

had with extraordinary courage made a fall upon the Turks, which though performed with great execution upon the Enemy, was not without considerable loss of many of their own which were killed upon the place, and several others wounded; adding farther, that the Turks had gained so much ground upon the City, that without an extraordinary succor it could not be able to make any long resistance.

*Amsterdam, Feb. 1.* This day was made an Election of Burgomasters for this City, the choice falling upon the Heer *Cornelis Van Vlooswijk*, *Gerrit Hasselner*, *Nicholas Panxaras*, and *Coornrad Van Beuningen*.

From the *Texel* they tell us, that the seas being now pretty well cleared from the Ice, the Merchants ships begin again to appear, but by a late great storm at sea, several ships are said to have been cast away in the River of *Ross*; and others upon the English coasts; amongst many others we are particularly told of the loss of one ship of *Hambourgh* and another of *Dort*, with a considerable freight.

From *Cadix* we are told of the safe arrival there of the Convoy which parted from the *Texel* in *November* last, whereof five of that number were gone forwards, and were past the *Streights* on their way for *Malaga*; and that the *Rotterdam* Convoy was safely there arrived the 30th of *December* on *Malaga*, and intended in four or five days to put to sea in order to their voyage homewards.

Several ships belonging to *Zealand* were in their way to *Malaga* attended by the Corsairs of *Barbary*, and had run much hazard, had not the men of war, their Convoy, timely come up with them, upon whose appearance the Turks made off again to sea and left them, of which Convoy were arrived there the first past, the *Orange branch*, and *Golden Lyon*, and the rest daily expected.

*Paris, Feb. 6.* The Drums are already beating for Volunteers to serve under the Command of the Marshal *de Bellefonds*, who upon his own expence, intends to raise two thousand men for the assistance of the Republick of *Venice*, in the defence of *Candia*, he pretending not to enter upon that service as a Marshal of *France*, but as a Christian for the interest of Religion, on which account he will not be over scrupulous in receiving Orders from the Venetian General. *Monsieur de Turenne* intends also to raise a Regiment of two thousand for the same service, which with some other Companies may be joyned with 4000 of the Popes forces, which are now raising for the same employment.

From *Wurzburg* in *Fraconia*, we are advised, that the 24th past, 3000 of the Dukes of *Lunenburg* forces passed by that place on their way for *Candia*, intending so to order their march, as to arrive there within the space of one month.

His Majesty has been pleased to concur with the Duke of *Lorraine's* desires, upon the disbanding of the rest of his Army, to grant him the liberty of keeping still in Arms Twelve hundred Foot and Six hundred Horse for the guard of his person: that Duke has already disbanded the greatest part of his forces, but from *Pont-a-Mousson* we are told, that the German Regiments of Horse dismissed from his service, have committed many violencies in the Countrey, adventuring also to plunder some houses in the Town, whereof complaints being made to the Duke of *Lorraine*, he was pleased to send to the Marshal *de Crequy*, desiring him to order a party of his forces to advance towards them, to reduce them to better order.

Here is lately arrived a Courier from *Rome*, bringing with him to the Popes Nuncio, four Briefs, directed to the four Bishops, formerly interested upon the account of the Doctrines of *Fansenius*, ratifying and confirming all that had been done for the compoſure of those disputes.

*Paris, Feb. 9.* From *Barcelona* we are advised, that *Don Juan d' Austria* has received a Letter from the Council of *Spain* informing him of the Queens pleasure to give him a months time to resolve upon his return to *Consuegra*; threatening him with some severe resolution which will be taken against him, if in that space he comply not with her Will: That the Queen has made a great change in *Catalonia* and the adjacent Countreys, putting into all Places and

Commands such Persons of whose Fidelity she is well assured. They farther inform us, that *Don Juan* is again returned towards *Barcelona*, and is frequently diverting himself in that City; but as yet tis uncertain what resolution he intends to take.

Several of the Fortes intended for the Countrey of *Roussillon* are already upon their march thither; where they are to form a body of an Army to be ready upon any occasion.

Here is lately arrived an Express dispatched the 22th of *December* last from *Candia* by the Duke *de Roannez*, by which we have the unpleasant report of the dangerous state of that place; they having little hopes left them of long preserving it from the hands of the Turks. However the Marshal *de Bellefonds* still continues his Levies, with a resolution to lead them into the service of the Republick of *Venice*, where they may be serviceable upon some other account; though they should probably arrive too late for the preservation of the City of *Candia*.

From *Constantinople* we are advised, that about the end of *December* last arrived at the Port of that City the three French ships sent thither to attend the Sieur *de la Haye* Ambassadour there from His Most Christian Majesty, who immediately upon the News of their arrival, made his Addresses to the *Caymakan*, demanding leave for his return, according to the Orders sent to him from the King his Master, with Pass-ports for his security in his passage, but was answered by that Minister, that he could not give license his Departure, without first acquainting the Grand Seigneur of his intentions, and receiving his Orders thereupon; but that he believed His Highness would hardly be induced to consent to it, till another Ambassadour were first arrived to supply his room.

From port *Louis* we have the news of the arrival of the good ship called the *St. Job*, from the *East-Indies*, laden with Spices and other rich Merchandises, to the value of Twelve hundred thousand Livres upon the account of the lately established Company for that Trade.

His Majesty has ordered a new Post to be seled from *Paris* to *Brisach*, for the more regular maintenance of a correspondence with *Germany* by the way of *Alsatia*, and has bestowed the profits and advantages which will arise upon this establishment upon *Monsieur de Louvois*.

We have little confidence of any good effect from the Negotiation of our Commissioners at *Lille* with those of *Spain* about the satisfaction of all pretensions, the Marshal *de Harcourt* having taken notice of the care taken by the Spaniards in well fortifying their Towns, and that besides the forces they have in Garrison, they have about ten thousand Horse and sixteen thousand Foot in readiness to take the field, has desired His Majesty to give order for the supply of 7 or 8 thousand men for the reinforcement of his frontier Garrisons;

All the Cavalry belonging to His Majesties Household are returned, and the Regiment of Guards are in few days expected.

*Kinsale, Jan. 22.* On Saturday morning last was cast away upon these Coasts a Dutch ship of 360 Tuns, laden with Wine and Salt from *France*, intended for *Dublin*; the Master and 13 Men perishing with her.

*Yarmouth, Feb. 1.* There have lately within these two or three dayes past through this Road near 30 sail of ships from the Northwards, and this afternoon two vessels from *Hull* intended for the River: About 20 sail more are now at Anchor in these Roads bound for the Southwards, and several light ships for the North.

*Portsmouth, Feb. 2.* The ship which was thought to be the *Dartmouth*, riding in *St. Ellens Road*, proves to be a Dutch Man of War bound for the *Streights*, but prevented in her Voyage by contrary winds, is since come in to *Spithead*.

The *Milford* and *Pearl* are still at *Spithead* expecting a favourable wind. The *Portland* is refitting with all diligence, and may be ready to put to sea in two or three dayes.