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*Pendennis, April 23.*

**T**HE last Week arrived here two Vessels from *Lisbon*, the Masters whereof report, that before they came from thence, there had hapned a great Storm which destroyed several ships, and did much other mischief, and that among the rest an *Hamburger* of 36 Guns, and 90 men, being very richly Laden, was cast away, and 74 men of the 90 drowned.

*Falmo uth, April 23.* The 20 instant came in here the *Gezco* Ketch of *London*, Laden with Oranges from *Lisbon*, from whence she came about 13 dayes past, the Matter reports, that there had been an Embargo for three weeks upon their Fleet bound to *Brazile*, and that at the same time with him sailed from *Lisbon* 16 *Dutch* Merchantmen, all ships of good force, but without any Convoy with them. This day arrived here the *Success* of *Falmouth*, *William Bewes* Commander, from *Malaga*, from whence he came about 14 dayes past, in company of about 25 Sail more, with whom he separated in the *Streights* mouth.

*Genoua, April 13.* The News we receive from the *Levant* of the great preparations the *Turks* are making to sit out to Sea a Fleet of above 100 Sail, does somewhat trouble us; and especially People are apprehensive that the Infidels have a design upon *Malta*, or else upon *Naples* or *Sicily*, which lie most exposed. The Pope, we are told, is particularly concerned at the news; though we hope that these preparations of the *Ottomans* are nothing near so great, as the common reports would make them. It was some time since all the discourse, that the Prince of *Ligne*, at present Governor of the Duchy of *Milan*, was appointed to succeed the Marquis de *Castel Rodrigo* in the Government of *Sicily*, though with a larger power, but at present the thing is no more spoken of; and, as we are told, the Court is very well satisfied with the said Marquis de *Castel Rodrigo's* conduct of affairs.

*Venice, April 17.* We have Letters from *Adrianople* of the 7<sup>th</sup> past, which give us an account, that the Grand Signior parted from thence the week before to *Constantinople*, but that the Grand Visier remained still here, to dispatch several publick affairs, and then would follow the Grand Signior to *Constantinople*, where the *Caimacan* had made great preparation for his reception. The Marquis de *Fuentes*, who hath some time resided here in quality of Ambassador Extraordinary from the Crown of *Spain*, is appointed to go for *England* with the same Character, and, as we understand, has lately received direction to hasten his journey thither. From *Rome* they write, that there being now seven places vacant in the Colledge of Cardinals, it was expected a Promotion would be made very suddenly.

*Copenhagen, April 27.* This Noon arrived here an Express from *Landskroon*, bringing Letters from the Governor of that place to his Majesty, who thereupon, together with his Brother Prince *George*, parted from hence immediately after dinner to *Landskroon*, of which we do not as yet know the cause; though in the mean time the discourse is, that the said Express brought ad-

vice, that our Troops in *Schonen* have so enclosed 3000 *Swedes*, that they must either submit, or fight through our Forces, who are much stronger than they. The King has pardoned the Burgher-master *Focke* his life.

*Hamburg, April 30.* The States of the *Lower Saxony* have resolved to raise a Body of 15000 men, and we are told that several Proposals have been made about treating with the Duke of *Hanover* for the Troops he has on foot. The 25 instant the Elector of *Brandenburg* was expected at *Zell*, where he would be met by the Dukes of *Lunenburgh*, to confer together upon the present posture of affairs. This day the *Munster* Troops which are to go into the service of the King of *Denmark* pass the *Elbe*, and at *Wedel* are to be given over into the hands of the *Danish* Commissary. A famous Astronomer has writ what follows of the Comet or Blazing Star that has been seen here. On the 29 of April 1677, a Blazing Star was seen, rising about Two in the morning in the North-North East, its Body, to look upon, was like that of a Star of the first Magnitude, when it appears through small Clouds, but the Heavens growing presently after about the Horizon very cloudy, cannot justly describe its station, but according to conjecture judge, it had its place between the east Foot *Andromeda's*, and the *Basis* of the *Triangle*, its Tail turned upwards, inclining a little towards the right hand, in length about half a yard. From *Poland* we have advice, that they were not yet altogether free of an apprehension of the *Turks*, who made great preparations as were given out against the *Moscovites*, upon whom the Grand Signior resolved to make War, to recover the whole *Ukraine*; however till the Peace last concluded be ratified, the *Poles* cannot think themselves altogether secure on that side. The Dyer at *Warsaw* is still continued, and will hardly be determined before *Easter*, new difficulties arising daily.

