

was not a resolution taken hastily, or without advice, but quite the contrary; for it is now known, that the night before his resignation, Count Bentinck and Mr. Raadt, formerly Bargarth of Leyden, went to pay him a visit on the part of his Majesty, in order to intimate to him how great an addition to the King this step would make to the services he had already rendered to his country; and being convinced by their agreement, he a quiescent in the proposition they made him. The post of treasurer of Holland, with a salary of 4000 Florins, and a pension of the like sum, which he is to receive, are the effects of a very wise bargain he made, at the time he consented to accept the employment of grand pensionary, on the death of Mr. Van Hiltum; by this agreement he was also to preserve a right of entering into all councils, and all assemblies; but is content to waive this, and to desire no other distinction than possessing the seat, which in right of his office, he had in the council. We look upon this resignation as the forerunner of some others, either voluntarily, or in consequence of good advice given them by friends, that are blessed with a faculty of foresight. I need not the family of propensities is grown pretty large; for we already take the liberty of naming several persons, who, before it is long, will give most edifying proofs of their humility.

May 25. The prince stadtholder has just attach'd more firmly than ever to his interest, the tradesmen, and poorer sort of people of this province: The former, by the resolution which he has communicated to the states, inviting them to follow his example, to wear nothing but the manufactures of this country, and to suffer no other to be worn by his household, those of his court, and in general all in his service: And the poorer people, by the proposition his highness has made to the states, to lessen the double duty on potatoes, the monstre paid for grinding rye, and to find out some means that they may have their firing, particularly turf, as cheap in winter, when the canals are frozen, as those have that can lay in their firing in the proper season.

Extract of a Letter from Frankfurt, May 3.

“His Electoral highness of Treves arrived here this afternoon between two and three, but continued his journey to Ellwangen, in Suabia, without making any stay, which did not, however, hinder our firing all the artillery on our ramparts.

The happy news of his Swedish majesty's recovery having dispell'd the terrors they were under at Cassel, his electoral highness of Cologne is actually gone thither, from whence his Electoral highness is expected in this city; and, it is said, we shall be further honoured with the presence of the elector, and electress of Bavaria; prince Xavier of Saxony, and several other illustrious personages.

We see with some amazement, a strange fluctuation of intelligence in most of the printed gazettes, in reference to the affairs of Berlin, and of the North, which we apprehend to be pretty much without foundation, since if our intelligence may be depended upon, nothing can be more uniform, than the councils, and the measures of those courts. We are farther informed from one of them, that a great monarch has written a letter to his principal ally, which cannot fail of producing an explanation, as to the conduct he shall determine to pursue, in reference to the affairs above mentioned.

Some private letters from Poland, report, that the province of Podolia is in a miserable condition, the inhabitants being afflicted at once with pestilence and famine, most of their cattle, and horses being already dead, for want of food.”

Rome, April 17. The court of France have lately purchased a great number of large fir trees, fit for masts, in the woods of Constance, Colonna, which being already cut down, and reduced to their proper form, are to be transported to the Mediterranean, and will be there embarked for the French ports. We are extremely surpris'd at the advices received from Barni, Lucca, and Basilicata, that through a strange malignity in the air, numbers of people have had their eye sights exceedingly impaired, and that at Barni particularly, there are no less than two hundred who are actually become blind.

Tetuan, April 4. The emperor of Morocco, having some time ago ordered his army of Blacks to march against the Highlanders, in the neighbourhood of Tangenost, and that a my having refused to obey till their arrears were paid, he caused several of the Principals to be put to death, and had likewise ordered his white army to march against them, notwithstanding they had submitted, and demanded pardon. Since that time his excellent son, prince Mahomet, who has for many years govern'd the southern provinces of the empire with general applause, has been prevailed upon to interpose in their fa-

or general council, at Fez, in which many think he will resign the imperial dignity to the prince. However that matter may be, the affairs of the empire continue very much embarrassed, and are like to continue so, unless they shall be settled by the resolutions taken in the assembly before mentioned. The Dutch agents who have been some time at Gibraltar, with presents for his majesty of Morocco, are like to continue there 'til the issue of their business shall be known.

Parma, May 1. Some Germans lately came down the river Po, and carried off thirteen mills, that were on that river, between Parmezan, and the Guastallois, which cannot fail of at least, producing some warm expostulations.

Turin, May 3. According to our last advices from Cagliari, the tranquillity of Sardinia, which has been interrupted some time by the disturbances, which have been made by the Banditti, begins to be restored by the care of the prince Valguarnera, viceroy of that kingdom, who has taken 200 of the rovers within these three months, some of whom have been executed, and forty are confined in prison, in order to be sent to the galleys. The troops which were sent against these Banditti, killed several of them, and the chiefs being discouraged by repeated repulses, retired into Corsica with a few of their men; as the number of those that remain, is so small, and as some of them are continually taken up, we hope soon to see them entirely routed out of the kingdom.

Copenhagen, May 13. His Danish majesty sailed Yesterday with a fair wind for Norway. If the public tranquillity should be restored in the North, it will be in a great measure ascribed to the prudent and timely measures taken by his Danish majesty.

Ratisbon, May 8. They write from Weickshheim, that the prince of Saxe Hildburghausen, general of the foot in the service of the states general, and governor of Nimeguen, has married the countess dowager of Hohenloe, both princes of Holstein iloen.

Orders are given to repair all fortifications of the principal sea ports of this kingdom, and particularly those that are situated upon the ocean.

L O N D O N.

May, 20. Letters from Scarborough say, that the distemper among the horned cattle: as broke out afresh, and rages there; and from York, where it had ceased seven weeks, that it has broke out there with more violence than ever.

Last Sunday near 20 sheep were struck dead by a flash of lightning, in the grounds of Edward Ellison, Esq; at Ferwin, Lincolnshire, and a barn in Mr. Ellis's park was set on fire, but was happily extinguished by the rain.

We hear from Leighton Buzzard, in Bedfordshire, that a few days ago they had the most violent storm of thunder, lightning, hail, and rain, as was ever known in the memory of any man living in those parts. It lasted a considerable time, and was most shocking and frightful to behold: Four score sheep that were feeding upon the common, near the town were killed on once by the lightning; they all belonged to one man except four: The shepherd that looked after them was struck down by the flash, and had his hair very much singed, and his body scorched, but is in a fair way of recovery. And at Barkhamstead St. Peters, in Hertfordshire, the storm if possible was greater, and of a longer continuance than at Leighton: The hail stones that fell were full as big as hazel nuts, and in such abundance, and lay so thick, that the ground appeared just as it does in the middle of winter, when covered with snow. But we don't hear of any damage done there by the lightning. The same storm was at Aylebury, and Chessham, in Bucks, and a great many other places in the north west of England; tho' we had not the least appearance of it at London.

By letters from Royston, in the county of Hertford, we have advice, that they have lately had so great rains, that several places in that neighbourhood, have been entirely under water for several days, by which many sheep and black cattle have been drowned.

By letters from Northampton, we have an account, that a farmer in that neighbourhood had upwards of 50 sheep killed by lightning and thunder, which happened there a few days since.

A N N A P O L I S.

Last Week arrived here from Dieppe, in France, whether he had been with a Load of Tobacco from Glasgow, Capt. Robert Hamilton, in a Brigantine (formerly the Sloop Endeavour) of this Province. On the 13th of December, 1747. the from hence. loaded with
n. &c. &c.