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A Proclamation concerning Passes for Ships.

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HIS Majesty (with the Advice of His Privy Council) doth by this His Royal Proclamation Publish and Declare, That all Passes for Ships Entered for the East or West-Indies, or the Parts of Africa beyond Cape Verde, which were granted before the date hereof, shall determine upon their return, and being unladen in some Port of England or Wales, or at the Town of Berwick upon Tweed; And that all Passes by virtue of any other Treaties then those of Algiers, Tunis and Tripoly, for Ships Entered for the Mediterranean Sea, or Trading there, granted before the 25th of March 1675, shall determine at Michaelmas 1676. And that all such Passes for such Ships, granted after the 25th of March 1675, and before the date of this Our Royal Proclamation, shall determine on the 25th day of March 1677. And that if any of the said Ships shall be in any Port of this Kingdom, or in any Member or Creek thereof, at the time of the publishing of this Our Royal Proclamation, their Passes shall be then void; And if any of the said Ships shall happen to come into any Port of England, after the publishing of this Our Royal Proclamation, and before the expiring of the said Periods, and unlade, their Passes shall thereupon determine; And also that all Passes granted to Ships Entered to any other Part of the World, or Coastwise, such Passes shall determine on the 29th day of September 1676. And hereof all Persons concerned are to take notice at their perils.

Given at Our Court at Newmarket the First day of April 1676. In the Eighth and twentieth year of Our Reign.

Stockholm, March 22. The King arrived here about 14 dayes since, and employ most of his time in order to the hastening out his Fleet, which we are assured will be ready to sail the 14 or 15 of the next month; about which time his Majesty purposes to part hence to his Army which lie near Gonenburgh, and to march with it into the Isle of Schonen, resolving to have his Headquarters at Malsu. The King has appointed a new Chamber of Judicature, of which the Crown's Treasurer is to be President, for the examining several matters relating to the conduct of the Crowns Admiral of the Fleet the last Summer, and of other the general Officers that commanded under him.

Naples, March 24. We do not as yet hear of any Action between the Dutch and the French, which we may now expect very suddenly; for it's said that Lieutenant Admiral de Ruyter intends to enter the Fare of Messina, and make some attempt upon the French Fleet in Port, having advice, as is reported, that their ships are but ill manned, greatest part of their men being employed ashore in their Forts and Castles. A Spanish Gally

is said to have been forced ashore near Melazzo by foul weather.

Florence, March 31. By a Vessel arrived at Legorn in ten dayes from Messina, we hear the French have discovered another Conspiracy against them, and that several persons had been put to death upon that account. From Rome we are told, that there is some appearance of a reconciliation between the French and that Court.

Copenhagen, April 4. The Sieur Kjelman, President to the Duke of Holstein Gottorp, is brought Prisoner hither from Gottorp. The affair of the late Chancellor Griffenselt, grows daily worse and worse; it is said he will be brought to a publick Tryal upon the 21 instant.

Vienna, March 29. The Emperor has appointed the General Officers to command his Army this Campagne, viz. The Duke of Lorrain to command in chief, and under him Prince Herman of Baden, the Prince of Baden Dourlach, and Prince Pio, General of the Artillery, all three with the Titles of Generals; General Vermuller and Count Starckenberg as Lieutenant Generals; the Duke of Saxon Luxembourg, and the Count de Caprara, as Generals of the Horse; the Counts of Dunewalt and Rabata, as Generals of Battalia for the Cavalry; and the Count Portia, and the Baron Kilmanseck, as Generals of Battalia for the Infantry.

Berlin, April 1. Our Elector is at present very much indisposed with the Gowt, so that he keeps his Bed. Preparations are here making for the siege of Stetin, where we hear Count Coningsmark is arrived, though without bringing with him any factors.

Hamburgh, April 10. The Duke of Zell is now on his march with his Forces in order to the besieging of Stude, great provision of Oats, Straw, Hay, &c. hath been made sufficient for the subsistence of his Cavalry, till Grass comes on. It is said that the Danes have with two ships shut up the River Swinge, which comes from Stada.