*Strasbourg, April 26.* The *Sieur de Monclar*, Lieutenant General for the Most Christian King in *Alsace*, has caused a Camp to be marked out near *Benfeldt*, not far from hence, and has sent Orders to all the *French* Troops that are in this Countrey to march thither, where he will be able to observe the motions of the Imperial Troops which will be commanded by the Electoral Prince of *Saxony*. From *Metz* they write, that the *Marfchal de Crequi* has posted his Troops in three several Bodies, one near *Thionville*, the second near *Metz*, and the third near *Vi*, which are not so far asunder, but that they may quickly and easily join together. From *Baden* they write, that the Imperial Minister residing with the *Suisse Cantons*, had declared in the Emperors name, that his Imperial Majesty would give Order that none of his Forces should approach their Territories, provided they did recall their Troops out of the *French* service.

*Frankfort, April 27.* To morrow we expect here the Electoral Prince of *Saxony*, who parted the 22 inst. from *Nurenberg*; and at the same time the Marquis de *Bayreut*, Colonel General of the Troops of the Circle of *Franconia* is likewise expected here. Seven Imperial Regiments are on their march this way, and their Avant-guard

guard is already arrived at *Altenhaffelt*, four Leagues from this place. The *Sieur Ogratin*, the Imperial Commissary, is in this City, and has lately received 30000 Crowns to be employed for the service of the Imperial Army this Campaign. From *Egra* in *Bohemia* they write, that several Regiments who have had their quarters in that Kingdom, had received Orders to march towards the *Rhine*: And from *Vienna* they tell us, that the Count *de Trosoledo* was commanded to march with his Regiment which is in *Hungary*, to *Pomeran*, to assist the Elector of *Brandenburg*, and that the Emperor had given the Command of his Forces in *Hungary* to General *Smith*.

*Cologne*, April 30. As yet we hear nothing of the march of the *Osnabrug* Troops, notwithstanding the preparation they seemed to make some time since for it. On Friday last the Bishop of *Munster* made a great entertainment for the Elector of *Brandenburg* at *Beckum*, which place he pass in his return to *Berlin*.

*Muniz*, April 30. In our former we acquainted you that the Duke of *Lorraine* had with the Troops under his Command pass'd the *Moselle* below *Treves*, since we understand that his Highness has continued his march towards *Luxemburg*, though with what design we are as yet to learn, for as to what has been said of his intending to besiege *Metz* or *Nancy*, these seem to be no great ground for it. The rest of the Imperial Troops that have wintered in *Franconia*, and those remote parts, are now all on their march to the *Rhine* which they will pass at *Philipsburg*, *Oppenheim*, &c. and so continue their march towards the *Moselle*, to join the Duke of *Lorraine*, who will then enter up in some action of importance. The *Marschal de Crequi* on the other side is not wanting to put his Troops in such a posture, as that they may be best able to make head against so powerful an Army as that of the Emperors will be, and has posted them in several distinct Bodies on the *Moselle*, to secure the Passes, and the better to observe his Enemies motions.

*Hague*, May 4. The several Provinces have agreed to furnish the monies demanded for the recruiting the Army, and the Officers are using all diligence to raise men for the completing their respective Companies. The *States General* have appointed Commissioners who are to endeavor to compose the differences arisen between the Princess Regent, and the *States of Oost-frizeland*. The Men of War designed for *Sicily*, and the *Baltick*, are fitting out at *Amsterdam* and *Rotterdam*, with all the diligence possible. The Lieutenant General *Tromp* is at present here, but prepares to return very suddenly to *Denmark*. Our Letters from *Franco* tell us, that at *Amiens* and *Abbeville* were Prisoners about 80 Dutch Officers, and 1600 common Soldiers, taken in the Battle of *Cassel*.

