

frous, that the quarrel risen betwixt the two Crowns might be determined any other way than by that of Arms, which is also earnestly endeavoured by the States of the Empire. In the mean time the Spanish Ambassador at Vienna presses hard for satisfaction to be given to the Deputies from *Burgundy*, by sending forces thither for its security, as being a Member, and consequently requiring the care and assistance of the Empire.

Count *Mansfield* is lately gone by Order from his Imperial Majesty to his Highness the Elector of *Brandenburg*, to treat with him about some private affairs of great importance. The design for the New Levies in the Emperours Dominions advances, and some considerable sums of moneys are already given out for their encouragement, 'tis not yet publicly said to whom the Command of those Forces shall be given, though some talk there is, that the Elector of *Brandenburg* is designed for that employment, who has already 12000 men in Arms, besides the forces that are on foot in the Circle of *Lower Saxony*.

The Government of *Brissgow* is lately conferred on the Marquess of *Baden*, who is daily expected at the Imperial Court, and from thence to return to his charge.

The Cardinal of *Salzburg* has by the Count *Ferdinand de Herberstein*, and the Councillour of *Ratisbonne*, demanded the Investiture of his Bishoprick of *Ratisbonne*, which was accordingly performed the 27th past to his satisfaction.

The French are not a little jealous lest some Alliance be privately endeavoured at between the Emperour and King of *Sweden*, which latter, 'tis said, has some inclination to be taken to a Match with the Eldest of the Imperial Princesses, whose Picture, with the other Princesses her Sister, are both drawing by the hand of an excellent Painter, to be sent into *Swedeland*.

The *Flanders Mule* not arriving this week according to expectation by reason of the late ill weather, we have but little account of the Affairs in those or the Neighbouring Countries, only by a Letter accidentally brought us, we have this account.

Bruges, Aug. 7. The French lye still before *Lille*, and by the assistance of the Countrey people commanded in, the Lines about the Town, as well as the Contravallations are much advanced, nor are they wanting in plying it with their Guns and Mortars, though as yet with little damage. The Garrison and Town are full of Courage to defend it, and seem not to be at all moved by all the threats of their Enemies.

Some few daies since (we are told) the King of *France* sent into the Town demanding the release of a prisoner of some Quality that was fallen into their hands, and in case of refusal, threatening them with the firing of all the houses round about the Town; which message being delivered to the Governour the Count *de Brouay*, he is said to have made this resolute answer, That if any one house about the Town were set on fire, the prisoner should be roasted on the Rampart.

About two daies since the besieged with a considerable body of men made a stout sally out of the Town, which succeeded so prosperously to them, that they are reported to have killed near 2000 men, and killed up seven pieces of Canon, making their retreat with little loss, the confirmation whereof, with the particulars, we must expect hereafter.

The Spanish Army is drawing together near *Ghent*, where there is like to be a Rendezvous of their whole force, and in little time may probably make some attempt for the relief and succour of the Town, and disturbance of the Enemy.

Plymouth, Aug. 13. The *Virginia Fleet* is by an happy and seasonable providence safely arrived, and though the enemies Fleet lay divided to intercept them upon these Seas, not any of them fell into their hands. Of this Fleet, six are safely come into this Harbor, 30 put into *Foy*, and 23 more gone with Convoy into *St. Georges Channel*, bound for *Bristol*, and some other places on the *Severns*, where we believe they are by this in safety.

Before their setting out, the *Elizabeth Frigate* which lay in *James River* to stop her leaks, and to repair her Masts and Rigging, much damaged by ill weather at Sea, was with

some Merchant-men that lay there by her, unfortunately surprized by four Dutch Men of War, whereof two of 36 Guns a piece, one of 4, and the other of 18, with two Fireships, who having made their escape from *Nevis* after the late Victory obtained by ten of the English, over them and 16 French ships, wherein they lost many men, came away for *Virginia*, where accidentally lighting on a small vessel coming out of the *River James*, they exorted from the men they took, an account of the condition of the *Elizabeth*, and the number and posture of the Merchants, which encouraging them, they instantly resolved on action, and putting up English Colours, with the advantage of some Renegades they had aboard them, they passed undiscoversed by the Merchants, and coming up with the *Elizabeth*, gave and received a Salute, but suddenly after passing two Broad sides into her, and finding but few men in her to make resistance (the greatest part of them with the Officers, being employ'd at land to provide necessaries) they presently made themselves masters of her, but she proving altogether unfit to put to Sea, they were forced afterwards to set fire to her with all her Guns and Ammunition.

The *Richard* and *Francis* of *London*, *Robert Conway* Captain, made a very stout and valiant resistance, and in several boardings beat off the Dutch with great slaughter, and had he been well seconded, might in probability have frustrated their attempt, but the Captain being dangerously hurt, and many of his men killed and wounded, he was forced to yield with a dozen other vessels, four more being also burnt in the Dispute.

Bristol, Aug. 14. This day arrived here 15 sail, most of them great ships well fraught, from *Virginia* and *Bermudas*, the rest of their company being likewise safely put into their respective Ports.

Dover, Aug. 24. The storms have been lately so very great here, especially the last night, that had it continued another Tyde, might have done much damage both to this Town and Harbor; the *Flanders Pasquet* is said to be by the late winds driven into the Downs, since which we have heard no further news of it; three of the Dutch ships lye off the Northforeland, and on Monday last 15 of them were riding before *Margate*, but did no more hurt then only by the taking up some few Stawkers or Nets laid for Lobsters.

Harwich, Aug. 17. Yesterday the Dutch Squadron were discovered keeping their old Station, where they are also this morning, and have not of late attempted any thing. The new rais'd Troops and Companies are here, as well as in other places of the Kingdome, disbanding. Yesterday the three Companies of *Sir Jo. Sayers* Regiment having first Mustered, were afterwards without their Armes returned to their Quarters, from whence upon receipt of their pay they are to be dismissed; the like method was followed by the Earl of *Sunderland*, and *Sir Richard Ingoldsbyes* Troops of Horse.

Alborough, Aug. 17. The Dutch Men of War continue still in this Bay, but with little rest these four or five daies past, by reason of the great roughness of the Seas: Only two small Hoyes have of late appeared before this place, and those English, passing unmolested from the Northwards.

Advertisements.

UPON certain notice given of a person lately dead of the Infection at the Goal in *Maidstone*, by the general desire of the Justices of the Peace of the County of *Kent*, it hath been thought fit to publish to all persons, that for the prevention of the spreading of the Contagion, no Assizes are for this summer to be kept for the said County.

THE Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer, proceeding in course on the payments of Orders on the Act for 1250000*l.* as they are Registered according to the Rule prescribed by the said Act, are come to the payment of the 371 Order in number.

The preceding Orders to that number which are yet unpaid, are the 135. and 153. for which moneys have been long since reserved in Bank. Also yet unpaid the 343. 354. 361. 364. 365. 366. 368. 369. 370. 371. for the payment whereof, moneys are likewise reserved in Bank.