for that Employment, having lately passed by this place towards his Charge.

His Imperial Majesty having concluded with the Grand Signior about the release of several Officers that have been kept prisoners at *Constantinople*, has dispatcht a Courtier to the *Port Ottoman*, to see them accordingly set at liberty.

Venice, March 18. Yesterday in the Morning, our lately built and newly launched Ship was brought up before the Place of *St. Mark*, well fitted up and compleatly Armed, adorn'd with many Flags and Streamers, where she discharged her Tires of Cannon, and is by all skilful persons thought to be an excellent built Ship, and like to prove very serviceable. The other Ships are in great forwardness, many hands being daily at work upon them. Our Merchants having agreed upon the building a place for the Casting of Cannon, the work is so well perfected, that the next week they intend to Cast some Pieces for the arming out of their new Ships.

A new Convoy is likewise fitting up to be sent for *Candia*, with all possible expedition: Their Lading to consist of Biskets, Corn, Cheese, and all sorts of Ammunition. To which purpose, all those Vessels that are of late put in here, are to be employed in this Service. Six hundred Foot under the Emperours pay are upon their march this way, and are already come to the Borders.

The Vice-Roy of *Naples* is also ordered by her Catholick Majesty, to cause the Moneys designed thence for our assistance, to be speedily paid in.

We suppose by this time General *Morosini* may be arrived at *Zante*, with the Convoy under his Command; contrary Winds having for some time detained him by the way.

Paris, March 30. On Monday next his Majesty intends to come to the Parliament, to declare his pleasure for the Verification of the *Code Louis*, and the immediate registering of it, to prohibit their Remonstrances against his New Edicts, to order the reunion of all Seizures made by the Chamber of Justice, to his Majesty's *Domaine*, to discharge several Officers employed about the Salt, and to make a General Regulation in all the *Gabels*.

On Friday last the *Guards* were ordered to be reviewed in the *Plain de Grenelle*, where the Companies were drawn up one against another, to represent a Fight, which was so overacted by them, that several Soldiers of one of the Companies charging with *Bullers*, did a considerable execution, wounding ten or a dozen of the opposite party, and killing three or four upon the place; whereupon the first rank of that Company that was suspected to have been guilty of this discharge, were seized on, in order to their further Examination.

A second Review was made on Saturday, in the *Plain d'Ouilles*, in presence of his Majesty, where several Pieces of Cannon were drawn into the Field, for the more lively representation of a Battle; whereof one breaking, tore off the Arm of the Canonier that attended it.

The Masters of the *Enquests* have lately presented to the Chancellor their Remonstrances, touching a difference started between them and the *Grande Chamber*, who as they suppose, entrench too much upon the Power his Majesty has been pleas'd to allow them by the *Code Louis*, which is to Judge of all Appeals, Causes under a thousand *Liures*.

The *Venetian* Ambassador to this Court, is here bargaining for some forces to be sent to the assistance of the Republick in their Wars in *Candia*, and hath offered the *Sieur de Maretz* (who formerly served the *Venetians* in quality of Colonel) one thousand Crowns for every Company of a hundred men, that he shall raise for the Service: His Majesty being willing to comply with the *Venetians* in this private way of assistance, his League with the *Turks* not permitting him to supply them publicly.

From *Thoulon* we are inform'd of the arrival thereof two Ships from *Algiers*, with 1600 French Slaves, and amongst them about 300 *Stamen*, Officers, and Soldiers, that were taken prisoners in the defeat at *Gigery*; all of them having been redeemed by his Majesty, after the rate formerly agreed to be paid for them.

From *Geneva* we are assured, that upon a late Conference with the *Swisses*, that Republick has resolv'd to write to the Duke of *Savoy*, to expostulate with him upon the late differences risen between them, and to offer him such satisfaction, as can reasonably be requir'd. The Letter is to be sent to the *Swisses*, and to be by them presented to the Duke.

The breaking of the Great *Barquer Simonet* for no less a sum than three Millions, occasions much jealousy of the condition of many others, with whom he had great correspondencies, especially six of this City, two at *Lyons*, and eight at *Marseilles*.

The General Rendezvous which was intended at *Châlons*, is put off till the first of May, and is to be about four Leagues from *Retel*. Fresh Forces are continually rais'd, and our preparations for War go on vigorously; 24 *Brasse* Guns are lately embarked near the *Louvre*, to be carried down the River.

The Duke de *Vendosme*, lately made Cardinal, 'tis said intends suddenly for *Rome*, to give his Holiness thanks for his promotion, if he continue so long living.

Hague, March 30. *De Ruyter* is still here, and has been frequently at the Assembly of the States with the Deputies of the several Admialties, to consult with them about Maritime Affairs. The Whale Fishing is for the present prohibited, by Orders publicly posted up for that purpose. The 31 Men of War, that were intended for Sea, are not yet pass'd out from the *Pampus*, but in few days will set sail.

The 26th. instant, the Count de *Donna*, the *Swedes* Ambassador, had his Publick Audience, to which he was conducted by two persons deputed from the States, viz. the *Heer Regersbergen*, and *Van Holiick*, in a rich Coach, attended with a Train of 35 Coaches; being conducted into the Audience Chamber, in company with the *Heer Apleboom*, the *Swedes* Envoy Extraordinary, he there made his Speech in his own Language, afterwards delivering a Copy of it in Dutch. His Audience continued about half an hour, which done, he returned, and that Evening received the Visits and Complements of Foreign Ministers.

Weymouth, March 23. Yesterday came in here Captain *Abbot* in his Privateer, called the *Hopeful Providence*, bringing in with him a Vessel of above 50. Tons, laden with *Welsh* Coals, she belonging to *Guernsey*, and in her passage homewards about two days before, fell into the hands of a *Brest* Man of War of 14 Guns and 20 men; by whom she was sent for the Port of *Brehaud*, near *Morlaix*, near which place Captain *Abbot* discovering her, forced a Fisher Ship to conduct him, and re-took her, the French-men aboard her, saving themselves in their Boat.

Tarmouth, March 25. On Saturday last, three Vessels endeavouring to put into this Harbor, unfortunately struck upon the *Bar*, and were put ashore without the Haven; one of them laden with Salt from *Newcastle*, being first unladed, was with some trouble brought into the Harbor; the other two continue still ashore, and may probably run some hazard. A light Vessel, that on Saturday went from hence, for *Newcastle*, has been by a *Caper* put ashore about *Winterton*.

An Advertisement.

These are to give Notice to all Retailers of Wine within the Counties of *Berk*, *Bucks*, and *Oxon*, that they or some other for them are to repair unto the Wine-Licence-Office in *Durham Yard*, *London*, to renew their Wine Licences, and pay their Rent and Arrears due for the same; the late Grant or Farm thereof to Mr. John Kilby of *Alesbury* being vacated.