*Brussels*, May 4. The Prince of *Roebec*, late Governor of *St Omer*, with the principal Officers of that Garrison are come hither, and have given his Excellency an account of what hath pass'd in that Siege, and by their report it seems they wanted Powder. The Prince of *Orange* continues at *Eckelo*, his Army lying quartered at large, insomuch that they take up near 16 Leagues; we doubt not but by the end of this month, his Highness will be ready to march; and we should be glad to hear that the *Confederate* Troops, who are to come to our assistance, were in the same forwardness; but as yet we have no account that they are on their march. The Troops of the Elector of *Brandenburg*, under the command of General *Spaen*, are joined with those of the *States General*, and of the Duke of *Newburg*, near

*Ruremond*, where they will have their station, to prevent the incursions of the Garrison of *Maestricht*. We have advice that the *French* are marking out a Camp at *Pie-ton*, (where the Prince of *Conde* was posted before the Battle of *Senefo*) from whence they will be able to cover *Charleroy*, in case it should be attacked by the *Confederates*. Our Letters from *Luxemburg* inform us, that the Duke of *Lorraine* was come to *Arion*, and that some Rencontres had hapneu (without any great advantage to either side) between Parties of the *Imperialists* and *French*, and that the *Marschal de Crequi* is posted very advantageously on the *Saar*, his Troops exceeding those of the Duke of *Lorraine* in number. We understand that on Sunday the King was at *Lille*, and was as this day expected at *Courtray* from whence his Majesty intended to go and visit *Tourmay*, *Conde*, and *Valen-tiennes*. The *French* work hard on the Fortifications of *Maestricht*.

*Ghent*, May 4. The Dutch Troops are at present in very good quarters between this place and *Bruges*, and his Highness the Prince of *Orange* continues to have his at *Eckelo*. Passengers come from thence, assure us that the Army is already in a pretty good condition and that in a month or three weeks (by which time it is expected the new Recruits that are raising will be come in) his Highness will march, and enter upon some action against the Enemy, in case the Duke *de Villa Hermosa* be ready, who at the same time is to act with an Army of 30000 men, to facilitate the designs of his Highness. According to our last advices, the Duke of *Lorraine* was come with his Army to *Arion* in *Luxemburg*, by which it seem'd as if his Highness intended to bend towards the *Meuse*.

*Paris*, May 5. On Monday last the Duke of *Orleans* arriv'd here; but the Letters we receive from the Court, say that as yet it was uncertain when his Majesty would return hither, though some here tell us it may be about the middle of *June*. On Sunday last his Majesty was at *Lille*, and from thence purpos'd to go and visit his other Conquests in *Flanders*. It has been said indeed that the *Marschal de Schomberg* is to command the Kings Forces in *Catalonia* this Summer, but it seems the thing is not yet declar'd; and the said *Marschal*, together with the Duke of *Luxemburg*, will return about 10 or 14 dayes hence to the Army in *Flanders*. From *Lorraine* they write, that the Duke of *Lorraine* was advanced between *Treves* and *Luxemburg*, and that in all appearance he would not enter upon any action, till the goods of the Imperial Army is come down, and hath join'd him. What was said in our last of the *Marschal de Crequi's* having defeated the Duke of *Lorraine's* Vanguard, is not confirm'd. We have not of late received any thing new from *Sicily*.

April 28. An Account of an Ostend Privateer sent into the Downs the 24 instant, by Captain Jeniter Commander of His Majesty's Ship the *Saudades*, and now detained there.

The *St Mary* of Ostend with 22 Men, Capt. John de Vroi Commander, having two Guns, one afore, and the other abaft. She is open in the Midships, and sails with a Lug-sail, and one Top-sail.

#### Advertisement.

Henry Lodge about 33 years of age, round visaged, fresh coloured, hired a Horse the 9th of this instant April, for two days, and is supposed to be Rode away with him; he is an iron grey, cloudy face, two Feathers near his brow, 13 bands and a half, the near hinder heel white, and a grey breast. Whoever gives notice of him to Mr Richards in a Meatman in Coleman-street near Leaden Hall, London, shall have 20s. Reward.