

Farms, was scarcely felt, so long as Commerce flourished.

The Council of State, preceded by the Stadtholder, did a few Days ago present to their High Mightinesses the Petition and State of War for the next Year; which was accompany'd with a Discourse pronounced by the President, intimating the Necessities the State was under of raising Money to make good amongst other Things, the Engagements which it hath been oblig'd to enter into, in Concert with his Britannic Majesty, for the Security of the Republic, which was threaten'd by all its Neighbours, &c. This Discourse has been printed, and sent to the Provinces, in order to gain their Consent to the Purpose thereof.

Florence, Jan. 8. Last Week the News of the Emperors Dowager's Death arriv'd here, and Yesterday the Emperors Orders, with Regard to that Event, were read in Council, by which the Members of the Regency, the Chamberlains, and all who belong to his Court here, are order'd to go into Mourning for nine Months. The first three are directed to wear black Cloth with the Puc raised like Ratteen, and all other Signs of the deepest Mourning for their Persons only. None but the Emperors Livery Servants are to be put into Mourning. The Diversions of the Carnival are permitted to go on, exclusive of Masking. On the 24th past the Emperors Letters Patent were read with the usual Military Formality, in Favour of Count de le Tour, who is promoted to the Rank of Colonel of the Lorraine Regiment of Foot Guards in Garrison in this City, in the Room of Count Givrecourt, deceased. M. de Ruis, Major, succeeds Count de le Tour in the Post of Lieutenant Colonel, and M. Breton, succeeds as Major of the said Regiment. On the 31st the Emperors Pleasure was publish'd in Council, granting to the Senator Gaetani and M. Libri, the Reduction of half the Term prescribed in the Sentence for their Confinement at Valerria, by which they are at Liberty to dwell in any other Places of Tuscany, forbidding them only to approach within six Miles of the City of Florence. On the 3d Instant Colonel Mill set out from hence on his Journey to Vienna.

Hague, Jan. 27. The States of Holland and West Frizeland continue their Assembly. Count Viny arriv'd here on Monday last from Turin, and this Day he presented to the President of the Assembly of the States General his Credential Letters, as Envoy Extraordinary from his Sardinian Majesty to their High Mightinesses. The Prince Stadtholder has appointed M. Augustus Marfelt to be Colonel of a Regiment of Artillery. His Serene Highness has confer'd on Baron Amerongen, the Office of Grand Bailiff of Amersfort, vacant by the Resignation of M. Van Voorst.

L O N D O N.

Jan. 17. They write from Petersburg, that it is daily expected the Minister from the States General of the United Provinces will receive Orders to accede to the new Alliance, form'd upon the national and salutary Plan of constituting a proper Balance of Power in Europe. The Court has received Advice, that the Turkish Garrisons on the Frontiers have been changed, with less Danger and Disturbance than was expected; and that there was no Appearance at all of any Irruption by the Crim Tartars.

Our Advices from Rome say, that the Pope has thought fit civilly to decline, as unnecessary, the Mediation of his most Christian Majesty, in the Affair of the Patriarchate of Aquileia; and has also rejected the Expedient propos'd by the Republic, of transferring that See to Udina, and putting the Subjects of her Imperial Majesty under the Jurisdiction of a new Prelate of their own, his Holiness being rather inclined to extinguish the Dignity of Patriarchs, a Measure to which, on the other Hand, the Republic is absolutely averse.

Some private Letters from Vienna inform us, that the Emperess Dowager did not die near so rich as was expected, which is attributed to her numerous Acts of Charity, during the late War, so that her Treasures were gone before her to a better Place.

The Corpse of the Marshal Count de Saxe, after lying in State forty Days at Chambord, was removed on the Eighth, under a Discharge of all the Artillery, being accompanied to a certain Distance by his Regiment of Foot, under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Baron Le Fort. The Funeral March will take up thirty two Days, escorted by a hundred Dragoons; and the same Honours are to be paid to the Hearse in all the Places through which it passes, as the late Marshal would have

received, if he had been alive; and upon the Arrival of the Body at Straßburg, it is to be deposited in the House of Marshal Coigny, till the necessary Preparations can be made for its being solemnly interred.

