

THE MARYLAND GAZETTE,

Containing the freshest Advices foreign and domestic.

THURSDAY, September 21, 1752.

VENICE, June 3.

LAST Wednesday the Ship Eagle, Francis Rossillet Commander, arrived here; and according to a Letter from Tunis, dated April 26, brought by this Ship, Ali Meizan, eldest Son of the Bey of Tunis, enraged at his Father's taking from him a beloved Concubine, made the Hatred of the People against the old Bey, for his Avarice and Excessions, subservient to his own vindictive Humour, and spirited them up to a Revolt. Having collected an Army of between 7 and 8000 Rebels, put himself at the Head of them, fought three Battles against his Father, and defeated him in every one. After the last Battle the unfortunate old Man fled to the Castle of Bardo, with 370 Soldiers, the Relicks of his routed Army, and there stood a Siege of ten Days; but finding himself without Resources, and incapable of holding out longer, he surrender'd at Discretion with 12 of his Wives and Concubines, whom the barbarous Conqueror order'd to be massacred: As for the old Bey, he was sent back to the Castle, and a Guard of 500 Men set over him. His unnatural Son has since got himself proclaimed Bey in his Room; and now it is currently reported, that being resolv'd to crown his Rebellion with Parricide, he has sent Orders to put out his Father's Eyes, and to behead him directly, if any Attempt should be made to set him at Liberty. [What Punishment can be found too bad for such a wicked Son of a B...]

Nusebatel, June 6. Many Protestants of both Sexes, convicted of holding Meetings against the French King's Orders, have been recently committed to Prison at Montpellier. Great Numbers of Protestants are daily quitting Languedoc; some go to settle at Geneva, some in Switzerland, but most of them retire into the Prussian Territories, as they meet with better Encouragement there than elsewhere. There are Abundance of useful Artificers among them, particularly Manufacturers of Silk, Velvet, and Plush.

Paris, June 9. We are assured that the Clergy of France have chosen four Deputies, charged to observe the Decisions that shall be given by the Commission establish'd for Ecclesiastical Affairs, that they may be at Hand to make Representations to the King, whenever they may think such Decisions erroneous.

Venice, June 2. The 28th of last Month there was a Meeting Extraordinary of the Senate in Presence of the Doge, in order to deliberate whether it is for the Interest of the Republic to accede to the Treaty lately concluded at Madrid. The Government is strongly sollicit'd to do so, but it's Resolutions on this Subject are not known.

Paris A la main, June 12. Saturday last the Parliament tried the People who stole the sacred Vessels from the Church of the Bernardines: One of them is sentenced to make Amand honorable before the Church of our Lady, to have his Hands cut off at the Greve, broke there upon the Wheel; his Body to be afterwards burnt, and the Ashes thrown into the Air. Another is condemned to be hang'd, and his Body to be burnt. They have deferred passing Judgment on the others 'til they receive further Information.

Vicenza, June 3. It is reported that a Treaty is on the Anvil between their Imperial and Prussian Majesties, to preserve a good Harmony between the two Courts, and unite all the Votes of the Electoral College in Favour of the Archduke Joseph, at the approaching Election of a King of the Romans.

Berlin, June 10. We learn from Mirow, that in the Night of the 3d Instant, the Serene Prince Charles Louis Frederick, Duke of Mecklenbourg Mirow, died there in the 45th Year of his Age. He was Brother, by the second Wife, of Augustus Frederick III. Duke of Mecklenbourg Strelitz.

Naples, May 23. Our Xebèques are still in quest of the Barbary Corsairs, who swarm in the Seas of

Sicily, and take the Merchantmen with so much the more Facility, as the Ships equip'd by the Order of Malta have but just put to Sea. In order to check more effectually those Pyrates, the King has given Directions for increasing the Number of Xebèques; but as the Royal Treasury alone is not able to bear this additional Expence, his Majesty has resolv'd to make the Mounts of Piety give towards this Armament Part of the Funds appropriated to ransom Slaves detain'd among the Infidels.

Paris, May 22. A Curate of Vennes in Brittany, refusing to baptize an Infant, under Pretence that the Godfather was a Jansemit, the Baptism was thereby so long delayed, that the Child died without it: Whereupon their Relations brought their Complaint against the Curate before that Parliament, who have order'd him to be apprehended, and sentenced him to be branded in the Forehead by the Hands of the common Hangman.

Lisbon, May 8. The 21st of last Month the Fleet from the Bay of All Saints arriv'd in this Harbour, with 500,000 Livres in Crusades for the King's Account, and two Millions for the Merchants, besides 12,000 Cheils of Sugar, 15,700 Rolls of Tobacco, 13,400 Hides &c. One of the Men of War that convoy'd this Fleet grew so leaky in the Passage, that Capt. Bulhois, her Commander, was forced to quit her towards the End of February, and let her sink. The Merchantmen lost but 16 Hands in the Voyage. The Fleet from Maranham arriv'd here the 26th of last Month.

