

**Metal.** He has appointed twelve Mollas, or Priests, who are to be relieved by each other thrice in 24 Hours, so that four are always to be on Duty, who are to hold Wax-Candles, and Lamps filled with perfum'd Oil, in their Hands, while they sing Hymns full of his Praises.

*Constantinople, June 27.* O. S. Thamas Kouli Effendi (Schah Nadir) still remains in a State of Inaction, and the Seraskier continues to encamp with our Army in the Neighbourhood of Erzerum. The General makes heavy Complaints of the Troops that have been sent to him from Europe: They have committed great Excesses on their March, Informations of which daily arrive from all the Places they have pass'd thro'; and the Seraskier adds, that it is impossible for him to make them observe any Discipline. Another Story worse than that is, that Oglu-Engelen persists in his Rebellion, and is advancing with his Army towards Aleppo; and 'tis fear'd, not without good Grounds, that he has an Understanding with the Bashaw of Bagdat, who set up for himself some time ago. The Divan being willing to make the best of a bad Market, have resolv'd to grant the Sovereignty of the latter, during his Life, upon Condition that he shall employ his Forces in the Grand Signor's service.

The Porte has received another Piece of News which does not a little perplex her in the present Juncture; it is thus: The Bashaw of Bosnia having, by the Grand Signor's Orders, assembled a large Body of Troops, began his March for Asia; but as soon as he arriv'd there, a Capighi came to him, and deliver'd him an Order from the Grand Signor, enjoining him to give the said Capighi his own Head. The Bashaw at first shew'd a great deal of Resignation, but just when the Capighi was preparing to strike off his Head, the Bashaw told him, that he had also an Order from the Sultan, and having open'd it, added, 'By this Order I am enjoined to lead the Troops you see to fight the Enemy, and I think this will be more for the Monarch's Service as well as mine.' The Capighi, whose Order was of a posterior Date, observ'd, that the last Order of the Sovereign ought to take Place; to which the Bashaw reply'd, *Since thou art of that Opinion, thy Execution shall make it good;* and so without further Ceremony caus'd his Head to be cut off by one of the Soldiers. This Affair occasion'd long and warm Debates in the Divan, and at last it has been resolv'd to drop it, and leave this Bashaw at the Head of his Troops, lest Severity should make him go over to the Enemy.

*Brussels, August 26.* O. S. Count Saxe has sent an Express hither to demand an additional Contribution of every Village in Brabant; whereupon the States of that Province assembled, and 'tis said, have resolv'd to represent the Impossibility of complying with their Demand.

The French have imprison'd the principal Magistrates of all the Towns and Villages six or seven Leagues round, for not having deliver'd the Quantity of Forage which had been demanded of them; and they are making three Roads, whence it is conjectured that their Army will soon decamp.

*Genoa, August 7.* O. S. As it has been observ'd, that in case of a Bombardment, the Bomb Ketches may be moored at a Place near the Lazaretto, and there be screened from the Fire of our Batteries; the Government has order'd two new Batteries to be erected on that Side, of eight Pieces of Cannon each, and appointed 200 Men to manage them. In spite of the English Men of War that cruise along this Coast, we have received within these few Days a Vessel from Barcelona, which has land'd three Pieces of battering Cannon, and two Mortars, for the Spanish Troops. Two Genoese Pinks are likewise arriv'd in our Harbour, with a great Number of Muskets, Grenadoes, and other warlike Stores; and several other Vessels are also come in with Meal, Wheat, Barley, and Oats, both for the Spanish Troops and our own Subjects; but the English soon af-

ter pick'd up the Resolution, freighted in Holland, with another Vessel of the same Nation, and the Zephyrus, a Venetian Ship: These three Ships had considerable Sums on board, for the Account of divers Merchants of this City.

*Hague, September 10.* The Abbe de la Ville has just declar'd, that the French Army will not take Winter Quarters, before Monsieur be brought under the Obedience of his most Christian Majesty, which he says will be only a Fortnight's Work.

*Hamburg, August 23.* O. S. If we may give Credit to certain Advices from the Saxon Camp before Leipzig, the Prince of Anhalt-Deffau had signified to the Court of Dresden, by Order of the King of Prussia, 'That if they would send him two of their Ministers, his serene Highness had some Proposals to make them, which he hoped would not be disagreeable to his Polish Majesty.' But these Advices add, that the King of Poland seem'd to be too much nettled at the Title of his Prussian Majesty's Minister, to take such a Step as that of sending any of his Ministers to the Prince of Anhalt's Camp: That moreover, they had so well taken their Measures in Saxony, that they reckon'd themselves safe against any Surprise; that they had an Army of 30000 Men on Foot; that all the Roads, where by the Prussians may enter, have been rendered almost impassible; that all the Posts in the Electorate are in a Posture of Defence; and to crown all, a great Reinforcement was coming to them from Bohemia.

*Berlin, August 21.* O. S. Things were never in so dangerous a Situation as the present. We have no less than three Wars upon our Hands, and scarce any Bloodshed. That in Bohemia and Silesia against the Austrians, where there seems to be a tacit Cessation of Arms; except a Skirmish or two now and then between the light-arm'd Troops. That in Saxony against the Court of Dresden, for it runs our Manifesto; but as yet no Hostilities have been committed. The third against Nobody knows who; for the King having Intelligence, that his Dominions are like to be invaded, and that an Attempt may be made upon his Capital, has put us all in Arms; tho' hitherto no Enemy has appear'd, nor can we possibly guess from what Corner of the World they are to come.

*Extract of a Letter from the Hague, September 10.*

'The Abbe de la Ville, Minister here from France, some time ago declar'd to the States General, that the King his Master had no Hand and would positively take no Part in the Pretender's Affairs, nor in the Expedition which it was his Son was gone upon; and this Minister having all along persisted in the same Way of talking, 'til within this Day or two when he seem'd a little to alter his Tone; saying, That if, notwithstanding the Declaration he had made, his Britannic Majesty should continue obstinately bent against procuring Peace in Europe, his most Christian Majesty possibly, in that case, might be animat'd to second the Enterprize of the young Pretender. The States General took these Words in their literal and natural Sense, and consequently, without Delay, resolv'd to call the Body of Troops which were in Tournay and some other Places, at the Time of their Surrender, to pass into England, and gave instant Orders to the Regiments whereof that Body compos'd, to hold themselves in Readiness to march. The Abbe de la Ville, before this, was desirous of disguising the Conduct of his Court; he therefore persist'd in denying that he had any Hand in the Insurrection in Scotland. But this was too fine spun Piece of Policy, and will be insufficiently answer the Designs of the Court of France; because that Court can never reproach their High Mightinesses with having violat'd the Capitulation of the Garrisons of Tournay and the other Places by sending those Garrisons to defend Great-Britain, not against the Enterprizes of France and her Allies, since she has declar'd, that she has no Concern in this Expedition; but only

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