

*Madrid, Sept. 17.* We have received Advice, that some of our Ships had attacked six Algerine Xebecs upon the Coast of Catalonia, and after an Engagement of some Hours, sunk two of them, and so much damaged the other four, that it is thought they must be disabled.

*Stockholm, Sept. 21.* M. Panin, Envoy Extraordinary from the Emperors of Russia, has lately had several Conferences with the King's Ministers upon the Subject of the Dispatches he has received from his Court; and is assured that he has declared to them among other Things, that her Imperial Majesty, far from having any Design against this Kingdom, had sent repeated Orders to the Russian Troops in Finland, to keep quiet, and avoid doing any Thing that might give the least Umbrage to the Swedes. It's also said, that it has been proposed to adjust all the Differences which subsist between the two Courts, by means of a new General Treaty.

The Marquis de Havrincourt, Ambassador from France, received an Express Yesterday from his Court, and the same Day he had an Audience of the King to communicate his Dispatches. It's said, that this Ambassador has received Orders to declare, that his Most Christian Majesty has taken off all Duties upon Timber fit for building of Ships, which shall be brought into the Ports of France, and also upon Swedish Iron, whether brought on board Swedish Vessels, or those of other Nations.

*Vienna, Sept. 22.* At the Time that the Contest between this Court and the Republic of Venice, concerning the Patriarchate of Aquileia, seemed to become serious, some Overtures have been made for bringing Matters to an Accommodation; for this Purpose it has been agreed upon to hold Conferences at Ferrara, under the Mediation of the King of Sardinia, and that the Cardinals Quirini and Rezzonico shall repair there from the Republic, to consult with the Pope's Nuncio and the Ministers of Vienna and Turin, about accommodating the Differences to the Satisfaction of all the interested Parties. Besides the Affair of Aquileia, there are some Points to be settled concerning the Jurisdiction of the Subjects of the Emperors Queen, and those of the Republic of Venice, who inhabit the Borders of the respective States.

*Frankfort, Sept. 29.* The Protestants of this City, who sent a Deputy to the King of Great Britain at Hanover, have obtained the strongest Recommendation from his Britannic Majesty to our Regency in their Behalf, in order to remove the Difficulties which attended their building a Church here.

*Extract of a Letter from the Hague, dated September 30.*

Every Circumstance concurs, say the Letters from Italy, to confirm the Tranquillity in that Country which the Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle has restored to it. This is so true, that the Powers which, according to what is given out in foreign Countries, would be principally interested in disturbing it, have done making military Preparations that have been talk'd of with so much Exaggeration. The Court of Turin, which has been thought to have the least pacific Views, now openly contradicts this Notion by the Tranquillity that it causes to prevail throughout all its Dominions. Genoa is in so miserable a Condition, that no Body can distrust that poor Republic; since it has apparently other Business upon its Hands than entering into a War. As to what is said about Retinforcements arriving every Day from Austria in Lombardy, no Stress ought to be laid upon it; seeing half of the Soldiers decamp before arriving there, and the rest desert after their Arrival.

Our last Advices from the Empire bring, that Friendship between the Imperial Court and that of Bonn is to be considered as good as re established; and that there seems to be nothing wanting to compleat a good Harmony, but establishing a reciprocal Confidence, which would be easily effected, was there not yet a Set of false Brethren; and what makes this the greater Unhappines to the good Cause, is, that these false Brethren have but too much Credit at the Court of Vienna. The Electors of Bavaria and Saxony now talk like good Patriots, and even the King of Prussia has just joined with them in declaring, that he will always concur with the Electoral College. The Sentiments of the Elector Palatine being changed for the better, there is all the Reason in the World to hope for an entire Success to the Schemes of his Britannic Majesty to establish a perfect Concord in the Empire, and at the same Time to render the Imperial Authority its full Lustre, which has hitherto been greatly eclipsed.

