

HOLLAND.

The States General have held frequent Councils since the Arrival of the Earl of Chesterfield, the Result of which is kept secret, tho' of such Importance as to put Mr. Trevor upon repairing to London and back again with more than common Hastc, as if he went for Instructions to put the last Hand to the great Affair. Whatever it be, the Austrian Party seems exalted, and the French as much discontented, at whose Menaces the Dutch seem no way intimidated; but go on to augment their Garrisons, and raise new Forces; and tho' they cannot yet be prevailed on by any Inducement to declare War against France, are providing to act with Vigour for the Defence of their Allies and Frontiers.

Some insinuate that his Britannic Majesty has agreed to assign over to their High Mightinesses, his Pretensions to the Principality of East Friesland, which is claimed by the King of Prussia, on consideration of some important Services which they are inclined to render to the common Cause, but to which, it seems, they must be hired.

LONDON, Feb. 7.

At a Court-Martial held on board his Majesty's Ship Lenox, Portsmouth-Harbour the 31st of January, 1744-5.

P R E S E N T,

JAMES STEUART, Esq; Vice-Admiral of the Red,	Hon. Fitzroy Henry Lee,
HENRY MEDLEY, Esq; Rear-Admiral of the White.	Capt. Peter Lawrence,
Capt. John Loo,	Capt. Solomon Gideon,
Hon. Edward Boscawen,	Capt. Thomas Broderick,
Capt. Henry Harrison,	Capt. William Fielding,
Capt. Harry Norris,	Capt. William Boys,
Capt. Francis Geary,	Capt. John Hardy,
Capt. Edward Prattin,	
Capt. Edward Spragg,	
Capt. Patrick O'Hara,	

Being all duly sworn,

The Court proceeded to enquire into the Conduct of Capt. Mostyn, Commander of his Majesty's Ship the Hampton-Court, for not engaging two French Men of War, which he fell in with in his late Cruize; as also into the Conduct of Capt. Griffin, of the Captain; Capt. Brett, of the Sunderland; and Capt. Powkes, who commanded the Dreadnought; during their late Cruize, they being present in the said Chace; and how the said French Ships came to escape: And after a thorough Examination of the Evidences produced by the said Captains, and inspecting into the Log-Books of their respective Ships, were unanimously of Opinion, that Capt. Mostyn did his Duty as an experienced and good Officer, and as a Man of Courage and Conduct: That as Capt. Griffin, and all his Officers, judged the two Ships which the Hampton-Court and Dreadnought were in Chace of, to be Merchant-Ships, Capt. Griffin is justified in bearing after the Ship he took, the Captain being the Leewardmost Ship of the four: And that Capt. Brett and Capt. Powkes did their Duty in every Respect. To which both the Admirals, and every Commander above-mention'd sign'd their Names.

The Lords of the Admiralty have ordered the Namure and Somerset Men of War, both lately arrived from the Streights, to be repaired forthwith for Sea-Service.

Feb. 14. According to the last Letters from Ratibon, the Austrians have made themselves Masters of Donawert, one of the most considerable Fortresses belonging to the young Elector; but whether by Surprize, Storm, or Capitulation, is not related. From Genoa, that the Government is every Day more and more embarrassed by the unlucky Accidents that happen. The Corsicans have made themselves Masters of the Port of St. Pelegrino, where they cut off the Head of the Officer of Justice, and sent it in a Sack to the Commissary Signior Justiniani. The Piedmontese are making great Preparations to impede the Pro-

gress of the Spanish Arms: And the Minister of the Court of Turin, Resident there, has given them to understand, that it will not be long before his Master will be in a Condition to oblige them to declare themselves, as to the Part they intend to take in the present Disputes in Italy.

Private Letters from Bonn advise, that a French Party of 900 Men had formed a Design to seize upon the Duke of Aremberg, in the Neighbourhood of Bachum, which would certainly have been put in Execution, if they had not been discovered by a Detachment of 500 Hussars; which the French no sooner perceived, than they retired with Precipitation, notwithstanding their great Superiority.

There is Advice that Admiral Rowley has taken five French Merchant Ships off the Island of Hieres, bound from the Coast of Barbary to Marseilles.

The Caesar Privateer, Capt. North, of Cowes, of 18 Carriage-Guns and 120 Men, is taken by the great Turk Privateer, and carried into St. Malo's.

The James-River of 200 Tons, from Bristol for Virginia, and the Betsey, —, for Barbadoes, are likewise taken by the said Privateer.

The John Galley, Watts, and the Johanna, both from Boston for London; and the Hanover, Churchman, from Bristol for Virginia; are taken by the John Joseph Privateer, of St. Malo's, and carried into Brest.

Feb. 19. We are well assured, notwithstanding all the Accounts that have been, and in all Probability will be inserted in the News-Papers, relating to the late Action between the Prussians and Austrians in the County of Glatz, wherein the latter were forced to give Way, they being no more than 1200, and the Prussians upwards of 6000 Men; that the whole Loss of the Austrians, including Prisoners and Deserters, did not amount to 250 Men.

The Fleet sitting out at Portsmouth, consists of 28 Men of War, 18 of which are of the Line, 6 of 40 Guns, and 4 of 20, 3 Bomb Vessels, and a Fire-ship; which is reckon'd the largest Fleet fitted out since the Commencement of the War, and it is said, will be commanded by Admiral Vernon.

The Princess of Orange is declared to be with Child.

The General Assembly of the Clergy of France was opened on the 13th Instant, N. S. when they were informed, on the part of his most Christian Majesty, that he expected from them a free Gift of 30 Millions.

Feb. 23. The Elector Palatine, the Landgrave of Hesse, and other German Princes, who were solicited to lend their Troops to France on any Terms, to enable M. Maillebois to keep his Ground in Germany, absolutely refus'd it.

The General Dyet of the Helvetic Body, have written very respectfully to the Queen of Hungary, assuring her of their sincere Resolution to observe, with the utmost Punctuality, their Engagements with the House of Austria.

Edinburgh, Feb. 19. The Mails due are arrived, and breath nothing but a new Scene of Desolation and Slaughter. The Court of Munich is so far from having abandoned the late Emperor's System, that it has procured the Continuance of the Hessian and Palatine Auxiliaries, which were before said to be countermanded. There has been a Massacre of the Inhabitants of Troppaw, in Austrian Silesia, upon Return of the Prussians, because those poor People were so weak as to fire upon them, in their late Retreat.

Newcastle, Feb. 2. On Wednesday last, a Brig. belonging to this Place, laden with Goods, was attacked off Hartlepool, by a French Privateer, to whom she had speedily fallen a Sacrifice; had not the George, Cuthbert-Ranson, Master, who saw the Engagement, borne down upon the Privateer, fired a Broadside, and obliged her to steer off. N. B. There was a