

distinguished Abilities are not blessed with the best of Constitutions; and I found, as soon as ever they got into the Scale, they fix'd it down as firm as a Rock, so that all the Weights in the World were not sufficient to move them. Then I put into one of my Scales all those Creatures that had been blown up like Bladders, with the Breath of popular Applause; some new Lords of the A—, and a C—m—s—n—r or two; into the other I put a certain truly honourable Person, who always stood firm to his Principles, and whose Merit alone has lately raised him to the highest and most profitable Employments; which, to his everlasting Glory be it said, he fills, tho' envied, unscandalized; down went the conscious Scale, and had there been a Million more such Creatures in the opposite Scale, he would have overbalanced them all: Nay I weighed him against those very Patriots I mentioned, and found the Balance even; from whence I concluded, that no Party but Merit, was the Standard both of public and private Virtue.

I waited one Morning on the Lord M— and C—nt of A—, to desire the Favour of weighing them: One of the most bulky of them told me, that it was not worth my while; that he knew they weighed one with another about 20 Stone a Man, moreover they did not care to be weighed in a Morning fasting, and that I must stay 'til after Dinner. I stayed, and had the Pleasure of weighing them, and found, that a Flea weighed about 12 Times as much as their Brains. Then I weighed in my Balance 999 Women, and they were all found wanting; except one, and her I found dead in the Scale. Then I weighed this Paper against myself, and the Balance was even. Then I weighed myself; and found to my Sorrow, that I weighed just nothing at all.

Yours, &c.

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TURKEY.

FREQUENT Commotions happen at Constantinople, among the Populace and Janizaries; and even the Divan is divided into Parties, of which one is for carrying on a vigorous War against the Persians; and the other, headed by Bashaw Ofmin, formerly Count Bonneval, for turning the Arms of the Porte against the Christians; but the former has hitherto prevailed.

RUSSIA.

The Austrians give out, that the Empress will accede to the quadruple Alliance concluded at Warlaw, and in Pursuance thereof, had given Orders for the March of 35000 of her Troops for Germany; but others say, however that Alliance may turn out, these Troops will not stir without English Money.

DENMARK and SWEDEN.

We have nothing of Importance from Denmark; but we are informed from Hamburg that great Remittances are made to Sweden, where they are very busy in building of Ships, for the Service of the House of Bourbon.

SPAIN.

The Queen takes all possible Measures for prosecuting the grand Design of procuring a Kingdom for the Infant Philip, to be formed out of the States of Parma and Placentia, and some other Territories in Lombardy; for that End is this Country continually exhausted both of Men and Money, and the People pressed into the Service with a Violence unknown in former Reigns. — The Ships lately arrived under Count Torres have not brought, it seems, above a 5th Part of the Treasure repositied at the Havannah, and consequently not enough to satisfy the Cravings of the Court. The Arrival however of these rich Ships so opportunely, was so acceptable to the Court, that M. Torres for his good Service had a Title of Count conferred on him, with Liberty to chuse either Count or Marquis.

ITALY.

Count Gages who it was expected would have entered Tuscany, has received Orders to march another Way. The Genoese, who were supposed to arm in favour of the Spaniards, Pretensions, are afresh embarrassed by an Insurrection of the Corsicans. The Spaniards having been obliged to retire from Oneglia, for want of Provisions, were attacked, and great Numbers killed by the Militia.

GERMANY.

Several Actions happened this Month between the two contending Parties, mostly to the Disadvantage of the Austrians, particularly near Ingolstadt, where the Garrison under Count Berenclau attempting to dislodge the French from some Post near that Place, were repulsed with the Loss of 500 Men, and eight Field-Pieces. In Silesia also, where they had possessed themselves of the Town of Ratibor with 3000 Men, they were attacked by the Prussians, who killed and made Prisoners except what were drowned the whole Garrison. In the County of Glatz the Prussians pretend to have gained a considerable Advantage, &c. [See, Maryland Gazette, Numb. 6.] — On the other hand the French and Bavarians have quitted Amberg, so that the Queen of Hungary is in Possession of all the Upper Palatinate.

The young Elector of Bavaria has declined the Title of King of Bohemia, but taken that of Archduke of Austria; tho' it is said, only in common with the Descendants of that House, according to the Custom of Germany. As to his future Conduct, some pretend, that as the Court of Vienna is not inclined to grant him any thing, nor so much as to put him in Possession of his hereditary Dominions, 'till the Conclusion of a definitive Treaty: and as the Bavarian Ministers find the Sweets of French Subsidies, his Highness will adhere to the Treaty of Francfort. Besides it is scarce in this Elector's Power, however willing, to make a Peace, as the French have 25000 Men in or near his Dominions; and talk high of their imminent Charges in supporting his Father, and that they ought to keep the Places which they have subdued under colour of the late Emperor's Title. It seems probable therefore, that this Prince waits an Opportunity to extricate himself from these Difficulties; mean while the French King, under the Title of a Guarantee, promises to protect the Germanic Body. But 'tis certain, that most of the Princes are really tired of such Protection, and are said to be forming a neutral Army of 60000 Men, to clear the Empire of foreign Troops. — The French Forces on the lower Rhine are retiring before the Duke of Arreberg, who is advanced into the Duchies of Berg and Juliers, where he raises heavy Contributions, notwithstanding the Remonstrances of their Sovereign the Elector Palatine.

FRANCE.

The King designs to command his Army in Flanders, which is to consist of 120000 Men, with a Train of 150 Pieces of battering Cannon, and 60 Mortars: Marshal Count Saxe is to command immediately under his Majesty. The Ministry are taken up in finding the necessary Sums, and 30 Millions of Livres are demanded of the Clergy; besides a great Sum of the India-Company, which must distress that Trade.

Whether his most Christian Majesty is desirous to show a Disposition to cultivate a good Understanding with the Queen of Hungary, or affects to appear a candid and generous Enemy, he has expressly ordered his principal Engraver to publish a beautiful Print of her Majesty, with the following Verses under it;

Fœmina fronte patet, vir peccore, divud decoro.

which may be thus reduced in English,

Bright female Beauty in her Face is seen,

Manly her Courage, and divine her Mien.