*Dublin, Sept. 29.* We hear from Dundalk that on Friday Night the 21st Instant, Mr John Johnston, Coast Officer of that Place, made a Seizure of several Trusses of Tobacco and some Brandy; there were several Shots exchanged, and Mr John Johnston shot one of the Ruffians through the Shoulder with a Brace of Balls, and took the Master of the Gang Prisoner. The next Day he seized another Parcel of Tobacco and Brandy.

We hear that the grand Disputes between the Liberty Boys and Constables, is happily at an End, by the Care and Vigilance of Mr. Justice Drury; and that they are now good Friends, Peace being proclaimed last Wednesday in Kertan's Street, at the Head of both Parties.

B R I S T O L, August 4.

We hear our worthy Diocesan, and the Corporation of this City, have agreed upon a Plan for dividing the Parish of St. Philip and Jacob, and erecting a new Church in Kingswood, with a House and competent Endowment for a Resident Minister. They have contributed largely towards carrying this good Design in Execution with all convenient Speed; And several well disposed Persons have already added their liberal Benefactions.

On Saturday last died THOMAS GORDON, Esq; Commissioner of the Wine Licences, and CONIERS MIDDLETON, D. D. Principal Librarian of the University of Cambridge, both in advanced Ages.—They were justly esteemed the most celebrated polite Writers of the present Age; their Works are so highly distinguish'd for their Beauty of Style, Elegancy of Diction, and Justness of Argument, that their Memories will eternally live in the Minds of all Friends of the civil and religious Rights and Liberties of Mankind. Mr. Gordon's *Leopoldus and Sallust*, *Cato's Letters*, his incomparable *Translation of Tacitus* and *Sallust*, and several other ingenious Productions shew him, a Man of the most exalted natural and acquired Parts.

Dr. MIDDLETON was no Way inferior to him in either, as appears by his *Life of Cicero*, *Pope's and Paganini's characters*, *a Free Enquiry*, &c. *Examination of Prophecies*, and several other Works in the highest Esteem, for sound Argument and polite Learning. This worthy Divine has fairly and clearly released Christianity from those Fetters and Impossibilities, under which it groan'd for twelve or fourteen Centuries: He has brush'd off the Cobwebs and Filth, which render'd it gloomy and unnatural, from old Monkish Ignorance and Enthusiasm, and has render'd Christianity, (as it ought to be) *pleasant and amiable in Doctrine and Practice*.

'Tis remarkable that these two great Men, who lived in the most intimate Friendship and Union, should set out on their Journeys for the *Caelestial Paradise*, for the Rewards of their *Terrestrial Merits*: the very same Day, nay almost the very same Hour. This indicates the Union of great Souls by Sympathy, that one could not live without the other: Now they live together gloriously ad AETERNUM.

L O N D O N.

*October 4.* On Tuesday Night a Fire broke out in the Shop, Out-houses, &c. of a Brickmaker near the Foundling Hospital, and did some Hundred Pounds Damage before it was extinguish'd. It is said that it was wilfully done by a Gang that has lately infested that Place.

By the Report made to the King of Spain of the State of the Manufactories set up in that Kingdom since his Accession to the Throne, there are near 5000 Hands, among which they reckon upwards of 800 Foreigners. Among those Manufactories, the Woollen is that which the Spanish Ministry encourage most, because his Catholic Majesty is resolv'd to save the Summs which have been heretofore paid to Foreigners for clothing his Army.

We hear from Gloucester that on Thursday last was committed to the Northgate Goal a young Gentleman, having robb'd several Persons between that City and Horsebury Bridge, and one other Person on the Newent Road. He is not above 19 Years of Age, and is said to be Clerk to an Attorney in Town.

By Letters from Paris of the 12th of October we are inform'd, that the King intended soon to give the Title of Duke of that Kingdom to Mess. Murepox, Payfieur, and Count d'Argenson, and that of Duchess to Madame de Pompadour.