Strasburgh, April 6. In our last we told you, That the Duke of Luxembourg, and the Marechal de Rochefort were marcht from Saverne, with a design to put a succor into Philipsburgh; and that the Duke of Lorrain had passed the Rhine at Luserburg, to oppose them. Since we understand, That the French having advanced within a League or two of Weissenburg, they understood from the Scouts they had abroad, that the Duke of Lorrain had posted himself there very advantageously, and besides that he had with him 10000 Men, when on the contrary they were not above 6000 strong: whereupon they thought not fit to pursue their design, but retired towards Haguenaw and Saverne, where we hear the Duke of Luxembourg, and the Marechal de Rochefort arrived last night, their Troops being returned into their former quarters. It is said, that the French having sent out a Party of 100 Horse to observe the Enemy, they were cut off, and most of them killed, or taken Prisoners. We hear that the Marechal Duras is arrived at Saverne from Burgundy; and that the Duke of Luxembourg is going to make a step to Schlessstadt, to see to what forwardness the new Fortifications are there.

Spire,

Spire, April 7. His Electoral Highness Palatine, to contribute all he can on his part towards the hindering the French from succoring of *Philipsburgh*, has sent his Troops to guard a very advantageous Pass near *Newstadt*, whilst the Duke of *Lorraine* with 10000 *Imperialists* is posted at *Weissenburg*. From *Franconia* they write, That the Imperial Troops who have had their Winter-quarters there, begin to march, in order to be at the general Rendezvous the 15 instant.

Cologne, April 10. The Duke of *Newburg* has convoked the States of his Duchy of *Berg* and *Fuliers*, though upon what occasion we know not; so soon as this Assembly is finished, his Highness will part thence for *Newburg*, and so for *Vienna*, where he will meet the Prince his son returning from *Italy*. His Highness has given orders for the fortifying *Deuren* with five new Bastions; they are likewise fortifying *Fuliers*.

Brussels, April 14. On Sunday his Excellency by several Couriers which came from *Ghent*, received advice, That 12000 *French*, under the command of the *Mareschal d'Humieres*, and the Count de *Namur*, Governor of *Aeth*, were endeavouring to pass the *Schelde*, and to make an incursion into the Country of *Waes*; whereupon his Excellency immediately commanded all the Troops that were quartered hereabouts, to march to *Dendermond*, whither he followed himself about seven in the evening, accompanied with most of the Nobility that were in Town. But this day we have an account, That the *French* have effected their purpose, having utterly destroyed that small Country with Fire and Sword; and that our Governor is drawing all the Forces he can together, to cut off their retreat. On Sunday night *Don Bernardo de Salinas* returned hither from *Rosendael*, whither he was sent by his Excellency, to Complement the Prince of *Orange* upon his arrival there. We are told that his Highness's whole Army is quartered in *Brabant*; That the Train of Artillery stands at *Bergen-op-Zoom*, and the Infantry quartered in that Marquisate; That the Cavalry lies at *Breda*, *Bolduc*, and other places in *Brabant*, ready to draw together, and to march, so soon as his Highness shall think fit, he having all his general Officers about him. We have Letters of the 10th instant from *Charlemont*, which tell us, That *Mareschal Erqui* is marched with a Body of 10000 men towards *Lorraine*, and so it's thought for *Alsace*. It's said the Castle of *Huy* was blown up the 10th instant, with one of the Town-gates, and two Arches of their Bridge broken down, the *Mareschal d'Esdrades* coming from *Masricht* to see it done. From *Liege* we are told, That since the demolishing of the Cittadel, the People begin to play the Masters; That they require several Imposts and Taxes they pay at present may be taken off, and that the Militia may be disbanded; and that it's probable they will obtain both. From *Strasbourg* of the 6th instant, we hear, That the *Mareschal Roche fort* was returned to *Saverne*, without being able to put any succor into *Philipsburgh*, it being impossible to force the *Imperialists*, as well in respect of their number, as their being very advantageously posted near *Weissenbourg*.

Ghent, April 14. The French have it seems at last put in execution the design they have had long in hand to destroy the Country of *Waes*, which though but small, yet is very fertile and rich. The *Mareschal d'Humieres*, who to this end had drawn together a Body of 12000 Men, on Saturday last having sent out two or three strong Parties to amuse us, by the shew they made of endeavouring to pass the *Schelde* at *Melle* and *Mercless*, about half a League from hence, in the mean time marched about with his main Body, and passed the Canal between this place and *Bruges*, with 4000 Horse, and 5000 Foot, without any opposition; and about Five a Clock on Sunday in the afternoon, passed the Canal, between this City and *Sass* near *Rinne* and *Rongurfort*, and leaving 5000 Men with nine

