

MARYLAND GAZETTE,

Containing the freshest Advices, Foreign and Domestic.

TUESDAY, September 21, 1747.

The following Letter was wrote to the Dean of W—— in Ireland by a Widower, Father of six Children, under the feigned Name of Elzevir, the Design of which was to invite the Dean and Company to Supper, in particular Miss Elza Marshall, a young Lady about Eighteen Years of Age, with 30,000l. Fortune, who, the Dean's House being full, was then lodged in his Study.

S I R,

A M told there is a Book which lies in your Study in Sheets, and all who have seen it, admire it should lye so long unbound. I think it is called *Marshall's Epithalamium*, or some such Name; but lest I should be mistaken in the Title, I will de-

scribe it to you as well as I can. It is a fine fair Manuscript, wrote with black shining Ink, on the whitest Vellum that can be imagined; the Strokes of the Pen are so very nice and delicate, as to discover it was directed by some matterly Hand, and there is such a Symetry and Proport. on in all the Parts of it, and the Features (if I may so call them) of each Letter so very exact, that it often puts the Reader at a stand, in admiring the Beauty of them. The Book has an additional Ornament- which it did not want, all the Margins being flourished with Gold; but that which recommends it most, is, that though it has been wrote above 18 Years, as I have been inform'd, yet it is not sullied or stained, infomuch that one would think it never was turned over by any Man, and indeed there is much Reason to believe the first Leaves are yet unopened and untouched. The Volume itself does not appear to be of any great Bulk, yet I understand has been valued at 30,000l. It is Pity so valuable a Piece should be lost, and the surest Way to prevent this, is by increasing the Copies of it. If the Author will give his Consent, and you will licence it, I will immediately put it into the Press; I have all Tools necessary for the Purpose, and a curious Set of Letters that were never used but in the printing of one Book, and of this too not above half a Dozen of the whole Impression, so that you may imagine they are not the worse for Wear: For my Part, I'll spare no Cost nor Pains to embellish and adorn the whole Work with the most natural and lively Figures, and I shall not despair of making the Edition as beautiful in the Eye of all Men as the dear Original is at present in mine. If therefore you will do me the favour of your Company this Evening, and bring this incomparable Piece with you, it will add to the Entertainment of every one, but particularly to him, who is always, with the greatest Respect,

Your most humble Servant,

ELZEVIR.

The following are the Genuine Memorial delivered to the Signor Grimaldi, Adjutant-General to the most Serene Republic of Genoa, by Colonel and Adjutant-General Blonkel, and the Answer thereto, sent by Signor Grimaldi.

THE whole Army of her Imperial and Royal Majesty, followed by a numerous Train of Artillery which will join it in a few Days, being arrived in the Neighbourhood of Genoa, before that the extremest Rigours of the War are put in Execution, the City of Genoa, and all therein who have taken Arms, are reminded of the great, the experienced innate Clemency of her Imperial and Royal Majesty, Queen of Hungary and Bohemia, and how great Reason they who have repented their Errors, and submitted to their Duty, have always had to glory in it.

Even in the present Juncture, my most august Sovereign is willing to give to the whole World a fresh Proof of her already well-known Compassion, and is much more desirous to have

Ground to obliterate her very just Resentment, than to give a melancholy Instance of it, by the Desolation of this Country, and of the Ruin of one of the most beautiful and flourishing Cities of Italy, as is that of Genoa.

Wherefore she makes known to the said City, and all therein, who have taken Arms, that Opportunity and Time yet serves, for their having Recourse to her said Majesty's insuperable Clemency, which, entirely replete with sentiments of Christianity, will pardon the Offences, forget the Outrages of, and preserve a City and Country; which persevering in its Obstinacy to the last, and till the Arrival of the above-mention'd Artillery, can expect nothing less than the Devastation of the Country, the burning their Seats, the Demolition of the City, the Slaughter of all the Citizens, and lastly, that just Chastisement which the Perseverance in her Crime, cannot but daily encrease.

At the Camp of Toraxxo,

April 15. 1747.

Schulemberg Ohenhausen.

A N S W E R.

THE Measures which the most Serene Republic of Genoa, have been compell'd to take in the Course of the present War, have been with no other View, than the Preservation of her just Rights and Possessions, and never has she deviated from that known Respect, which will Instance her constant Attention, to all the Powers at War.

It is notorious to all the World, how last September, the Armies of her Imperial and Royal Majesty of Hungary arrived at, and were received in Genoa, the great Deference in a Number of Opportunities paid them, and the insuperable Motives which forced this Nation to have recourse to the last, and only means to preserve themselves from an extermination, by how much the less Merited, certainly by so much the more Foreign to the Glory and Justice of her Majesty.

Even now the City of Genoa, and all therein who have taken Arms, do nothing more than make Use of that Right, which Nature has made common to all Men, viz. Self Defence.

In such a Situation as on the one Hand, the Ideas, the Republic forms of the Uprightness of her Imperial and Royal Majesty, cannot be greater, so on the other, the Certainty is no less, with which she is perswaded that her past Conduct, and present Behaviour, cannot be the Objects of her Majesty's just Resentment, both the one and the other being with the sole view, to preserve and defend that precious Liberty; for which the Republic and all her Subjects, cannot but employ every and all possible Means and Sacrifice, if necessary these Estates and Fortunes, and even Life itself; placing moreover their confidence in the Intercession of the Great Queen of Heaven, and that God the Lord of Hosts, on whom depends the Fate of all Powers.

Hague, May 28. Letters to a foreign Minister from Turin, gives a most frightful Description of the unheard of Cruelties, barbarities, and Massacres which have been committed by some Weeks past between the Austrians and the Genoese, the Substance of them, these Letters intimate, is too shocking to be particularly represented; they therefore only say that the Genoese are now shut up on all sides by Land, and that the Imperialists have Reason to tremble at the Thoughts of coming to a general Assault of an exasperated People, and who are conducted by a desperate sort of Valour. The King of Sardinia, who is desirous of securing his Territories for the future, has declared afresh to Mr. Vilette the British Minister, that as he was ready to do every Thing that should be required of him, he hoped that the King of Great-Britain, jointly with the Court of Vienna, would not defer Guarantying to him the Possession of Savona upon the same Footing with the Marquisate of Finale.

Milan, May 9. The Cruelties that the Genoese President commit on those who are so unhappy as to fall into their Hands, only serve to irritate the Imperialists, and inspire them to Vengeance.