

the Lords of the Court, a Subscription in their favour, which his Royal Highness began by subscribing 16,000 Rix-dollars; his Example was followed by the Grand Chancellor who subscribed 6000, and by other Lords with such Success, that the Whole already amounts to 106000 Rix-dollars. This Act, of the Prince has been exceedingly applauded; and the King being apprised of it, proposed to the Ladies of the Court to subscribe also, which they likewise did for very considerable Sums.

*Stockholm, Dec. 8.* Mr. Finch the new British Envoy, who arrived here Yesterday, took up his Lodging in the Palace of Count de Bonde. The King is present every time the Senate meets, to hear the Conferences there. Prince George designs to stay here this Winter. Another Man of War is put on the Stocks, in order to be launched against next Spring. Last Wednesday Night another Fire broke out near the German Church of St. Getryuyd, which, however, was, by the good Orders of the King and Prince George, extinguished without destroying any more than two Houses.

*Vienna, Dec. 11.* The last Letters from France mention, that the hopes of Spain's accepting the Truce are much lessen'd; mean time the Powers of the Hanover and Vienna Treaties keep up their Forces till it be seen what Issue the Congress will have. It having been observed, that since the Imposition of the new Duties on the Foreign Merchandizes, the Customs had been diminished 40 or 50,000 Florins, 'tis talk'd they will be reduced to the ancient Foot, and that there will be a Reform of some Particulars to avoid excessive Expences. The Diet of Presburg is still in the same Situation, and it is reckon'd they have cost the Country already more than 600,000 Florins. What has chiefly retarded the Success of this Diet is, that the Clergy are so far from hearkening to any Tax themselves, tho' they possess the most considerable Lands in the Kingdom, that they refuse even to pay the Arrears of Subsidies granted by Consent of the Pope, for maintaining the Charge of the Fortifications.

*Amsterdam, Dec. 24.* We learn from Berlin, that the King had for several Days hunted the Wild Boar, attended by several Generals, and had killed above 300 of those Animals. It's added, that Baron Ilgen, who died the 6th Instant, in the 75th Year of his Age, had a little before his Death taken Leave of the King, in a Letter of his own Hand Writing. He had been Privy Counsellor from the Year 1684.

*Paris, Dec. 30.* The Archbishop of Ambrun arrived here the 18th Instant. Messieurs

Stanhope and Walpole, Plenipotentiaries of Great Britain, had on Monday a long Conference with Cardinal de Fleury; and we still flatter our selves here, that we shall receive by the End of this Month, or the beginning of next, a final Answer from the Court of Spain, which will decide the Affair of Peace or War. The chief Constitutionists have frequent Conferences together for the restoring the Church, and they have printed a Memorial, which, 'tis said, they had intercepted coming from the Jansenists, who have taken Refuge in Holland.

*New-York, Feb. 24.* On the 17th Instant arrived a Scooner, *William Smith*, Master, in thirty Days from Jamaica, who says Provisions are still low there, Flour from 22 to 30 s per Barrel.

That some Sloops from thence have made tolerable Voyages to the Spanish Coast, and Others returned without disposing of their Flour: That General *Hunter* had given Orders to all the Officers to be in Readiness at their respective Posts, expecting Notice of War every Day.

The same Day arrived Capt. *Bloodworth* and *Fred*, in the Sloop *Pearl*, from South Carolina, in Ten Days. They are Joint Masters and Owners of her; and last Summer bound thither from Jamaica, were taken by a Spanish Privateer, and carried into *St. Augustine*; where they have been detained ever since 'till lately; and upon a Trial at that Place, and an Appeal from thence to the *Havana*, their Sloop and Part of their Cargo, were acquitted, after a great Expence; the Privateers having first stripp'd them of all their Money, Clothes, Bedding, Books, Instruments, and what they wanted of the Cargo.

They likewise inform us, that the Galleons and Fleet under Convoy of 12 Men of War, in all 44 Sail, sailed from the *Havana* for Spain, the 14th of *November* last, O. S. That they had in the Fleet upwards of 70 Millions of Pieces of Eight, besides Gold, which Gold was all on Board the chief Admiral, whose Ship was very deep; Forty Four Millions was the King's Money, the rest the Merchants.

The Success Man of War was arrived at Jamaica; from *England*, with Orders, (as 'tis said) to that Government to be upon their Guard, twenty Men of War being fitting from Spain, on some secret Expedition, supposed to meet the Galleons.

*Judkin*, A Scooner arrived here in 28 Days from *St. Thomas*, with Advice, that a *Bermudas* Sloop,—*Vardel* Master, who sailed last Summer for *St. Thomas*, was taken by the Spaniards, and carried into the *Havana*. She had upwards of 700 Barrels of Flour on Board, besides Butter, all *M. de Lancey's*, *Phila.*