

Containing the freshest Advices, Foreign and Domestic.

WEDNESDAY, May 23, 1750.

BASTIA, Jan. 29.

H E marquis de Burzay, general of his most Christian majesty's forces in the island of Corsica, and Mr. de Guiffard, commissary of war, have had with in these few days several conferences with the chiefs, or leading men amongst the malecontents. And, notwithstanding matters are kept so close, that 'tis impossible to give the public any perfect and determinate account of their proceedings: yet 'tis generally conjectured, that the contest which has subsisted between those islanders and the Genoese will soon be settled and adjusted to the satisfaction of both parties.

In the mean time, however, our connoisseurs seem fully persuaded, that the report, which has for some time been industriously spread all over Europe, that the island would be ceded to his royal highness the infant duke of Parma, is entirely false and groundless.

M. de Guiffard is to embark directly on board one of the galleys belonging to the republic, in order to his return to Genoa as soon as possible, to make his report of the success which those conferences above mentioned have met with.

Naples, Feb. 10. The king and his royal consort, returned on the 8th inst. from Persano; after having spent near three weeks there in the royal diversion of hunting. Their majesties din'd at Portici, and in the evening went to the opera.

Yesterday there was a grand council held at the palace.

We are credibly inform'd, that fresh orders have been sent to all the captains of the several regiments to have their companies complet by a day appointed, and that 'tis farther order'd, that every colonel shall deliver into the hands of the inspector general of his majesty's forces, an exact account of the state of their respective corps; as also an exact list of the several soldiers thereto belonging, &c.

'Tis generally conjectured, that there will soon be an augmentation of some thousand men to the present troops; tho' there is nothing absolutely determin'd as yet relating thereto.

The son of the prince de Troglis, died on Friday last of the small-pox, in the 17th year of his age, to the great grief of that prince, and all his illustrious family, as he was the only son.

Worms, Feb. 27. The baron de Frackenstein, minister plenipotentiary of the republic and bishop of Wurzburg, received on the 15th inst. from the hands of his imperial majesty, with the customary ceremonies, the investiture of the temporalities of that bishoprick.

Tripoli, Nov. 29. Ali Effendi, the ambassador of our regency at the republic of the United Provinces, arriv'd at this port on the 16th inst. on board the Dolphin, a Dutch frigate, capt. Vagder Does commander, and had his audience of the dey the next day, in order to make his report of the success he met with in regard to the commission with which he was intrusted.

That minister was not only lavish of his encomiums on the Dutch, and the polite reception that he had met with amongst them, during his residence at the Hague; but has given the dey and the regency such an exalted idea of the many amiable qualities of his serene highness the prince stadtholder, and of the extraordinary good conduct and economy of the republic of Holland, that both the divan and the dey are determin'd to omit nothing that may any way contribute towards a more solid union, and perfect harmony, if possible, than what at present subsists between our regency and that puissant republic.

Within these few days a vessel arriv'd in this port from Leghorn, the captain whereof has actually deliver'd into the hands of our regency the ratification of a treaty of peace, lately concluded

ed between our regency and the grand duchy of Tuscany; with the agreeable addition of several very valuable and magnificent presents, on the part and behalf, and in the name of their Imperial majesties, with which the dey is so highly delighted, that he has determin'd to return, in a letter under his own hand, his grateful acknowledgements of their distinguish'd favour, by the same captain that brought them, who proposes to set sail for Italy as soon as conveniently may be.

Peterburg, Jan. 17. Her Russian majesty's journey for Czarkafelo, is fix'd for one day next week, where our sovereign proposes to reside for about a fortnight or three weeks.

The foreign ministers, that have followed the court from Moscow hither, have all of them had their audiences already of her Imperial majesty, except the two new ones from Great-Britain and Sweden; neither of whom will, as we are credibly inform'd, open their commissions till her majesty's return from Czarkafelo.

Genoa, Jan. 20. The two men of war, which this government had lately fitted out for giving chase to the corsair of Tunis, who has committed so many flagrant outrages in the channel of Piombino, are return'd within these few days: into port, without being able to get sight of that audacious rover, or any other belonging to that nest of thieves.

By advices lately received from Leghorn, we learn, that a French vessel, that had sail'd from Smyrna was arriv'd in the port of Algiers, with three hundred Turkish soldiers, whom the grand signior had caus'd to be transported thither to the dey, with an absolute promise of more considerable reinforcements, if occasion should require, and the Christian powers should make any motions towards a descent on that city, or on any other part of their dominions.

By the same advices, we are farther inform'd, that the treaty of peace between the king of the Two Sicilies, and regency of Tunis and Tripoli, being broke off, the latter have fitted out a considerable number of corsairs, in order to go cruising on the coasts of the kingdom of Naples.

Turin, Jan. 24. According to the last dispatches which have been receiv'd here from the chevalier d'Oforio, his majesty's minister at the court of Madrid, we are assur'd, that the Infanta Maria Antonietta will set out from that city on the last day of march next, and that she will travel all the way by land.

His Sardinian majesty, we hear, will forthwith nominate such noblemen and ladies as he shall think proper, to meet that princess as far as Perpignan; and we are farther assur'd, that his majesty accompanied by his highness the duke his son, will go before, as far as the frontiers of the duke of Savoy.

Paris, Feb. 2. The king who went on Thursday last to Trianon, return'd yesterday to Versailles, in order to hold to-day a chapter of the order of the Holy Ghost. We learn from Calais, that the packet boat, which sail'd last week from England, was wreck'd upon the coast, but that all the crew and passengers sav'd themselves, except the capt. M. Savage, who was drown'd in endeavouring to swim to shore.

Paris A la-main, Feb. 16. It is currently reported, that our French cavalry will for the future be dress'd all in blue; and that an arret, or ordinance will forthwith be issued out for that purpose; and in order that the regiments may assume that uniform dress, with the greater ease, one third part thereof will be cloath'd first, and the other two thirds, as soon as conveniently may be, one after the other.

'Tis generally conjectured likewise, that there will be a diminution of six million in the Talleys.

Tho' according to the present list of our marine, there are actually three score men of war already in the several ports of Brest, Rochelle, Rochefort, Toulon, and Marseille.