pieces of Cannon to guard the passage, and make good their retreat, the rest marched into the Country of *Waes*, and as we are told have utterly ruined it, carrying away all the Horses, Cattle, and Goods, to an inestimable value we here say four Millions onely) and burning what they could not take away with them, all the Villages and Farms they reduced to ashes, and among the rest *Luparen*, *Zelfstat*, *Waghenne*, *Moud-bique*, and some add *St Nicholas*. We hear they likewise carried away with them the chief Men of these Villages, to have Ransoms for them. Upon this News, the Duke de *Villa Hermos* arrived on Sunday about midnight at *Dendermond*, to give the necessary orders. It is said that the Duke de *Montalto*, General of the Cavalry, having gone out from *Dendermond* with a considerable Party of Horse and Foot, to maintain a Pass against the French not far from that place, was repulsed; That several Persons of Quality were killed and wounded, among the latter are named the Prince of *Vandemon*, the Count de *Bronay*, *Don Francisco Marcos de Velasco*, and *Don Carlos Borgia*, his Excellencies Nephew; and some add, that the Duke de *Montalto* has likewise a slight wound. We hear some *Holland* Regiments are transported from *Bergen-op-Zoom*, into the Country of *Waes*; and that Count *Waldeck* came last Night to his Excellency at *Dendermond*, where all the Horse and Dragoons that were quartered in *Brabant*, are by this time arrived, and we are in hopes that they will either fall upon the French in the Country of *Waes*, before they can join those Troops they left at the passage of the Canal of *Sass*, or hinder their repassing between *Bruges* and this place.

Hague, April 14. From *Amsterdam* we understand, That the Men of War designed for the Baltick, begin to fall down to the *Texel*; and that the *Sieur Tromp* is resolved to pass to *Denmark* by sea, having at first been of intention to take his journey by Land. The Prince of *Orange* is at present at *Rosendael*, and will be earlier in the Field with his Army than the French; for according to our last Advices from *Paris*, the Most Christian King had not yet fixed the day of his departure from *St Germain*. We have Advice from *Ghent*, That on Sunday last the French being 12000 strong, fell into the Country of *Waes*, and that they have quite laid it waste, having reduced all to ashes they could not carry away with them.

Paris, April 15. On Sunday last the *Mareschal de Lorge* went Post for *Flanders*. Yesterday the King gave Audience to the first President of the Parliament of *Britany*, and to the Deputies of that Province; and this day the Parliament of this City waited upon his Majesty, who will part hence to-morrow, and as is said take his journey through *Picardy* to *Flanders*, for it is not yet certain. The report here is, That *Cambray*, *Coude*, or *Ipres* will be suddenly besieged.

Advertisements.

✦ *De Græcæ Ecclesiæ Hodierno Statu Epistola.* Authore *Thoma Smith* Presbytero, Coll. B. Mariæ *Magdalena Oxon.* Socio, Sold by *Hugh Ellys* Bookfeller in *Oxford*.

✦ *The Natural Fanatick: Or, Reason Consider'd in its Extravagancy in Religion, and (in some late Treatises) Usurping the Authority of the Church and Councils.* By *John Wavry* B. D. late Fellow of *Clare-Hall* in *Cambridge*. Sold by *Tho: Bassett* at the *George* in *Fleet-Street*.

William Baily about 19 years of age, went away from his Master Mr *William Sheldon* a Silkman in *London Bridge*, on the 28th of *February* last, to the great grief of his Relations, of a middle stature, long visaged, thin whitely countenance, brown lank hair, his foretop turning up, goes slooping in the shoulders, in a cloth sute, light nutmeg colour, his shoulder-knot and hatband of 12 penny broad ribbon figured, mixt with black, white, lemon and gold, he also wears a light grey Hair Camblet Cloak: These are to give Notice, that he is earnestly desired to return speedily to his said Master, or to his Father Mr *John Bown* in *Crownery*, who do hereby promise that he shall be received with much kindness and gladness, and his misbehavior not charged upon him; and if any one shall give notice where he is, and return him to either of the parties abovenamed, they shall have Ten pound reward.

Stolen out of the Stable of *Thomas Studds* of *Tewksford* in *Bucksfordshire*, the 3d instant, A Dun Gelding with 2 white feet behind, and a star and snip in his forehead, at or 8 years old, above 14 hands, having all his paces. And a brown bay Gelding, his near foot behind white, a scar in his near shoulder, near 14 hands, with a Fire-brand upon his near Buttock, having all his paces, between 5 and 6 years old. Whoever gives notice of them to *Ed: Grigg* at the *White Bear* in *Smithfield*, shall have 40s. Reward.