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Berwick, April 7.

WE are here confidently told; That the *Scotts* Privateers have lately taken several Prizes of good value, two or three whereof had Guns, with which they made some resistance, amongst which one a *West-India* Ship richly laden, the particulars we shall know hereafter.

Walmouth, April 8. This day arrived here the *Swallow*, a Privateer of *Tyuro*, Commanded by Captain *Manning*, bringing in with him two French Prizes laden from *Nantes* with Salt for the *Bank* of about 100 Tuns spiece, called the *St. Anne* and *St. Matthew*; another Vessel, they had taken and sent into *Pensance* laden with Wines.

Three other Vessels they were also posselt of, one laden with Hemp and Flax, a second with Wines, both which they were forced to sink, to avoid the Chace given them by two Men of War, but the third being an empty Barque they sent away with the prisoners which they had taken.

The 25th of *March* they met with a French Vessel laden with Clapboard, bound for *Burdeaux*, aboard the which they found four Souldiers, and several Letters, importing, That the Sickneis was got into the French Fleet, and that the Men of War that were then at *Rochelle*, intended suddenly for *Brest*, near which place the French King was to take a view of them: The Vessel they sunk near *Belle Isle*, having first secured the Men and all the Letters, and went out expecting better purchase amongst the *Bourdeaux* Fleet, of whose coming out they had timely notice, but were diverted by foul weather.

The French have about 18 of their Men of War cruising before *Rochelle* and the neighbouring Coasts, for the security of them.

Elsenburg, *March* 16. The Danes are hard at work upon their Men of War, but their great want of Men and Monneys will hinder them from putting to Sea these six weeks or two months; nor is it believed they can then come forth with half the number as was given out.

Copenhagen is to be new fortified at greater distance then formerly, and a new Cittadel to be built at the West-end, which when finished, the old Works are to be demolisht.

The French ships want onely Men, which when supplied with; they will soon put to Sea. Queen *Christina* is impatiently attended here by the *Swedes*, but we have not yet any news of her putting to Sea.

Danzick, April 2. Our latest Letters from *Warsaw* advise us, That his Majesty has in some measure recovered his health, but the Queen continues sickly, with little hopes of her recovery, that they expect there an Ambassadour from the *Tartars* Cham, who ('tis said) intends to establish amity between him and *Poland*.

The Diet goes on slowly, spending much of their time in disputes about the supplying of their Vacancies, and in debates about Religion; there having been some endeavours used to take off the Tolerations formerly allowed to the *Lutherans* and *Calvinists*. The Bishop of *Cracow* has appeared high against the Exorbitances of the Souldiers, and moved, that the charge of Grand General now vacant by the death of *Pototsky*, who died on *Ash-wednesday* last, may not for the future be conferred on any one during life, but only during good behaviour, which he prest hard to their consideration, by instancing on the several inconveniences that have happened to the Kingdoms, by intrusting so large and so lasting a power with one person. The King has for the present

suspended the Nomination of any person to this Charge, till the Diet come to a Resolution in it.

Rome, April 2. On *Wednesday*, *March* 29. His Holiness in his Bed assisted at the Examination of Bishops, where he was observed to be more then usually pale and languishing, and his speech very weak, that night he was again assaulted with his Infirmitie, which frequently returns upon him: Cardinal *D'Este* no great friend to the Family of the *Chigies*, is arrived here incognito, with a numerous Train of Attendants, keeping cloie in his Palace, from whence he congratulated with the Cardinal Nephew, for his Uncles recovery from his late dangerous Fit, acquainting him, that the reason of his coming to *Rome*, was an expres Command from the French King, of whose Interests he is Protector here.

The Conestable *Colonna* is much resorted to by the Roman Nobility, which giv's much jealousy to the Popes Family, who yet endeavour with much submission to make them lose the memory of former proceedings.

The Expres sent by *Don Mario*, and Cardinal *Chigi*, to the Grand Duke, to excuse the non-promotion of his Majesty's Brother, found not the Reception they expected, the Grand Duke refusing to open their Paquets, and hath caused their Arms formerly publickly fixt in several parts of *Siena* and that State, to be thrown down to the ground.

Vienna, April 4. The new Cardinal *de Salzburg* has given his Imperial Majesty notice of his resolution to go suddenly for *Rome*; where he intends to appear in a more then usual equippage, attended by above 300 persons, amongst whom 40 Gentlemen, 24 Pages, 100 Footmen, 50 Swisses, and a Guard of 50 Horie. He has also bespoken eight Coaches at *Rome* to attend him there in his Visits, and has given order to his Treasurer to provide him 400000 Rixdollars for the defraying of his expences.