Our Letters from the Hague say, that besides the ordinary Appointment of seventy thousand Florins, and the extraordinary of forty thousand, granted to Prince Lewis of Brunswick, a Government is to be settled for him at Utrecht, upon the same Foot with that of Nimuegen, upon his taking Possession of which, he will quit that of Aeth, of which he stands possess'd at present.

March 22. Between Ten and Eleven o'Clock on Wednesday Night, died at Leicester House, the most High, Puissant, and most Illustrious Prince Frederick-Lewis, (eldest Son of our most Gracious Sovereign George the Second, whom God long preserve) Prince of Great Britain, Elector Prince of Brunswick-Lunenbourg, Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall and Rothesay, Duke of Gloucester and Edinburgh, Marquis of the Isle of Ely, Earl of Chester, Carrick and Eltham, Viscount of Launceston, Baron of Renfrew and Snawdon, Lord of the Isles, Steward of Scotland, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, one of his Majesty's Privy Council, Chanceller of the University of Dublin, Fellow of the Royal Society, First Commisioner for Building the Royal Hospital at Greenwich, and Governor of the British White Herring Fishery, &c.

This Excellent and Well beloved Prince was born on the 20th of January, 1706; and on the 27th of April 1736, married the Princess Augusta of Saxe Gotha; who, by her close and constant Attendance on her Royal Consort in this his last fatal Illness, kept up the Great Pattern, he has all along been, of Conjugal and Maternal Affection. Her Royal Highness, notwithstanding she is some Months advanced in her Pregnancy, sat up with her late Consort every Night, and had not her Cloaths off for seven Nights. By this Lady his Royal Highness has left Issue five Sons and three Daughters, viz.

Princess Augusta, born July 31, 1737.
Prince George, born May 24, 1738; who succeeds his Royal Father as Heir Apparent to the Crown of these Reams, &c.
Prince Edward Augustus, born March 14, 1738.
Princess Elizabeth Caroline, born Dec. 30, 1740.
Prince William Henry, born Nov. 14, 1743.
Prince Henry-Frederick, born October 27, 1745.
Princess Louisa-Anne, born March 8, 1748.
Prince Frederick William, born May 13, 1750.

At Nine his Royal Highness thought himself much better, and told Dr. Wilmot he might go home, but a little after Ten he complain'd of a violent Pain in his Stomach, and died in less than a Quarter of an Hour. His Body was open'd Yesterday, and there was found a large Abscess form'd upon the Lungs, which burst, and is supposed to be the immediate Cause of his Death.

To form a just Estimate of the Nation's Loss by the Death of his Royal Highness, we should be able to do Justice to his Character; but that is more than we dare venture to undertake, and therefore leave it to some masterly Hand to tell the World, that the Joy of Britain is withered, her Hope is gone: The Merchants Friend, the Protector of Arts and Sciences, the Patron of Merit, the generous Reliever of the Distressed, the accomplished Prince, and the fine Gentleman in private Life, is now no more.

The Right Hon. the Lord North and Guilford went to St. James's on Wednesday Evening, to notify the Death of his Royal Highness to his Majesty.

Upon this melancholy Occasion, Orders were sent to contradict the State Coach being got ready for his Majesty to go to the House of Peers, and sign the Bills mentioned in our Paper of Yesterday, which Bills will be signed this Day by Commission. Both Houses of Parliament met Yesterday (agreeable to the Adjournment of Wednesday Evening), but adjourn'd without doing any Business, to this Day; and after the Bills have been sign'd, it is thought they will severally adjourn for three Weeks.

The Music and Drums were not made use of at the Mourning of the Guard Yesterday at St. James's.

His Majesty is deeply affected with the Loss of his Royal Highness, and we hear that when the Princess sent some Days ago an Account of her dangerous Apprehensions for his Royal Highness, his Majesty was pleas'd to return a most affectionate and tender Answer.