

played with much fury, and have been answered by our guns, with exceeding great loss to the Turks; and as we are certainly informed from their Camp, what by our Sallics, shot and Minas, about 12000 Turks have perished, and amongst them several Captains and other Officers of Note. Since the beginning of the Siege, we have lost on our side little less than 1000 men, with some Officers, and amongst them Baron *Baroni*, who was killed the 26th of July by a Musket shot. Nor have the Ladies and others of that sex shown less Courage than the men in the defence of the Town against the Enemy, amongst whom the Wife of Colonel *Motta*, who commanded as a Colonel amongst the Women, shewed infinite Courage, and is much lamented, having been unhappily killed by the fall of a Wall beaten down by the enemies Canon.

By Letters of August 17, brought by the way of Rome, we are advised, that the Turks are more than ever intent upon the siege; and by the daily springing of their Mines make their nearer approaches, and by the force of them shaking the whole City; scarcely a day passes without some considerable action. The Turks frequently assaulting, and are as often beaten off with great slaughter: by the blowing up of one of our Counter-Mines above 300 of them were killed, and a great number more buried in their own ruines, discovered by the besiegers.

By their continued Batteries they have made a great breach in the left horn of the Fort *Panigra*, and another in that of *Mocenigo*, to both which they gave a furious assault on the 11th. of August; and at the same time, to divert our Forces stormed several other parts of the Town, but by the infinite courage of our Men were every where repulsed with great slaughter, leaving many of their heads behind them, which serve as Trophies to adorn the houses of our Officers, which are set round with them: Yet are not the Turks disheartened by their losses, but are principally encouraged by one *La Grange*, a French Renegade Jesuite, entertained by the Grand Viceroy, who is much governed by his advice. They also make use of several Christian Gunners, which they have either by force or flattery drawn into their service, but keep a strict guard upon them; and for a terror to the rest, they cut off the head of one of them, whom they suspected not to have fired his Gun to the best advantage.

Brussels, Sept. 30. The French Army continue still Encamped between *Geersbeck* and *Leuse*, having with a small Body of an Army appeared before *Halle* and *Enghein*, and to prevent the demolishing of more places, have by a Trumpet desired the *Marquis de Castel Rodrigo* that those two places might be made Neutral Towns, which after some consideration is agreed to, and no Garrison to be put into them by either side. A party of the Duke of *Holsheim* Regiment being sent out to discover the motion of the French, surprized a party of 160 of them pillaging a small Village near *Limbeck Castle*, where they defeated them, bringing away Prisoners 40 Dragoons, and 24 Foot Soldiers.

Paris, Octob. 1. The 25th past arrived here the Archbishop *d'Anbrun* from his Embassy in Spain. The next day the *Sieur Van Beuninghen* the Envoy Extraordinary from the States of the United Provinces, had his last Audience, and took his leave of their Majesties.

The 26th Mr. *de la Harpe* and Madame arrived here from *Villiers* Coverts, and the next day went to visit their Majesties at *St. Germain en Laye*, from whence they returned the 29th, the Duke being taken ill of a Double Tertian Ague.

Hague, Sept. 30. Our Admiral *De Ruyter* with 113 Squadrons ordered towards the Spanish Coasts: *Van Nesse* is cruising with some few Men of War about the Channel, and Vice-Admiral *Van Ghent* with another Squadron of nine or ten Men of War fitted out for four or five Months, gone Northwards, to endeavour to meet with our East-India Fleet, for which we are in much pain, their return having been long expected, and as yet no news of them.

It is here reported that the Duke de *Beaufort*, the French Admiral, set sail the fifth Instant from *Brest*, with a Squadron of 22 great Men of War, and 8 Fireships, upon design to attend the return of the Spanish Fleet.

This week Zealand brought in the Determinations of the Province; in relation to the choice of Officers in the Militia, together with their Assents for the sending Ambassadors Lieger to Sweden and France; and for the continuation of the *Lunenburg* forces for 2 months longer, ending with November.

Tarmouth, Sept. 22. On Saturday morning 1st the Fleet of Laden Colliers that were in this Road set sail with their Convoyers for the River of *Thames*. The same night arrived a Vessel of this Town from *Rotterdam*, and this afternoon two other of our Ships from the same place, laden with Merchant Goods. This morning a Cobble, laden with Herrings, coming into this place was unfortunately cast away, and four of her men lost.

Bristol, Sept. 23. A Vessel arriving here from the *Leeward Islands*, brings Letters from *Nevis*, by which we are informed, that two ships are there arrived from *St. Martins*, a Neighbouring Island possessed by the French, with this account, that they had lately landed near 500 Soldiers and Seamen in that Island, upon whose appearance the French secured their persons in the Mountains, whither they could not easily be followed, leaving their houses and Sugar-Canes to their mercy, which they burnt and destroyed, and with much pillage and some Prisoners returned again to their ships.

Yesterday in the evening happened here a very violent Tempest with much Thunder and Lightning, which set fire to the Rigging of the *Resolution* which lay in *Hungerford* in the midst of 30 sail of ships, most of them fully laden, which would have run a great hazard, had not the fire been timely discovered by some of the Customhouse Tyder-men upon the *Warch*, and dexterously quenched by the Seamen.

Portsmouth, Sept. 24. This day arrived at *Spithead* Sir *Robert Holmes* with his Squadron, viz. the *Mountain*, *Glocester*, *Tark*, *Bristol*, *Happy Return*, and *Dragon*, all of them in good condition, except only the *Happy Return*, which having sprung a Leake, is ordered into Harbour to be repaired.

The Merchants that were under his Convoy were left at *King'sale*, the Wind blowing hard from the South not permitting him to expect their return.

Whitehall, Sept. 25. The Governour and Company of Merchants Trading into the *Canary Islands*, having lately surrendered into His Majesties hands their Letters Patents, whereby all their Liberties tending to a Sole Trade into the said Islands, &c. are wholly Dissolved.

This day His Majesty in Council was pleased to Order His Proclamation to be issued out for the Recalling and Reviving a Proclamation of the 25th of May, in the 17th Year of His Reign, Intituled (*A Proclamation for the due observance of the Charter and Priviledges lately Granted to the Governour and Company of Merchants Trading to the Canary Islands*); And another Proclamation of Nov. 12. in the 18th Year of His Majesties Reign, Intituled (*A Proclamation Prohibiting the Importation of all Wines of the growth of the Canary Islands, and all farther Trade and Commerce with the said Islands, and the Inhabitants thereof, untill His Majesties Pleasure shall be farther known*), And also all other Proclamations and Orders whatsoever relating to the said Company, or whereby Trade to the said Islands is in any wise Prohibited or Restrained. His Majesty being farther Gratiously pleased to signify His Royal Pleasure, and by His said Proclamation Declaring and Publishing, That all His Subjects have and shall have full and free liberty of Trade and Commerce in and to the said Islands as was formerly used before that Charter of Incorporation, without any impediment or restraint whatsoever, paying such Customs and other Duties as ought to be paid according to Law, as by the Proclamation it self will fully appear.

On Monday, Sept. 23. His Majesty was graciously pleased to declare in Council, that upon the humble Submission made by the Duke of *Buckingham*, His Majesty had received him into His favour, and that it was His pleasure he should be restored to his Place in the Council and in the Board of Chamber: Whereupon his Grace was immediately called in, and having kissed His Majesties Hand, took his Place at the Board accordingly.