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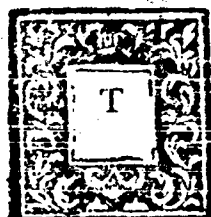


From Tuesday June 24, to Tuesday July 1, 1729.

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Vienna, Feb. 2. N. S.



W O Days ago, the Emperor held a Cabinet Council, and Yesterday His Imperial Majesty assisted at a Conference upon the present Situation of Affairs, wherein it was resolved to send an Express to Count Coningseck, our Ambassador at the Court of Madrid, to make some Proposals there in relation to Peace. Mean while, some Thousands of Muskets are brought hither from Saxony; and the Gunsmiths in all the Hereditary Countries are employ'd in making more. Several Imperial Regiments being very much thinned by Sickness and Desertion, it is reckon'd that 15000 Recruits will hardly render them compleat. The last Decree of the Autlick Council against the Duke of Mecklenburg is not yet made publick. It is certain, that the Emperor has, for weighty Reasons, sent Orders to the Director of the Circle of Lower Saxony to defer the Execution of the last Decree in relation to the Affairs of East-Friesland. We hear the Vice-Chancellor of the Empire has acquainted the Baron Vol Huldberg, Minister of the King of Great-Britain as Elector of Hanover, that it is his Imperial Majesty's Intention to bring the Affair of the Investiture of the Duchies of Bremen and Verden forthwith upon the Carpet before the Autlick Council; the Swedish Minister, Baron de Craffin having declar'd (as it is given out) that the Crown of Sweden does entirely desist from the Opposition hitherto made upon that Subject. The Affair of the Sequestration of *Hideln* will likewise be brought upon the Anvil, the Line of Bade Baden being disposed to enter into an Agreement about their Pretensions to that Country as an Allodial Estate in the Dutchy of Saxe Lawenburg, in favour of the Electorate of Brunswick Hanover. Several Regiments quarter'd in Silesia, Moravia, and Bohemia, are order'd to begin their March towards Hungary.

Extract of some Letters from Vienna of the 12th of March, N. S.

'Tis assur'd, that the Court of Spain persists in the Refusal of all Propositions for an Accommodation, in case England will not consent to the Restitution of Gibraltar and Port Mahone for equivalent. 'Tis added, that this Proposition having been made to the Ministers of the Court of Great-Britain, they had answer'd, That the Treaty of Utrecht ought to serve for the Foundation of the present Negotiations: His Britannick Majesty had resolv'd to keep it inviolably, and to preserve his lawful Rights, acquir'd by a Treaty so authentic, &c. As the Imperial Court has extremely at Heart the Success of the Conferences of Peace at Soissons, it has sent new Instructions to its Ministers at the Courts of Spain, France and England, tending to procure a speedy Accommodation.

'Tis now believ'd that the Diet of Presburg will be at an End in 6 Weeks time. When the Emperor's last Resolution, (whereby the Privileges of the Sates of Hungary were not a little affected,) was communicated to the Dyer, great Debates arose; however some think that they must submit to the Will and Pleasure of the Emperor, in order to recommend them-

selves again to his Favour, and the more by reason that his Imperial Majesty being not at present engag'd in a War, can better force them to Submission; but others think they will persist in a Refusal to submit, for the sake of their Posterity. We learn from Parma, that the Dutchess is with Child. It has been observ'd for some time past, that the Ministers of Great-Britain and Sweden, have been often with Prince Eugene and the other Imperial Ministers; whence some People conjecture that these Conferences preface a good Success to the Grand Affair of Peace.

An A B S T R A C T of a L E T T E R from an Officer on board his Majesty's Ship Saphire, dated at Sierra Leone in Guinea, the 27th of Nov. 1728.

W E arrived here the 20th Instant, and, I ble's God, I am in as good Health as when I left England, and so is likewise our whole Ship. It has not happened so well to the Ships of the Royal African Company; they have buried two Commanders, (*Rafe* and *Bromly*) three Surgeons, and one Factor. The Governor that came over with us, hath also been so dangerously ill, that his Life was despair'd of; tho' he is now upon the Recovery.

We were greatly surprized upon our Arrival here, with the melancholly News, that the Factory had been taken and burnt by the Blacks, on the 25th of Oct. last.

This Misfortune is attributed to the ill Management of the Governor, who has been here about two Years. It seems this Gentleman took quite different Measures from all his Predecessors; who were always wont to keep up a good Correspondence with the Chiefs of the Natives around them, especially with one Seignior *Joseph Lopez*, a leading Black, and a great Trader, who calls himself a *Portuguese*. But this Governor thought proper to treat this Man ill, and, on several Occasions, with infinite Contempt and Rigour; having seized his Effects, surprized his Relations, and made Slaves of them, and upon Application for Redress, has even returned him the following haughty Answer, *That he would oblige him to come and lay his Neck under his Feet.*

This Usage did, at length, so exasperate the Natives, that they all unanimously agreed to attack him in his Garrison, with this *Lopez* at their Head. Accordingly about 300 of them in Canoes (for the Garrison stands on an Island) executed this horrid Purpose on the Day aforesaid, about Two in the Morning. Upon their Arrival, after killing a Centry who was asleep, and one Man more, they took the Factory without any Resistance, which they pillaged, and afterwards burnt to the Ground, carrying away all the Slaves that were in the Factory, as likewise the White People, whom they used with great Civility; and upon Application the latter were all released. I talk'd with one of them, who told me, that *Lopez* declared, that had not Mr. *Charles*, the Governor, used him so ill, he never would have destroyed the Factory; and that 'twas his Opinion, had they caught him they would have certainly cut him in Pieces: And without doubt he himself imagined so, for as soon as the Factory was surpris'd, he leap'd over the Wall, and was so fortunate as to find a Boat belonging to one of the Sloops in the Road, which was sent thither to know the meaning of all that firing, by which means he made his Escape, and got on board the Sloop. Yet

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