

many of them to the sword, and taking upon a great booty in money and goods.

Legorne, Aug. 30. The Abbot *Rospigliosi*, Nephew to his Holiness, is retarded in his journey to *Rome*, being fallen ill at *Susa*, at the Foot of Mount *Genis*, of a double Tertian, which they endeavour at *Rome* to keep from the Popes Ears; for fear least the displeasing news might give him too great a disturbance. The States of *Genova* have sent one of their Senators, *Signor Grimaldi* to Complement him, and invite him to their City; to continue there till his distemper be over, offering likewise to attend him with their Gallies to *Civita Vecchia*, if he think fit to pass by *Sa to Rome*.

The Great Duchess of *Florence* is lately brought to bed of a Daughter, which is also Christened by the name of *Aloisia Anna-Maria*; whose Education is earnestly desired by *Mademoiselle de Montpensier*. The last night the Princess fell very ill, and was ordered by her Physicians to be let blood.

The two Princes, *Matthias* and *Leopoldo*, are not yet agreed to which of them the Cavalralls Cap is to be disposed; the contest being the greater, because of a Revenue of 4000 Crowns per annum, left by *Ferdinand the First*, to the first Cardinal of that Family.

Danzig, Sep. 3. The Affaires of *Poland* has every day a worse Aspect, and their fears much increased, that the *Turks* will join with the *Tartars* to invade them. By Letters lately arrived at *Warsaw*, they are too much assured of the loss of *Czebrijn*, the chiefest place, and of greatest importance of any that they held in *Ukrania*, which is now surrendered to the *Cossacks*, and in it 200 pieces of Canon. They much fear least *bidle-Cirkiew* may run the same Fortune, being as slenderly Manned and provided as the other, which will conclude the loss of near all *Ukrania*, and open a door by which the *Turks* and *Tartars* may at their pleasures invade *Poland*.

The King of *Poland* hath deferred to give an Answer to the Demands of the *Ottoman Port*, in relation to his Alliance with the *Muscovites*, till his return from *Crakaw*, to which place he intended to set forwards on the first or second Instant, to attend the Funerals of his deceased Queen.

The Envoyes from *Tartary* are now arrived, having been sufficiently told and convinced that their Actions and their words have had but little coherence, and that whatsoever their pretences of Friendship have been, their intentions were only for ruin and destruction of that Country: They still continue in great numbers upon the borders, making iniquitous spoils, and sending away the people into slavery.

Musbing, Sept. 16. This day the Lord Ambassador Mr. *Henry Coventry* went aboard, & this evening the Lord *Hollis* is also expected, and if the wind continue, may this night set sail for *England*.

From the *Hague* we are told, that *Monsieur Beverning* having declined the employment intended for him as Ambassador from the States to *England*, the *Heer Meerman* of *Leyden* is since nominated in his place; the Ambassadors for the *Empire* and *Sweden* are not yet known.

From the *Texel* they write, That *Van Ness* was lately upon the Coasts to take in fresh Victuals, and is again returned to *Sa*: All persons are now applying themselves to Trade, and Convoys are fitting up for several places, particularly, a Fleet of Merchants lye ready for the *Suezights* and *Smirna*, so put to Sea under Convey of the *Her Swcers* with a Squadron of 12 Men of War.

Bruges, Sept. 18. Since the *French* took *Alost*, where in many persons of Quality, who had put themselves into the place for its defence, were killed, and all the rest with the principal Burgers made Prisoners of War; They have since dismantled it, and made a Bridge over the *Scheldt*, not far from *Dendermond*, intending to have made an Iroad into the Country of *Waes*, lying between the River and the Sea; but to prevent them, Count *Marsin* (who is in Person at *Dendermond* to secure the place) has sent a body of 6 or 7000 Horse and Foot into those parts, by which means that Country is for the present secured; but all the Villages between *Ghent* and *Brussels* lie at their mercy, the People ha-

ving generally quitted their houses, and secured themselves in the strong Towns; *Lyedkerke*, a strong Castle, about two leagues on this side *Alost* is also fallen into their hands; the loss of it being the more considerable, in that the Country people had from all the adjacent parts sent in their goods thither, which are now a prey to the Enemy.

The Main Body of the *French Army* are at present quartered about *Xinoue*, *Witword*, *Halle* and other places between *Alost* and *Brussels*; they talk much of the expected return of the King from *Paris* with fresh Forces, and that they intend something considerable before they draw into their Winter-Quarters; but this we suppose to be only discourse.

The Report still continues that *Don Juan* is to be speedily sent into these Countries, and to succeed the *Marquis de Castel Rodrigo* in the Government of the *Netherlands*.

The *Marquis de Bellefonds* (and not the *Marquis de Roje*, as was reported) is made Governour of *Doway*, and has the same Command in *Armentiers* and *Lille*, into which last place are put in 3000 Foot, who are to continue there in Garrison.

Two small Capers belonging to *Ostend*, the 15th Instant brought in thither three *French Prizes* laden with *Butters*, *Wines* and *Susp*. On the 16th, another was brought in with *Spanish Wines*, and the 17th a *Portugal Prize* taken off *Margate*, having in her 150 Chests of *Suger* and a quantity of *Wood*.

Harwich, Sept. 10. This day arrived here a Messenger from *Holland*, bringing with him a Letter from the *States General* of the *United Provinces*, acquainting his Majesty with their resolutions of speedily sending over into *England* their Ambassador Extraordinary.

Whitehall, Sept. 11. This day *Monsieur de Ruigni* *Bavoye* Extraordinary from his most Christian Majesty, and his publique Audiences from both their Majesties; and their Royal Highnesses, having been to each of them introduced by *St. Charles Costerel* Master of the Ceremonies.

Whitehall, Sept. 11. His Majesty having taken Notice, and been informed of the daily concourse of very many persons of the *Romish Religion* unto the Chappel of her Majesty the Queen at *St. James*, as likewise of the Queen Mother at *Somer set House*, and also unto the houses of several Foreign Ambassadors, contrary to the Law; His Majesty was pleased this day in Council to Order, That if any persons whatsoever, being His Majesties Subjects, except the Families of her Majesty the Queen, and the Family of the Queen Mother, and of Foreign Ambassadors, and the Children of the respective Officers in their said Majesties Families, shall from henceforth repair unto the said Chappels or Ambassadors houses, to hear Mass or perform any other Exercises of the *Romish Religion*, that then such Prosecutions shall be made, and such Penalties and Punishments inflicted upon them and every of them, as are by Law provided in such cases, whereof all persons concerned are to take notice and conform thereunto accordingly at their utmost perils.

Whitehall, Sept. 11. His Majesty being graciously pleased to take into His Consideration the late Act of Parliament for Encouragement of Trade, and being informed that no sorts of Corn or Grain do bear the Prices therein mentioned, so that the same may be transported by virtue thereof; Yet for prevention of all Questions that may arise touching the uncertainty of Prices, and in respect the Prices which are now low, may rise by reason of the liberty of Transportation, His Majesty was this day pleased in His Council to Order His Proclamation to be issued out, giving full liberty to all persons from henceforwards, to ship, load, carry and Transport out of the Realm of *England*, Dominion of *Wales* and Town or Port of *Barmick* upon *Tweed*, into any the parts beyond the Sea, all or any of the said sorts of Corn or Grain, whatsoever the Prices shall be, &c. paying only such Customs and Duties as should be paid upon Transportation by the Act of Tonnage and Poundage, &c. Provided that this Proclamation continue only for the space of three Kalender Moneths from the Date thereof, as by the Proclamation at large will more fully appear.