

The London Gazette.

Published by Authority.

From Thursday September 30. to Sunday October 4. 1680.

Genova, Sept. 23.

Yesterday returned hither five of our Gallies from *Messina* and *Palermo*. In a day or two will sail from hence two stout Merchant Ships, belonging to this place for *Cadix*. There are not any English Ships now in Port.

Legborne, Sept. 24. The *Leopard*, Sir *John Berry* Commander (on Board of whom is the Duke of *Grafton*) and the *Forefight*, Captain *Killegrew*, are arrived here with five Merchant Ships under their Convoy from *Smirna*. Three thousand Soldiers are to be raised in *Milan*, and as many more in *Naples*, for the service of the Spanish *Netherlands*. From *Mantova* we hear that that Duke is taken ill again, and that Negotiations are on Foot at that Court concerning his Succession. From *Rome* they write, That the Polish Ambassador was parted from thence on his return home.

Strasbourg, Sept. 30. Since the publication of the Decree of the Sovereign Chamber at *Brisac*, by which all Persons holding Lands in *Alsace* are required to acknowledge the French King for their Sovereign, and accordingly to swear Fealty to him, a day has been fixed for their doing it, which puts the Gentlemen concerned into great perplexity, not knowing how to behave themselves in so nice and important a matter,

Berlin, Sept. 29. From *Sweden* we have an account of great Levies that are making in that Kingdom, That great care is taken to bring the Army into the best Order and Discipline, and that the King had appointed Count *Oxensterna* to go his Ambassador to the Emperor. From *Holland* we receive advice that the Frigats fitted out by our Elector have taken a Spanish Ship in the Road of *Ostend*. Monsieur *d'Alfeldt*, Envoy from the King of *Denmark*, having made an Overture to our Elector of an Alliance between the King his Master and his Electoral Highness, the same has been declined here.

Berlin, Octob. 2. Our Elector has now again resolved to go to *Maegdeburg*, and as we are informed has writ to the Prince of *Orange*, to acquaint his Highness, That he intends to be at *Maegdeburg* on the 15th of this Month: That he shall be extream glad to meet him there, and if he cannot stay abroad so long, the Elector desires he will give himself the trouble to come hither. The 19th past the Electoral Princess was brought to Bed of a Daughter to the great satisfaction of this Court: The Bells were thrice rung throughout the Town, and all the Cannon on the Walls were as oft discharged. The Plague encreases very much at *Lubeck*, and there are great apprehensions of it's spreading farther. At *Dresden* it is as violent as ever.

Frankfort, Oct. 2. The last account we had from

the Imperial Court was, That according to all appearance their Imperial Majesties would continue at *Lintz* till towards Spring, for that *Vienna* was not yet so healthy, as it was wished to be, That there was a Discourse as if the Duke of *Lorraine* would be made Viceroy of *Hungary*, with full power to compose the affairs of that Country, and to grant the Malecontents such Terms as he should think necessary for the attaining that end; And that the Earl of *Middleton*, the King of *England*'s Minister at that Court, advanced successfully in his Negotiation.

Cologne, Octob. 4. Prince *Wolfgang* of *Neuburg* is at present in this City, has been to visit our Elector, and has been complimented on his part, and visited by the Bishop of *Strasbourg*, his Brother Prince *William*, and other persons of Quality here: It is reported that the said Prince will be made Bishop and Prince of *Gurck*, in the room of the Baron *de Goes*, who is so at present, and who will in that case be removed to the Bishoprick of *Vienna*. This Prince of *Neuburg* is designed to succeed our Elector, and to that end it has been long endeavoured to make him at present his Coadjutor, in which the Bishop of *Strasbourg* is his Competitor.

Brussels, Octob. 4. Since our last here have happened new disturbances, occasioned by the Nations their insisting to have the brass Plates (mentioned in one of our former) which contain their antient Privileges, and were taken down from the City Gates, and from the Stadthouse during the Government of the Marquis *Cajlle Rodrigo*, restored to them, which the Magistrates pretend were broken, or at least that they cannot be found, but offer to give them authentic Copies out of the publick Register, to be set up in the same manner that the former were, but the Nations not being contented therewith, some of the ordinary sort of People got last night together, and fell upon the Houses of two of the chief Magistrates, broke the Windows, and intended to have Pillaged them, but those within making a Defence, and discharging several Muskets, two or three of those Rioters were killed and some others wounded, and thereupon the rest separated. This morning nine persons, Deputed by the Nations, attended the Duke *de Villa Hermosa*, made their excuse for what had happened, and declared that what they did was only to preserve their Privileges, and not out of any disaffection to his Excellency or the Government, and that to manifest the same, they had renewed the imposition of half a farthing on every Pot of Beer. His Excellency told them, that he was as zealous as they themselves could be, not only to preserve their just Privileges, but even to augment them, and that they ought to be careful how they gave occasion to the Multitude to disturb the publick Peace by their Tumults, which were not only dangerous to the Government, but even to themselves, for that their Houses as well as Persons were exposed to the violence of a sort of people who had no regard to Laws or Privileges; That as for the Copper Plates they desired,