

soon as he was got out he was seized and Imprisoned, and afterwards privately put into a Boat and Banished to *Mytilene*. *Kuperli Ogle* (who was also then turned out by the Mutiniers) had been sent to stay at the *Dardanelli* Castles, where the Visier looking on him as his Rival, and thinking him too near at hand, ordered *Mustapha Bassa* (the late Janissar Aga, who was sent from the *Dardanelli* to *Canea*) to return to the *Dardanelli*; and a Galley was sent to transport *Kuperli* to *Canea*.

The 16th of *March* several of the Mutiniers (among whom were the second Imbrabor, or Master of the Horse, the Kia of the Spahilar Agasi, and the Son of *Pez* Aga a Chief Ring-Leader) were taken and strangled, and their Bodies thrown out before the *Seraglio* Gate. *Doyangi Shaban* Aga, the Kia of Schiaus and his Hafnadar were imprisoned in order to make Discovery of Schiaus's Estate, but upon their giving security to pay 120 Purfes they were freed. *Shiban* Aga the Customer was also Imprisoned, and 300 Purfes demanded of him, but he having been so lately fleeced in all the turns, declared he was not able to comply, and so remains still in Custody. In the mean time *Yeghen* Bey (who went the last year from *Asia*, to the Campaign in *Hungary*, carrying with him about 1500 men, and for that was made Bassa by *Selim* then Visier) Commanding now the Turkish Forces about *Sophia*, happened to have some Disputes with *Zeni* the Bassa of *Abania*, for *Yeghen* having spoiled the Countries where he came, raising Monies and exacting great Sums where it was to be had, at last thought fit to send some of his Soldiers to raise Men and Money in *Zeni*'s Government, who presently oppos'd and beat them away. Hereupon *Yeghen* made great Complaints at the Port, so that *Zeni* thought himself obliged to come hither to clear himself; but being pursued by *Yeghen*'s instances, the Visier, for fear of him, caused *Zeni* to be Strangled, and his Body exposed before the *Seraglio* Gate. This *Zeni* was an *Albanese*, and had a good Interest in that Country. It was now high time to consider of sending Forces into the Field against their Enemies, and frequent Divans were held upon this Subject. The new Visier was unwilling to remove from hence and go to the War; nor was it his Interest to soon to quit the Grand Signior till he had settled himself and his own Creatures, and besides his great Age and want of Experience in these Affairs, the Preparations for the War this Year (by reason of their Intestate Tumults and Divisions) being very small, it was not for the Reputation of the Grand Signior's Seal and the Prophets Standard to be exposed so slenderly attended, so that it was concluded to make the said *Yeghen* Visier of the Bench (which impowers him to carry 3 Horse Tails) and to constitute him Sardar or Generalissimo of *Hungary*. All this while *Yeghen* had pursued his point of raising Money wherever he came, and thought fit to send word of it hither, and believing some Complaints might be made of him, and that it might be said he had rais'd much more than indeed he had, he sent an account that he had taken about 1000 Purfes, not to put this Money in his own Pocket, but for the Grand Signior's Service, desiring the Grand Visier to send him 1000 Purfes more to pay his Soldiers and buy Provisions, &c. He got also several Soldiers of his Friends and Dependencies to come over to him out of *Asia*, which gave new suspicion that he designed to set up for himself; But the Visier *Ismael* thought by this new advancing him, to remove him farther off, and give him Employment enough against the Imperialists.

In the beginning of *April*, *Kara Mustapha* (Kia to *Yeghen*) came with Letters from *Yeghen* to the Visier, by which he recommended this Kia to be made Bassa of *Caramania*, and that he might have orders to forward the Asiatick Soldiers for the War, which was granted, and the Kia was here preparing his Equipage to go to his Government, when (viz.) on the 7th Instant other Letters came from *Yeghen*, demand-

ing more Money, Soldiers, and the Standard of their Prophet *Mahomet* to be sent him, and a Power to dispose of all the Offices and Bassahips in those Parts, adding, that it was very fit the Grand Signior's Seals should be in the Army, as necessary to keep the Soldiers in due Obedience. These Demands seem'd to speak so plainly his Design of being Visier himself, that the 9th Instant a great Council was held in the *Seraglio*, where it was resolv'd to take the Title and Office of Generalissimo from *Yeghen*, and to make him Bassa of *Temeswaer*, and to appoint *Hafnadar Hassin* Bassa again Serafquier. They dispatch'd also 5 Capighee Pachis with these Orders, and in case *Yeghen* should not obey them, then they had Hattesseriffes, or Imperial Commands, to the Bostangi Bachis at *Adrianople* and *Romelia*, to make *Nesiran* (that is to raise all the Country) against him and to take him. It was thought fit also to do all they could to hinder *Yeghen* Kia from going over to *Asia* (where were many Malecontents of his Party) but he having removed his Lodgings on the 11th instant the Gates of the City were order'd to be shut, and Guards set, not permitting any one to go out; but that Evening the Kia surrendered himself to the Visier, and was immediately Imprisoned, and had been also strangled but that the Musti interposed, as judging it better to stay and see what effect those Orders of the Grand Signior would have upon *Yeghen*.

The 12th, The *Solach* Bachis, with 10 or 12 Chambers of Janissaries, were sent from hence with several pieces of Cannon to guard an important Pass (called *Mustapha's Bridge*,) about 6 hours march beyond *Adrianople*, to stop *Yeghen* there, in case he should march towards this place, as it was given out he intended to do; And *Merza* Bassa, with other Janissaries, was sent to *Gallipoli*, in case he should attempt to pass that way into *Asia*, whether it was also reported he had sent some of his People with 400 Purfes of Money.

These Proceedings cause a general Disturbance in this City, many of the chief and richest Turks retire daily from hence, and most of them go to *Cairo*: The great expectation is whether *Yeghen* will obey the Command and go to *Temeswaer*, or make resistance and get over to *Asia*, or march directly to this City; all the Force he has with him is said to be 4000 Horse at most. It is generally reported, that *Yeghen* intends to declare for the late deposed Grand Signior or his Son, the truth whereof a little time will shew.

About the latter end of *March*, the Prince of *Transylvania* dispatched an Envoy with Letters for Schiaus Bassa, then Vizier, who being arriv'd in *Walachia*, and there hearing of Schiaus Bassa's being killed, he was forced to stay there till he received new Letters for this Vizier *Ismael*, which he brought. They import'd, That the Germans (by a force which he could not resist) having made themselves Masters of his Country, and drawing extraordinary Contributions from it, the Prince was not in a capacity to send the usual Tribute, and desired Assistance from the Port against his and their Enemies. The Vizier accepted the Excuse, and encouraged Prince *Abafsi* to persevere in his Fidelity to the Grand Signior, assuring him, that though at present they could not send any Succors, yet in a short time they should not be wanting: The Person bringing these Letters made no publick Appearance, but was both receiv'd and dismiss'd very privately.

*Constantinople*, May 1. The Apprehensions of Intestate Disturbances from *Yeghen* daily encreasing, and *Ismael* Bassa being found to be a person not qualified for that great Employment, the Multi, with several great Men, both of the Law and the Sword, gave privately (by the hands of the Kissar Aga, or chief of the black Eunuchs) a Petition to the Grand Signior, declaring, That they thought themselves bound in Duty humbly to represent to him, that *Ismael* Bassa was not a fit Man to be Visier; That these difficult Times required one of the greatest Abilities and Experience; and that none