The Elector of *Bavaria* having likewise informed the Emperor of his design to go with Madam the Electrice his Wife, to *Loretto*, desiring leave to pass through the Arch-Dutchy of *Tyrol*; the Emperor has been willing to comply with his desires, and has given order to the Governor and Officers of that Arch-Dutchy to entertain him in his passage, and to defray all his expences.

His Imperial Majesty has by the advice of his Council of War, given order to all Officers that are at present absent from their Commands, to repair immediately to their respective Regiments, and to be in readines to march upon the first Orders.

This week a Courrier was dispatcht for *Spain*, with the news of the Emperres being with child.

From *Raab* our Letters tell us, that the Regiment *de Geymani* being upon a Muster found to be compleat and full, they are resolved to draw out fifteen men out of each Company, to make up a full and distinct Company, with their Officers; which with some other forces are to march for the assistance of the *Venicians*: They say also, that the *Turks* have been seen in several parties, which drawn together, will form a small Army. This gives the Neighboring Towns some occasion to suspect some design upon them; though from *Buda* we are told, that they are intended for *Walachia*, and the Neighboring Provinces, which may probably engage *Poland* in farther troubles.

The Deputies sent from the Merchants for *Constantinople*, for the re-establishment of Trade, have been civilly received by the Visier of *Buda*, who has promised to employ his interest in the *Ottoman* Court for their full satisfaction.

From *Poland* we are advised, that the King, with the greatest and most considerable part of the Nobility of the Kingdoms

Kingdom, are willing to comply with the desires and pretensions of the Duke of *Newburgh*, and have consented to his Succession; and that after the death of the King now Reigning, he shall be declared King without any farther Ceremony. Monsieur *Giesen*, the Dukes Chancellor, is leaving this Court, intending suddenly for *Poland*.

The Spanish Ambassador in this Court, is by an order from the Court of *Spain*, to be remanded, and another person to succeed him, whose name we know not.

Venice, April 8. Scignior *Padavino*, our Ambassador, being arrived in *Canea*, by order from the Grand Visier, the Turkish forces were immediately drawn together in his view, consisting of about 40000 Soldiers; where he was also told of greater force that was suddenly expected there; at whose arrival they intended to proceed in their intentions for the siege of *Candia*: To which purpose, the Grand Visier has ordered the Posts to be reviewed, and a design formed for the intended Leaguer, their Cannons, and all other necessaries lying ready for that employment. A party of *Turks* from *Candia Nova* came up lately near the Walls of *Candia* in a bravery, but were so briskly entertained by a party that sallied out upon them, that they were forced to quit the place in much haste and disorder.

We have not lately received any Advices from the Convoy under the command of General *Morofini*, but conclude him safe, and pursuing his voyage with as much speed as the winds will permit him. The Marquess *Ville* is attending his arrival at *Zante*.

Several of our new raised Companies are now at *Lido*, with some old Soldiers, who are to be all of them formed into Companies, and to be sent part of them with General *Vallero* for the three Islands, and the rest for the Fleet, with the first Convoy that shall be got ready.

We are also advised, that twenty Vessels sent by the Corsairs of *Algier* and *Tunis*, with Slaves for the Turkish service, have been lately cast away by Tempest; and that a Turkish Vessel with sixty men, valued at 60000 Pieces of Eight, is taken by some of our Ships.

Our Proveditor *Francesco Barbaro* passing for *Paros* to take leave of the General *Cornaro*, before his return homewards, caused by his distemper, was met in the Archipelago by a Turkish Vessel of considerable strength, and a Saich with fifty *Turks* aboard her, with great store of Ammunition, and some other loading of considerable value, passing from *Negropont* towards *Canea*, which after some little resistance he took, and brought in with him to *Paros*.

Upon the death of our Ambassador in *Vienna*, the Senate hath made choice of *Alvise Mocenigo* to supply his place.

Paris, April 15. The Treasurer of the States of *Bretagne*, having been committed to Prison for refusing to pay a Million of Livres, at which sum he was taxed by the Chamber of Justice, has since obtained his liberty by compounding for 400 thousand Livres, which gives some hopes to those that have not yet paid their Taxes, that they may be dealt with more moderately then formerly.

The *Seiur Courtin* being designed Extraordinary Ambassador to *Breda*, to assist at the Treaty to be held there, went from hence on Saturday last.

