

them old Soldiers, and divers of them considerable persons.

We have not by this Felucca any news from *Candia*, which induces us to believe, that the *Turks* had not as yet formed any League before the Town.

General *Valiero* is now embarked, and his Gallies will be speedily ready to sail, as will also our Convoy for the *Levant*, under the command of *Daniel Morosini*, who goes Commissary to the *Armata*.

*Ditto*, April 22. Letters lately arrived from *Dalmatia*, assure us, that a great part of *Albania* has extremely suffered by a terrible Earthquake, which hapned to them on *Holy Thursday* last, which threw down a great many Houses in *Cattaro*, with a considerable part of the Wall towards the Sea, involving at the least 600 persons in the ruins: That *Budua* was wholly swallowed up, scarce any sign of it remaining, in which there perished likewise about 600 persons. Both these places under the jurisdiction of this Republick. And that *Du'igno* and *Castel Nuovo*, two places possess'd by the *Turks*, were both of them sunk, onely the Fort of the former, and a House of the latter preserved, wherein were kept some Slaves. Besides these, *Rhagusa* is more than half destroyed, with the death of 5 or 6000 of the Inhabitants.

Some *Haidukes* of *Cattaro* being then abroad upon a party to seek after prey, saw some Mountains in the Turkish Borders, that in the time of the Earthquake seemed to open, out of which issued out some fire with abundance of smok.

*Paris*, May 4. His Majesty hath ordered the General Rendezvous of his Army to be at *Cressy* upon *Serre*, not far distant from *Marles* and *Vervins*; himself intends the 8. h *Levant* for *Compeigne*, where after a weeks stay, he will leave the Queen, who is thought to be with child; and after a Weeks stay there to go to *Fountainbleau*, and about the end of this Month to be in person at the General Rendezvous.

His Majesty has made the Marshal *D'Almont*, General of a Flying Army, of about five or six thousand Foot and two thousand Horse in *Boulonnois*, and the Count *de la Feuillade*, now Duke of *Rozanois*, Lieutenant General, with a yearly Pension of 12000 Livres, besides the 100000 Livres given him before his Marriage.

The *Marquis de Crequi* is likewise to command another Army in *Alsacia*, who is also admitted to his former Charge of General of the Gallies, which 'tis believed will not this year go to Sea.

The Duke *de Noailles* is to command 4000 Foot and 2000 Horse upon the Frontiers of *Catalonia*, but with Orders, as have also the Forces intended for *Alsacia*, to keep themselves onely in a posture of defence.

A Spanish Vessel going from *S. Sebastian*, in view of *Brest*, was by Order from the Duke *de Beaufort*, chased by four of the nimblest Vessels of the Fleet sent out after her, to search her and seize on her Letters; but being not able to reach her, they returned to *Brest*, with some other Prizes they lighted on in their way.

*Hague*, May 1. The States of *Holland* are now separated, having examined and taken Order for all Points necessary for the instruction of their Deputies, whom they are to send to *Breda*. The whole number of them for the Provinces, will be Eight in all, viz. one from each Province, and two from *Holland*; though much art has been used to persuade the lending onely of Three, in the Name of all the United Provinces. We are yet onely assured of the Nomination of Three of the intended Eight, viz. *Bevering* for *Holland*, *Justinus de Hubert* Pensionary of *Zeland*, for that Province, and *Ponckhast* for *Frieze*.

From *Amsterdam* we are advised that the Great Ships are not yet fallen down to the *Texel*, being hindered for want of water, which has also detained those of *Friesland* and *North Holland*; but the Wind being changed, and the Rains falling, incline us to believe that impediment will be speedily taken off.

From the *Texel* we are assured that 15 or 16 of our Men of War, with four Fire-ships, set sail from thence, under the Command of Lieutenant Admiral *Van Gent*; and the next day were followed by three or four other Men of War,

with a Fleet of Merchants of 140 or 150 Sail, intending about by the North, bound some for the *Sound*, others for *France* and the *Streights*; that four or five Men of War continue still there, and 15 or 15 more at the *Hly*, expecting the arrival of the Great Ships.

We are also inform'd that 14 of our Men of War are fallen down the *Mars* to *Helvoetsluis*, well equipped and victualled for three Moneths; the Officers and most of the men to be employed in them, are already sent aboard, and that four or five Fire-ships were fitting up at *Rotterdam*, to be sent forwards with all expedition.

*Bruges*, May 3. The Sentence lately passed against *Peter Pillart*, for the plot contrived to have delivered up *Luxemburgh* to the French, was accordingly executed yesterday about eleven of the clock in the Market place of *Brussels*, though by the favor of the *Marquis* not with that rigour which the Sentence required; yet his punishment ended not with his person, his children being likewise condemned to banishment, his Goods to be confiscated, and his Houses both within and without the Walls of *Luxemburgh* to be pulled down to the ground, and on the place a Pillar erected with an Inscription to this effect. Here stood the House of *Peter Pillart*, who plotted to betray this Town to the King of France. 1667.

*Cádiz*, April 3. Four days since *Rere-Admiral Kempthorn* with his Squadron, Captain *Elliot* in the *Revenge* and the *Constant Warwick*, with 22 Merchant Ships from *France* and *St. Lucars*, went towards the *Streights* Mouth, to meet the *Pembroke* Fregat, with 16 or 17 Sail more under his Convoy, who are supposed to be now past the *Strait Cape* on their way homewards.

*Weymouth*, April 24. On Monday night last arrived here the *Mary-Rose* from the *Streights*, who informs us of the good condition of our *Streights* Fleet, and the probability of their speedy arrival.

Yesterday we discovered Five and twenty Sail, which by their course we judged to be a part of the Convoy; but their standing off again to Sea before night, gives us some cause to doubt the contrary.

*Portsmouth*, April 25. Yesterday arrived here the *Mary-Rose* from *Weymouth*; and this morning we seen a good distance off *St. Helens*, several Ships making in for this place, which we judge to be *Rere-Admiral Kempthorn's* Squadron, with the *Streights* Fleet under his Convoy.

*Tarmonth*, April 26. Yesterday were sent into this place three prizes, whereof one laden with Deal.

*Albarough*, April 27. On Thursday in the afternoon, a French Privateer of 10 or 12 Guns, chased a Vessel into this Bay, but being discovered by one of our Fregats, retired to Sea, and was pursued till it was dark. On Friday morning he appeared again plying to the Northwards, and was at anchor in *Sizewel Bay*; but such care is taken to our coast, that we doubt not but some of our Fregats will speedily give a good account of him.

*Whitehal*, April 26. This day the *Ambassador Extraordinary of Sweden*, took leave of their Majesties in solemn Audience in the Banqueting-house, whither they were conducted in His Majesties Coach in the usual manner, by the Right Honorable the Earl of *Carisle*, accompanied with *Sir Charles Cotterel*, Master of the Ceremonies, and attended with a numerous Train of Coaches, being in few days to part hence for *Breda*, to assist at the Treaty.

These are to give notice, That the Committee for settling the Lands and Tenements belonging to the Chamber and Bidge of London, do sit at the Guildhal on Wednesdays, weekly in the Forenoon, to receive the Addresses of any their Tenants, whose Houses were burnt down or demolished in the late dismal Fire.

The Officers of the Receipts of His Majesty's Exchequer, in pursuit of the payment of Money lent on the late Act for 1250000 L. are now come to the payment of the 377th Order in Number as it stands Registered, and are proceeding to pay forward as the Money comes in for the Tax.