

They have also taken into their considerations the disputes which are still on foot between his Electoral Highness the Marquis of Brandenburg and the States of Guelderland about the limits and bounds of the County of Cues and Guelderland, have ordered another Letter to be written to the said Elector earnestly pressing him to admit of an amicable composition of that difference.

The Heer-Brantinus our Commissioner, who has been for some time Resident from the States at Frankfort, is lately ordered to return home, and to give the States a perfect account by word of mouth, of the present posture of the affairs of Germany.

The Province of Holland has nominated the Heer Jean de Witt, a kinsman of the Pensionary of that name to be sent Ambassador to the Court of France.

One Monsieur Columbiere a Frenchman and Officer in the Garrison of Maastricht having upon a quarrel with another Officer in the same Garrison been arrested by Order from Monsieur Itersum the Commander of that place, making an escape from his confinements, sought out the said Commander Itersum as he was hunting, and with his Pistol shot him through the body and fled thence into the Country of Liege. The Commander is yet living, though with little hopes of recovery: the States upon information of the Fact, have ordered a Letter to be sent to the Chancellor and Council of Liege, desiring them to arrest the said Columbiere, that so he may be proceeded against according to justice.

The Deputies of the Admiralty are yet here, and after some consultations, have communicated to the States their opinions and advice for the advancement of Trade, and the best management of their Marine affairs.

The Republick of Venice hath by a Letter to the States-General, earnestly represented to them the dangerous estate and condition of their affairs in Candia, and the concernment of all Christian Princes and States for the preservation of that place out of the hands of the Turks, vigorously pressing for an assistance, but as yet the States are not come to any resolution upon that point.

Brussels, *Mars.* 22. The French intend a Rendezvous of a considerable part of their forces near Aeth, where is expected the Marechal de Turenne, and in the mean time are every where repairing their Fortifications, and supplying their Magazines within their late Conquest, with all sorts of Provisions.

The people of this place having of late complained much of the Customs and Impositions upon all sorts of Merchandises which are brought into, or are carried out of this City, on Wednesday last assembled themselves in great numbers at the Town House, professing they would not return home to their Houses, till the Constable had consented to take off this burthen from them, which much ruined their Trade and impoverished the City: to which the Constable was pleased to consent, upon the desires and applications of the Bourgomaister.

Paris, *Mars.* 23. Our late Letters from Spain advise us with certainty, that His Catholick Majesty is well recovered of his disemper, though as yet he has not appeared in publick.

They confirme to us the former news of the departure of Father Nithard, the Inquisitor General the 4th Instant from Madrid, the generality of the Council and of the Grands of Spain, having appeared in favour of Don Juan, and that the Inquisitor has taken his way by Navarrea and St. Sebastian in order to the Embassy which he has undertaken to the Empereour: since this Compliance with Don Juan he deserted his attendance on the Queens person till he had first demanded of her the grant of several Articles,

1. That Her Majesty would please to banish from the Court four such persons as he should name upon his entry into Madrid.

2. That the Vicé-Royalty might be conferred on him.

3. That a small body of an Army might be entertained by him for the safety of his person and the defence of the Kingdom.

4. That the Taxes might be in some measure taken off for the ease of the people; besides this, desiring the liberty of his Secretaries Brother after his so long imprisonment: these his demands being communicated to the Council, they sent to let him know, that if he would dismiss the people which were about him and shew his respects to the King, and Council by retiring to Consuegra, his Secretaries Brother should be sent to him, but that the Articles which he proposed were of so great consequence and concernment, that they could not be granted him without manifest prejudice to the Kings interest; only that they were always ready to far to agree with him for the ease of the people as the present necessity and conjuncture of affairs would permit them; Upon the receipt of this answer from the Council, Don Juan retired somewhat farther from Madrid, and the Council of Spain unanimously resolved, that a Guard of 3.000 men should be immediately established for the safety of the Kings person, which should be divided into three Regiments, each Regiment to consist of 10 Companies, the first Regiment to consist of the Gentlemen of the Countrey, to be commanded by the Marquis d'Aytona, and the other two, only of reformed Officers they are now consulting upon the settlement of their pay.

On Wednesday last His Majesty went to Versailles, where he intends to divert himself upon the Lake with several gillie boats which are there provided for him; where there are also *Hiroquois* with their *Gondola's* brought from the Indies, made of one entire piece of Bark, in which they Row with extraordinary swiftness.

The forces designed for Candia are drawing with all diligence towards Thoulon upon their embarking on the *Saone*, two of the Boats which were over-filled with soldiers and Officers, opened and sunk; in the bigger were cast away about Fifty Soldiers, but the Officers which were in the lesser happily escaped to Land, only one Englishman drowned.

A Courier Extraordinary arriving here from Venice, tells us that some French men disguised and armed, entered into the house of the Resident of Mantua, where there was a more than usual meeting of Ladies at a Ball, and with much rudeness took from them several of their Jewels, and after some resistance made against them, in which several persons were hurt, escaped out of the house, but the people in the Streets taking the Alarm, got tumultuously together and went to the French Ambassadors house, whither they fancied those French might have repaired for Protection, and endeavoured to force open the doors in search after them, but some of the Noble Venetians having notice of the tumult, came seasonably to the rescue of the Ambassador, who might otherwise have ran much hazard amongst the incensed multitude.

Yarmouth, *March* 15. Yesterday about 40 sail of ships belonging to Scarborough, Hull, Linn, and this place, sailed hence for the Thames, the same day arrived one Vessel of this place from St. Maloes. This day passed thorough this Road, two Fleets, one of them consisting of light ships bound for Newcastle, the other laden from thence and Sunderland, intending for London. We are now informed that a Ketch of this place of 100 Tuns, laden with Herrings and Lead, is cast away off Majorke in the Mediterranean.