Upon the advice of the Popes recovery from his dangerous Fit, a Courier is dispatcht after the Cardinals *Vendosme*, *de Rete* and *Grimaldi*, with the news, which may accordingly retard their Voyage for some time. 'Tis said, that the *Seiur Lomelino* the Vice-Legate of *Avignon* is nominated to succeed *Nuncio* in *France*, in the room of Cardinal *Roberti*.

His Majesty has lately sent a new Edict to the Parliament of *Rouen*, by which his Majesty puts in for his right to the third part of all the Woods in *Normandy*, now in the possession of the Nobility, and other persons, as having formerly belonged to the Forrests, and since dismembred, excepting only such Woods as the Proprietors can justify to have been planted by themselves or their Predecessors.

From *Berne* we are informed, that besides the forces already sent from the *Swisse Cantons* to the assistance of *Geneva*, they are resolved to raise an Army of 7000 men to divert the Duke of *Savoy*, by entering into his Countrey, in case the

Duke attempt any thing farther upon *Geneva*, or any part under their jurisdiction. Intending likewise to have another Body of Men of the like number, to oppose any attempts that may be made upon the Cantons or their Allies; the Dukes Envoyé having in an Assembly of the *Swisse States* at *Aras*, questioned their title to the Countrey of *V. uix*.

We are not a little concerned at the late dealing of those of *Algier* with us in the late Release of Prisoners, which notwithstanding our Articles, they refused to tell us at their Market rate, upon a pretence, that the Moneys were not returned them in the time limited by the said Articles.

His Majesty has been lately pleased to confer a Benefice of Eleven hundred Livres Rent, with a considerable Pension upon the *Sieur du Hamel* Advocate, for the pains he took in composing the Manifesto containing Sixty six Reasons, whereon his Majesty founds his pretensions upon *Brabant*.

Hague, April 18. From *Helvoetsluis* we are informed, that the Seamen are daily put aboard the Men of War there, which are for the most part in a great forwardness. All the great Ships are at an Anchor in the Stream, and a considerable Fleet will be in a readiness to salute the Ambassadors at their arrival. At which time, the States have resolved that *de Ruyter* (who is to be present at their Reception) shall upon the first view of the Ambassadors, send out two Yachts to conduct them from without the Gaets, having first saluted them with their Guns, and received the Ambassadors returns. But if the Ambassadors refuse to disembark till they are within the Gaets, then the first salute is to be expected from them, and to be returned by *de Ruyter*.

In order to the Treaty, the States General have sent two of their number, viz. the Heers *Seuener* and *Rodenburgh* to *Breda*, to take order with the Governor for all things necessary for that Assembly.

On Tuesday next, the States of this Province are to assemble, where it will be resolved how many persons shall be chosen out of each Province to assist at the Treaty; the other Provinces having left the choice of the number to this Assembly.

The Dutchess Dowager of *Nassaw*, Widow to the late Prince *William* of *Frise*, is arrived here to take her leave of the Electors of *Brandenburgh*, who intends to depart hence about Monday or Tuesday next. Prince *William* being returned from *Cleves* to attend her on her journey.

We are further confirmed in our intelligence, touching the apprehension of *Pillart* by an order from the Marquess *de Castel Rodrigo*, and his confession of a design laid by him for the Delivery of *Luxemburgh* to the French; the particulars of his Examination and Confession are not yet made publick, but 'tis believed he will suddenly receive the full reward of his practises.

The *Sieur Courtin* is expected here from *France*, who with Monsieur *D'Estrades*, is to be employed to *Breda* to negotiate for the Crown of *France*.

'Tis here confidently reported, that a *Zealand Privateer* has carried into *Bress* an English Vessel of Seventy Tuns with Salt-peter, and other Commodities of considerable value.

Hull, April 9. The three small Privateers continue still cruising, but we have not yet heard of any Prizes taken by them.

Plymouth, April 9. On Saturday last arrived here a small Vessel of this Town from *Malaga*, as also the *Antelope*, with four light Ships which were taken in their way from *Rochelle*.

Alborough, April 11. A small Dutch Galliot-Hoy has been seen upon these Coasts, which occasions our light ships to secure themselves; onely one light Hoy fell into his hands, which he sent away, and is hovering for more Prize. A small French Sloop was likewise seen on Monday and Tuesday last, to stand into this Bay, but a speedy course will be taken to free the Coasts from these Vessels. The French Vessel taken by the *Fansan*, proves to be richly laden, and by the long chace she endured, is supposed may prove prize, notwithstanding her pretences, and is sent to the *Buoy* in the *Nore*, to be further examined.