

ed in *Swedeland*, he has thoughts of a sudden return home.

Several Deputies are expected here from *Gx. lderland*, & *Cver-Iffe*, to confer upon their losses, and to inform the States of the poor condition of those Provinces, and the little assistance they are able to give towards the carrying on of the War.

*Elfenor*, Aug. 28. The 16. Men of War intended to assist the Dutch, cannot be fitted out in lesse than 10. or 14. dayes time, and will want Scamen at last. The King has been 8. days at *Fredericksbouurg*, and is this day expected at *Copenhagen*. A great Dispute there hath been between Admiral *Adelaer* and Admiral *Helt*, concerning the carrying of the Flag, which *Adelaer* would not permit *Helt* to bear, who on the other side demands it as his Right, and if denied, threatens to throw up his Commission.

*Hague*, September 14. Orders have been given for the re-inforcing all our Garrisons and Ports from the *Texell* to these Parts, and a more particular Care is taken of this Place, 60 Companies of Foot, and as many Troops of Horse, being order'd to Quarter about it for its security.

*Tromp* has presented a Petition to the States General, to begg their leave to go to his Estate near *Amsterdam*, which as a Special favour they have granted him, upon Condition, that he daily advertise the States where he spends his time.

*But* was yesterday Examined by Six Persons of the Council of State of this Province, and to morrow the States General intend to pass an Order to the States of *Holland* for the forming his Process. More Persons of Quality are daily impeached amongst us. A Counsellor of the States of *Holland* call'd *de Grave*, is lately Arrested, for Visiting him without permission, and pretending to have leave for it.

Some Justice has been lately done in the Fleet upon several persons, for misdemeanors in the late Engagement. On the 8th Instant, two Captains of the *Zealand* Squadron were Executed, one of them, with severall other Sea-men, being hang'd, and the other shot to death.

*Ditto*, September 14. The Deputies sent to hasten out the Fleet, are returned from *Zealand*, and that Province in the name of the rest, hath sent in an account of the state of our Affairs there, taxing among other things, the want of good Commanders and Conduct in the Fleet, so as a Motion was made by the Deputies, That Plenipotentiaries might be sent upon it with the Supream Authority in the Expedition, which *Guedre* openly opposed, and the other Provinces have sent to their Principalls for their Opinion in it.

Never were our hearts lower, nor our brags less. We are sensible how far our Fleet is inferiour to that of our Enemies in number, and how much more so in Courage and Vigour. Since the Fleets going out, a Vessel hath been sent off with sick men.

The *Sieur Clingenburg*, Envoy Extraordinary from *Denmark*, gives us some hopes of Assistance from that King, but withall requires the payment of his Subsidies, and security for what Vessels may be lost in our Service; and we fear the Season of the year may be past for the safe passing of great Ships through their Seas.

The Grand Office for the Excise is now kept in Southampton-Fields, near the House of the Right Honourable the Lord High Treasurer of England, and is every day open at the usual hours, for receiving and performing all things relating to that Affair.

*Alderman Backwell* is at present plac'd in *Doctor Goddards* Lodging, in *Gresham Colledge*, where his Affairs are managed as formerly in *Lombard-street*.

*Antwerp*, September 15. Those Men of War designed from the *Texell* cannot possibly be set out for want of men, insomuch as they despair of joyning with the Fleet: but they are very busie in fitting out severall Merchants for the *East-Indies*, which they hope to get ready in a month.

Severall Companies of Foot and Horse are Commanded into *North-Holland* towards *Enchuyzen*, *Hicorn*, and *Alckmaer*, to oblige the People in those Parts, to keep Watch and Ward upon their Dykes and Coasts; to which they have been very backwards in the absence of the Prince. And indeed they are generally so full of Animosities, party against party, and Faction against Faction, that *De Witt*, and his Cabala have found much difficulty to buoy themselves up, and preserve and secure their Interests.

*Venice*, Sept. 3. The Grand Visier is in *Morea* with 60000. men, but with what design is not yet known; if for *Zante* and *Cephalonia*, he wants shipping; though in all the Turkish Ports they stop all Vessels of what Nation soever. *Dalmatia* is threatned with 20000. Turks now in body together, but their Garrisons being well provided, we little fear their attempts in those parts.

*Rome*, Aug. 21. Since the abatement of the heats of the Summer, his Holiness begins to find himself better than formerly, though not so well, as to give any hopes of his recovery. Yesterday Cardinal *Rospigliosi*, a Secretary of State, had an Audience, which is the first he has had these 2. moneths. But as yet no Ambassador, or any other Publick Minister, can get access. Only the Physicians are admitted, who continue to use all their arts to preserve him as long as is possible.

A Courier is arriv'd from *Paris* in 8. dayes, but his business not known. The Courier sent by Cardinal *Chi-ssi* to the Governour of *Milan*, to excuse his Legation to the Empire, is returned with this Answer, that they know not how to admit of his Eminencies Excuse, upon the Popes sickness; but think him obliged to keep his word with them, since he had engaged it, which notwithstanding 'tis not believed the Cardinal will be induced to leave the Pope his Uncle in the Condition he is in.

*Lisbon* Aug. 23. The Queen of *Portugal* arriving here the 2d. instant, his Majesty the same day accompanied her from her Ship, to the *Alcantra*, being about an English mile and halt distant from the Pallace, where they as yet continue. In the Monastery of *Franciscan Nuns*, near the Kings house, they received the Bishop of *Farga*'s benediction. Great preparations are making for her Reception at the Palace, where she is expected the 25th. The Bishop of *Lance*, who accompanied the Queen in her Voyage, is returned in the Fleet, which parted hence for *Rochelle* the 18. at his departure he received from the King a Jewel valued at 24000. Crowns.

*Plymouth*, Sept. 9. This day the *Constant Warwick* arriv'd here with 8. Merchant Ships from *Lisbon* laden with *Oyles*, &c. and 2. others from *Scanderon*, viz. the *Dispatch* and the *Virgin*. She brought in also 4. Prizes, 3. of them French from *Greenland*, laden with Fish and Whale Oyle; the other a Dutch Flyboat from *Burdeaux* laden with Wine and Brandy.

*West-Cotes*, Sept. 10. The *Paradox* this day brought in a Prize belonging to *Calice*, bound for *St. Maloes*, having in her four Guns mounted; Here is likewise arriv'd a small Catch from *Morlaix* laden with Dowlace and Lockrams, the men all French, and is secured till they can make out their pretences of being bound for *London*, and warranted by a *Passé*.

*Whitehall*, Sept. 12. His Majesty in a religious sence of Gods heavy hand upon this Kingdom, in the late dreadful site happened in the City of *London*, hath been pleas'd to order that the 10th. of *October*. next be observ'd as a general and solemn Fast throughout *England* and *Wales*, &c. and that the distressed of those who have more particularly suffered in that calamity, be on that day most effectually recommended to the charity of all well disposed Christians in the respective Churches and Chappels of this Kingdom, to be afterwards by the hands of the Lord Mayor of the City of *London*, distributed for the relief of such as shall be found most to need it.