

Hague, Nov. 16. General Luchef has visited the principal members of the government. 'Tis pretended that he is come to execute a commission from their Imperial majesties, and that he will afterwards repair to the British court. It is likewise given out, that his commission regards the Affairs of the North, and the measures pursued by certain Powers to preserve peace there. The last letters from Vienna, and those which the state has received from count Bentinck, aver, that the empress is disposed to join her good offices with those of the said powers, in order to attain the sooner the end proposed.

L O N D O N.

Oct. 17. There are letters which mention, that the sect called Moravians, has been banished the electorate of Saxony.

Oct. 21. We are credibly informed, that one of our East India country ships has been taken by the Dutch, on the coast of Sumatra, who cut the throats of all the crew, consisting of thirty seven men, in cold blood, excepting one, who jump'd overboard, and was shot at in the water, and then sunk the ship.

Yesterday came advice of the arrival off Dover, of the hon. Sir William Gooch, Bart. his majesty's lieutenant governor of Virginia.

Letters from Paris advise, that the French king hath nominated M. Chauvigni, his ambassador extraordinary to the court of Sweden; and that several regiments of horse and foot have received orders to hold themselves in readiness to march into the duchies of Lorraine and Bar, that the succours which that crown may stand in need of, may be ready as soon as the Swedes are attack'd.

Oct. 27. A grant has passed the great seal wherein his majesty is pleas'd to re-incorporate singular, all the freemen of the art of Butchers of the city of London, and all others who now use and exercise the art within the said city, the liberties and suburbs thereof, or in any place within two miles from the said city; by the name of the master, wardens, and commonalty of the art or mystery of Butchers of the city of London. *[A very mysterious business, be sure! that a man should have skill enough to knock down or stab a poor innocent creature, that can make no defence! FRANKING was always call'd an art, or mystery, and is esteem'd an excellent one: But of the art, or mystery of a Butcher, who ever read before?]*

Oct. 26. We hear from Manchester, that the Rev. Mr. George Whitehead, preached at St. Anne's square in that town, on Sunday the 15th inst. to a very large number of people.

The City of Dublin, capt. Joseph Lamb, from Dublin, arrived in the river, has on board 544,780 yards of linnen, from that kingdom.

It is said the parliament will purchase Sir Hans Sloan's collection of rarities for the benefit of the public, to prevent so useful and valuable a curiosity from falling into ill judging or incurious hands.

Letters by Yesterday's post from Towcester in Northamptonshire advise, that there has been a dreadful fire there, which began on Wednesday last, at nine o'clock in the evening, and burnt with great fury till six o'clock the next morning, whereby above 30 houses were consumed, and great numbers of people reduced to distress.

Oct. 30. Ten waggon load of specie, being above 500,000 dollars, by the Blandford from Lisbon, arrived at Portsmouth; it has since been carried to the India-house, the company having purchased it for exportation.

The last letters from Poland, draw a frightful picture of the desolation which is caus'd in great part of that kingdom by the locusts; which calamity, added to the multitude of troops that are quartered in those parts, and have consumed almost the whole remainder of their provision, will leave but little for the subsistence of the poor inhabitants.

Nov. 5. Several duties upon the manufactures of France, have lately been reduced; and great care has been taken to make the necessaries of life as cheap as possible to the manufacturers; by which means they hope to render their manufactures so cheap, as to beat foreigners out of their market.

We hear that no workman will be admitted into his majesty's yards for the future, under 20 years of age, or above 40.

The right honourable the lord Cathcart will shortly be appointed one of the lords of his majesty's bed-chamber.

From Scotland, that great part of the cod, where the fishery is established, is now in the hands of the crown, and the progress made

Two men of war and five transport vessels are ordered to be got ready for sailing, which are designed for Algiers, to bring over the Christians which have been for several years detain'd in slavery there.

By letters lately arrived in town by the way of Holland from admiral Boscawen's fleet from the cape of Good Hope, we are informed, that they should sail from thence in January next, and hoped to reach England in May; and that a great number of men had suffered by the flux, occasioned by drinking too plentifully of the wines at the cape.

No advice having been received of the recovery of lord George, a messenger was therefore dispatched on Tuesday to France on that subject.

From Madrid they write, that all the frigates, bilancers and other vessels, fitted out in the ports of Spain, have received orders to be in readiness to put to sea on the first notice; the court have not yet declar'd the destination of these ships.

We hear that a sloop of war is ordered to be mann'd and victualled at Portsmouth, in order to sail with all expedition to the West Indies, with instructions to the several governors.

Capt. Campbell, we hear, sails soon for Gibraltar, with ten men of war to join commodore Kappell's squadron.

Thursday it was reported that two Dutch ships, bound for Lisbon from Hamburg, were taken a few leagues distance from Oporto, by the Algerines.

Nov. 4. Letters from Amsterdam mention, that the plague was broke out on the frontiers of Poland, and had carried off great numbers of people.

Letters from Marseilles confirm the accounts we have received of the plague's raging violently in the Levant, so that several vessels which have been freighted for those parts, have been unladen, and are beginning to take other cargoes on board for the Baltic.

Some of the large men of war in Portsmouth harbour are ordered to be got in readiness for sailing, &c.

Orders are given by the lords commissioners for trade and plantations, to employ some transports for conveying bullocks and stores, &c. to Nova-Scotia.

From the day that some Spanish vessels entred the harbour of Algiers under Dutch colours to examine the soundings, a resolution was taken by the regency to send an ambassador of magnificency presents to England, to make satisfaction for the insults of the prince Frederick, and to implore the good offices of the king of Great Britain to induce his Catholic majesty lay aside his hostile designs upon that place.

A messenger is dispatched to Spain, on account of some officers lately gone thither.

There is advice that a Barbary rover, with 110 men on board, was lost in the Streights, and all the people on board perished.

Nov. 6. We are assured, that the hon. Sr. Edward Hawke, whose conduct in a former affair was greatly applauded, constituted president of the court martial which is shortly to be for the trial of some Officers and Mariners.

Nov. 7. According to letters from Vienna the court lately received divers expresses from different parts, and several councils have been held on the contents of their dispatches which are kept very secret; but it is observ'd, that orders have since been issued for remounting the cavalry, and compleating all the regiments, both horse and foot, as soon as possible.

They write from Berlin, that his Prussian majesty has ordered several regiments to form a camp towards the frontiers of his dominions; but on what side, whether on the frontiers of Silesia, or towards Courland, they don't inform us: And the reason they assign for this encampment is, to ensure the troops to cold weather; which it certainly will do, whether or no there be any thing more intended by it.

We hear from Dresden, that couriers frequently arrive from Vienna, and that several councils have been call'd on the subject of their dispatches: They add, that the court of Vienna has reinforced her troops in Moravia with twelve squadrons and four regiments of infantry, upon the receipt of some intelligence from Berlin.

The last letters from Madrid advise, that the intent of Mr. Keene's making a tour to London, is to give by word of mouth certain éclaircissements in relation to the negotiation he is charged with, which is chiefly retard'd by the arts of the Guisepian company; and that this minister will be thereupon furnished with such instructions as the court of Spain will be very far from