

*Disco, March 15.* The Account we gave you in our last of the taking of *Ghent* proves true, we do not find that the Besieged made any great resistance, or that they had planted their Standard, or lifted any Burghers, as was reported here. The King made no publick Entry into the City, but passed privately through it, to take a view thereof. On Friday the Cittadel capitulated, and the next morning the Garison marched out, and was conducted to *Antwerp*. The King is in person at *Lille*, and the common discourse is that he is going to besiege *Ipres*. Yesterday morning the whole French Army decamped from the Neighborhood of *Ghent*, except 12000 men, who remain as a Garison in the City, the Government of which is given to the *Sieur de Montbrun*, Governour of *Aras*, under the *Marschal d'Humieres*, who will reside there. Yesterday the *Earl of Ossory* came hither, and in the evening returned again to his quarters at *Bergen-op-zoom*. The *Prince of Orange* has changed his quarters, and is at present posted at *Boom* over against *Willibrake*, on the other side of the *Schelde*, from whence he can assist this City, *Antwerp*, *Mabines*, or *Dendermond*, which last place his Highness intends to visit to morrow, to see in what condition it is; its greatest security, is the waters that are let out round it.

*Hague, March 15.* We hear that a Flying Camp is forming near *Grave*, which will be composed of Troops of this State, of *Brandenburg*, *Lunenburgh*, and *Niemburg*, as was the last year, for bridling the Garison of *Mabrich*, which would otherwise be very troublesome to the Neighbouring Countries by its incursions. The difference between the Admiralties of this Province and that of *Zeeland* is composed. The States of *Holland* are at present assembled, but we hear not that they have passed any resolution of moment since their re-assembling. From *Antwerp* we have now the certainty of the Surrender both of the City and Cittadel of *Ghent*, it is said the latter might have held out longer, the Garison is come to *Antwerp*. The last Letters we had from the Army, inform'd us that his Highness was posted near *Willibrake*, which was a very convenient quarter. From *England* we have advice, that His Majesty was sending several Thousand Men over for *Flanders*, for the preservation of that Country, and that the Duke of *Monmouth* was going over in Person.

*Paris, March 16.* The Letters we receive from *Flanders*, give us an account that the 9th instant, the City of *Ghent* capitulated, without having made any considerable resistance; and on the Saturday following, the Garison that was in the Cittadel, consisting in 800 Men, marched out with two pieces of Cannon, and was conducted to *Antwerp*; they might have held out several dayes longer, for it would have taken some time to have filled up the Ditches, which were deep, and full of water. The same day, viz. on Saturday, the King parted from thence towards *Ipres*, which place is now besieged, and, as we are informed, the Trenches were to be opened as this night. The King has given the Government of *Ghent* to *Monfieur de Montbrun*, Governour of *Aras*, and the Government of *Aras*, to the *Chevalier de Foubins*. The *Marschal d'Humieres*, who is Governour-General of the French Conquests in *Flanders*, will reside at *Ghent*, where is a Garison of 12000 men, but that they may not doo much incommodo the Burghers, the King has permitted them to make Baraques for the lodging them. The Duke of *Orleans*, who remained sick at *Verdun*, being pretty well recovered, is expected here in a day or two. The Duke of *Vivonne* arrived here two dayes since, but parted again immediately towards *Flanders*, to wait upon the King. Of the Affairs of *Italy* we have this account, that the *Marschal de la Beauville* was gone from *Messina* with all the French Forces to *Augusta*, having before his departure declared for the principal of the City, that he left them to their own

Guard, that he knew very well they would defend themselves; but besides that the Enemy was not in a condition to attack them, and if they should, he would lose no time to come to their assistance. We are assured that we have not lost 500 men in the taking of the City and Cittadel of *Ghent*. The King has written a Letter to our Archbishop, to cause *Te Deum* to be sung here for the same.

*Ostend, March 17.* You have already been informed of the taking of the City and Cittadel of *Ghent*, since, the French have appeared with a Body of Horse before *Bruges*, as if they would besiege that place, but they retired again; and the *Prince of Orange* has sent several Battalions of Foot to reinforce that Garison. At the present all the News is, that the Enemy is going to besiege *Dixmuyde* and *Ipres* at the same time. On Saturday last came into this Road several Yachts, and other Vessels, having on Board 800 English Soldiers, commanded by the Lord *Howard*. On Monday the Duke of *Monmouth* arrived with several hundred more, who are now come all on shore, having been much hindered by the bad weather, and part of them are marched to *Bruges*. The ill weather hath likewise been the cause that the Frigats who are bringing a great many Men more hither, are not yet arrived. The Duke of *Monmouth* has been at *Bruges* and at *Newport*, to see in what condition those places are, and it is said that to morrow or next day his Grace purposes to return for *England*.

*Portsmouth, March 7.* Yesterday the *Rupert*, *Mary* and *Phoenix* Frigats set Sail from the *Spirithead*, bound for the *Streights*. There are now Riding at the *Spirithead*, the *Centurion* and *Dreadnought* Frigats.

#### Advertisements.

Songs for One, Two, and Three Voices, to the *Thorough-Bass*, with short Symphonies. Collected out of some of the Select Poems of the incomparable *Mr. Cowley*; and others. And composed by *Henry Bowman Philomusicus*. Sold by *Henry Bonwicke* at the *Red Lyon* in *St. Pauls Church-yard*, *John Carr* at the *Middle Temple-gate*, and *Thomas Bowman* Bookseller in *Oxford*.

WHEREAS in the Gazetts of the 6th and 10th of December last, Notice was given to all Persons in Assize near to His Majesty for the Duty on Proceedings at Law, from the 22 of October, 1675, to the 23 of October, 1676, to pay in the said Arrears to *Edward Seymour* and *Samuel Maxwell* Esquires, His Majesties then Receivers of the Law Duty, and to no other Person whatsoever: Now these are to give Notice, That the said Arrears are by Order and Agreement to be paid in to His Majesties present Receivers General and Farmers, at their General Office in the *Inner Temple, London*, (who are impowred to Receive and give sufficient Discharges for the same) and to no other Person whatsoever.

One *John Harrington*, of a middle stature, aged about 30, with peck holes in his face, of a fallow complexion, usually wearing a light Perriwig, being a Prisoner in the *Kinges Bench*, in *Southern*, made his Escape from thence on the 3d of March instant. Whoever shall give notice of the said *Harrington*, to the Marshal of the *Kinges Bench* at his house near *St. Georges Church* in *Southern*, so as he may be apprehended and brought back into the said Prison, my Lord Chief Justices Warrant being out for that purpose, shall have Fifty pounds for a Reward.

About ten dayes since, lost from *Chesteron* in *Huntingtonshire*, a large running Hound-bitch, long tailed, and dark brown spotted on each side to the shoulders, her spots are much gristled, and mixed with a little pale yellow, a spot behind on the rump, and very pale yellow ears, and gristled about ten year old. If any can give notice of her to *Mr. Rowse* Postmaster of *Shilton* in *Huntingtonshire*, or to *Mr. Lion Innes* keeper at the *George* in *Northampton*, shall have 20 s. reward.