

being desirous before his' death, to see the Marriage solemnized between her and his Nephew, and to this purpose he desires that the Republick would abate of their great preparations for her more honourable transportation, for which they had designed 6 Gallies, with which the State will comply, so that *Signior Francisco Maria Balbi* who was designed to have attended her to Rome in the name of this State, is now eased of that employment, and only two Gallies fitted up for her Convoy.

A Bark arriving here from *Barcelona* informs us, that the Duke of *Osuna* has, on some dissatisfaction desired to be dismissed from the Charge of his Vice-Royalty, and that the Duke of *Sessa* is daily there expected to succeed him in that Government.

From *Milan* they write that there lately arrived in that City *Signior Don Francisco Marzana*, keeper of the Jewels to his Catholick Majesty, and a principal Member of the Council of *Italy*, he has received the visits of all the Ministers and persons of Honour of that place, and intends speedily to depart thence for *Germany* to Compliment the elder Arch-Duchess, and to make her some considerable Presents from the Queen Regent of *Spain*.

From *Turin* we are told that the Duke of *Savoy* was returned thither to visit the Duchess who has been lately much indisposed but is again upon recovery, and that the young Prince has been dangerously sick but is again restored to a good state of health; and that about 120 soldiers are daily expected there, being the part or remainder of two Regiments which were sent by the Duke for the succor of *Candia*, and have been defrayed in their march homewards, by the Republick of *Venice*.

*Paris*, Dec. 12. Here is lately arrived in this City an Envoy from the Bishop of *Munster*, a person of great authority in his Court, and one of his principal Counsellors.

The Sieur de *Turvelles* with a Squadron of 6 men of war and two Fire-ships is preparing for a voyage towards *Persia* to establish a Trade in those parts, and to make an Alliance with the *Sophy*.

The Courier which left *Rome* on the 30th of the last month, gives us many reasons to believe the death of the Pope and the promotion made by him before his death, of 8 Cardinals, telling us also that the Cardinals *Nerli* and *Bavisi* were discoursed of as persons that might have no small interest in the following Conclave; this news has found so much credit in this Court, that the Duke of *Chaulnes* is ordered to go Post as His Majesties Ambassador to *Rome*, for the better management of the French Interest in the ensuing Conclave; On Saturday next he intends to set forwards on his journey with the Cardinal de *Bouillon*. His Majesty has likewise desired the Cardinals de *Retz*, *Grimaldi*, and de *Bouillon* to repair to *Rome* to be present at the Election of a new Pope.

We are confidently told that His Majesty has nominated the Bishop of *Besiers* to succeed in the Archbishoprick of *Thoulose* lately vacant, whereof he intends to take possession and be installed with the usual Ceremonies on his way for *Spain*, whither he has for some time been designed Ambassador.

The 10th instant the Council issued out an Arrest for the imposition of 22 *Liures 10 Solz* upon every Chest of Sugar which should be brought out of *Holland* into any of the Ports of *France*.

Monieur *Colbert* Captain of the Musketeers, is said to have lately purchased of the Count de *Vivonne* the Charge of General of His Majesties Gallies, and the said Count preferred to be Vice-Admiral of the *Levant*.

*Paris*, Dec. 18. We have no certain news as yet of the death of the Pope, though it be taken for granted, he was ill beyond all hopes of recovery, upon which account the Cardinal de *Bouillon* and the Duke of *Chaulnes* departed on Monday last with all possible diligence to be present at the Election of a successor to the Papal Dignity.

His Majesty has been lately pleased to confer the Charge

of Governour of *Guicennes* upon the Duke de *Creygu*, whose vacancy as Gentleman of the Bed-chamber is to be supplied by Monsieur de *Charost*.

From *Holland* we are informed, that the States are making great preparations to put themselves in a posture of defence, being grown somewhat jealous and apprehensive of the designs and intentions of their neighbours; and that Prince *Maurice* lately presented them with a Memorial, desiring some Commissioners might be appointed to consult with him about the present state and posture of affairs.

'Tis said the States are Treating with him for his House intending to purchase it for the sum of 60 thousand Dollars, and to fit it up for the Reception and Entertainment of Ambassadors Extraordinary.

The King is at present at *Verfailles* but intends to return in few days to *St. Germain*.

The Turkish Envoy is fallen into a distemper which confines him to his Chamber; the Letter which he delivered to His Majesty does not (as he expected) confer on him any more honourable Character, nor does it contain anything of moment, besides Compliments from the Grand Signior, and some expostulations about His most Christian Majesties former intention of recalling the Sieur de *la Haye* His Ambassador from the Ottoman Port.

*Weymouth*, Dec. 8. The 5th instant arrived here a ship of this Port from *St. Maloes*, which informs that His most Christian Majesty is sending eight sail of ships towards the *East-Indies*.

The 6th instant arrived the ship called the *Resolution* from the *Canaries*, and the *Dorothy* of this place from *Malaga* in 26 days, with a Fleet of 29 other Merchant ships and a sufficient Convoy as far as the Soundings; the latter informing us of a confident report about those parts, that six men of war of the Turkish Corsairs of *Algiers*, had off *Cape Gaet* engaged a Convoy of the Fish ships from *Newfoundland*, in which the *Tanis Merchant* (her a stout defence was unfortunately bred, and Captain *Hubert* killed, and that six of those Fish-ships became a prey to the Enemy, the men having first quitted them and put themselves aboard the men of war their Convoy, who after a sharp Combat of Five hours, with the rest of the Fleet, secured their Retreat into the Bay of *Almarca*.

*Deal*, December 11, Yesterday in the morning the Wind coming Northerly invited the Fleet in the Downs consisting of about 60. sayl of Merchant ships to set sayl, but the Wind rising and the seas running high, only the smaller ships went off, and were this morning followed by the greater ships with their Convoyes.

*London*, December 11. This day the Black Rod was sent from the House of Peers to that of the Commons, to tell them that the Lords authorized by Commission from His Majesty, desired the attendance of that Honourable House immediately in the House of Peers, who accordingly went thither with their speaker, to whom His Majesties said Commission being read, the Parliament was prorogued till the 14th of *February* next ensuing.

#### Advertisement.

The Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer are now come to the payment of the 14th Order in number and course Registered on the Act for the Eleven months Tax, and shall proceed to the payment of the subsequent Orders as the Money shall be brought in.