Hague, June 1. Some of our drowsy Politicians seem to be of Opinion, that there is little or no Reason to apprehend any Danger from the Preparations, great as they are, that France is making to render her Marine formidable, seeing she is at present, wholly employed in regulating her domestic Affairs, which are so perplexing, as do not permit her Ministry to think of any Thing else than of Matters which concern the interior Part of the Kingdom; and these, as authentic Letters which have just been received here from Paris advise, are every Day growing worse than other; inasmuch, that there seems to be the utmost Danger of the Kingdom being torn to Pieces by a Civil War. Letters, it seems, have been sent from Rome to Paris, which intimate, that the Pope highly disapproves of the Conduct of the Archbishop of that Metropolis, and of all those of his Party who refuse the Sacraments to them that have not submitted to the Constitution Unigenitus, his Holiness judging, that this Bull was publish'd by Pope Clement with no other View than to raise up a Schism in the Church, where nothing but Charity towards one's Neighbour ought to inspire. These honest Sentiments of his Holiness make it hoped in France, that every Thing will be pacified in a short Time, and that the Parliament, who, in order to shew their Submission to the Intention of the King, have reassum'd their Function, will not be reduced to the Necessity of descending from their Dignity, by carrying their Resignation to the King, as they had very seriously resolv'd to do, which Resolution a little asswaged the Haughtiness of their Enemies.

Extract of a Letter from Amsterdam, dated June 1. Affairs in this Country, the most important of which is the provisional Regulation of a Tutelage, in case that which at present subsists, should cease by the Death of her Royal Highness the Governante, before the Majority of the young Stadtholder, continue to be in a sort of Crisis, by the Intrigues of the old Cabal of Lowestein, which is now that of the Grumblers, or deposed Magistrates. The Province of Overysseel having deliberated upon this Subject in the last Assembly of its States, took a quite different Road, to that taken by the States of Holland, which is altogether favourable to the Views of her Royal Highness; so that, in order to prevent other Provinces from imitating that of Overysseel in this Affair, nothing

better has been found out, than to require that Assembly not to take a Resolution upon this Subject 'til they are directed to do it by the Court."

Lisbon, May 1. The King has been so much affected with the Distresses which the Inhabitants of Aveira have undergone by frequent Earthquakes and Inundations, that he has granted them an Exemption from all Kinds of Taxes and Impositions for ten Years to come, and has given Orders to furnish them with Provisions at his own Expence. By an Express from Rome there is Advice, that the Pope, at the Intercession of his Majesty, has consented to suppress the annual Procession of the Inquisition, entituled, The Act of Faith; in which such unhappy Persons as were accused of Witchcraft or Judaism, used to be made a public Spectacle. His Holiness has also mitigated several other Proceedings of the Inquisition, which were look'd upon to be too severe.

A Squadron of four Men of War, five Frigates, and two Gallies, will put to Sea in a few Days, to cruise against the Corsairs of Barbary.

Naples, May 12. The Queen was this Morning happily delivered of a Prince, which was made known to the Public by the Discharge of the Cannon upon the Ramparts.

The Negotiation which has been on Foot so many Years between the King and the States General of the United Provinces, for concluding a Treaty of Commerce between their respective Subjects, is, 'tis said, so far advanced, that 'tis expected to be signed in a few Days.

The Corsairs of Barbary have taken upon this Coast twenty of our Ships, most of them laden with Oil and Corn, 15 of which belong'd to our Merchants, whose Loss, by this Means, is computed at 100,000 Scuds.

Ratisbon, May 25. We hear from Kelheim in Bavaria, that on the 17th Instant they had a terrible Hurricane, which did a great deal of Mischief in the neighbouring Villages: Abundance of Cattle were found kill'd in the Fields by the Hail, some Pieces of which weighed twelve Ounces.

Metz, May 21. Several Families in Lorraine having lately retired privately, in order to settle in the Dominions of the Empress Queen, an Edict has been published, and fixed up in all the Towns of the Duchy of Lorraine, setting forth, That whoever shall attempt to remove or seduce any Subject of his Majesty, or of the King of Poland, out of their Dominions, shall, without further Proceeding, be condemned to the Gallies for Life.

Amsterdam, June 1. They write from Tunis, that the Emperor of Morocco being desirous to see Capt. Scenis and his Crew before they are set at Liberty, they will be oblig'd to undergo a long and painful March to Fez, in which they will be exposed to great Inconveniencies from the excessive Heats.

Paris, June 17. We have Advice from Spain, that a Sallee Xebèque, of 14 Guns, and 140 Men, having put into the Port of Arsemitante, which is eight Leagues from Oran, with six Prizes, the Commandant of the latter Place sent out Don Amaro Perez with three Vessels, mann'd with 120 Soldiers, and 36 banish'd Spaniards, in order to attack that Corsair; which he executed so successfully, that the Enemy's Ship was sunk, and but very few of her Hands escaped by swimming to Shore. This Action was perform'd the same Day that three Moorish Gallies were burnt by the Spaniards near the Mouth of the River of Tetuan.

The Gallies of the Order of Malta, which the Grand Master sent out this Year earlier than usual, took on the 15th of last Month two Algerine Xebèques, one of 14, and the other of 12 Guns: The Maltese finding they had no Advantage in cannonading; boarded the Algerines, and after an obstinate Resistance, master'd them. This Exploit does the more Honour to the Maltese, as the Xebèques lay under the Cannon of Galipia, which play'd very briskly on the Gallies. The Algerines lost 6 Men kill'd and 50 wounded. On the Side of

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