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Sunderland, April 26.

THe Vessel that was chased in hither by the Dutch Squadron that appeared on these Coasts was a Prize taken the 15th Instant, by the Sweepstakes, called by the name of the *Baker of Schelling*, bound from *Curland* to *Amsterdam*, and laden with Hemp, Flax, Beef, Linen Yarn, and Linseed: The Dutchmen of War are since gone for the Coasts of *Scotland*, but we hear not yet of any hurt they have done.

Pembroke, April 27. Captain *Ware* a Privateer, having taken three Prizes and brought them into *Scilly*, is again put to Sea upon the same account, the prizes being suddenly expected here.

Berwick, April 28. The last Tuesday, being both *Saint Georges Day*, and the Anniversary of His Majesty's Coronation, the Mayor of this Town with his Brethren went according to their Custom to the Church in their Formalities, where their Devotion ended, they further proclaimed the Solemnity of that Day by their Bells and Bonfires; but their walk to Church had like to have proved fatal to them, had not a great Providence prevented the contrivance of some Villain that had privately ram'd into one of the two Brass Guns standing before the Main Guard (that were the Night before charged with Powder) about eleven Musket Bullets, and many small stones, leaving in also the Stick they had made use of for that purpose; but the Gunner having with more than usual care searched the Piece before he discharged it, prevented the destructive intention of the Villain, which otherwise could not have failed of doing great Execution on them, they being to walk from the Mayors House to the Church, at least 200 yards together directly opposite to the mouth of the Guns, which were then to have been fired.

Berne, April 18. The City of *Geneva* having made several Proposals to the Duke of *Savoy*, for an amicable composition of the differences risen between them; to which, they have not found the return which they expected, have given over the thoughts of any farther Addresses of this nature; having erected a Gibbet, to signify, that it shall be death to any person to make any farther motion for an Accommodation; and accordingly their preparations for War are on both sides vigorously carried on. The City daily receiving supplies from their Allies, both of Men, and all sorts of necessaries for the War. Several Gentlemen are also arrived there from *Languedoc* and *Dauphiné* with above 600 *Hugonots*, who freely offer to hazard their lives in the defence of the City. The Count *de Dona*, and the Lieutenant General *Baltazar*, have so well mended the Fortifications of the Town, that they fear not any force that can be used against them, and such care has been taken for all sorts of Necessaries, that they are sufficiently furnished to hold out a siege of three years; having within the Town, besides the Townsmen that are well trained and disciplined, above 2000 stout Soldiers well resolved for their defence.

The *Savoyards* in their march into *Lucern* found some opposition from the forces there, but being much superior to them in number, they obliged them to seek their safety in the Mountains; since which, the Duke is resolved to send 3000 Foot and 1000 Horse to march near to *Geneva*, and to ruine the Neighboring Towns: But this design was prevented by the *Geneva*, who appeared so ready in their defence, that the *Savoyards* were forced to retire without effecting any thing considerable.

The Duke has sent for *Don Gabriel de Savoy* from his

Government of *Provence*, to whom he intends to commit the command of his Cavalry in his Wars with *Geneva*.

Forrage begins to grow very scarce in their Horse quarters, inso much as they have been forced to turn their Horses into the young Corn, which has been much opposed by the Country; and if some expedient be not timely found out for their supply, may probably occasion an Insurrection.

Vienna, April 20. The next week his Imperial Majesty, with all his Court, departs from hence for *Laxenburgh*, where he intends to diversify himself some moneths. *Monfieur Basferode*, a person well known in the Court of *Swedeland*, is in few days to go for *Stockholm* in quality of Resident, *Mr. Van Blum* is nominated likewise Resident in his Highness the Elector of *Saxe's* Court, in the room of *Van Plettenburgh*.

The States of *Hungary* are again assembled at *Epperies*, but upon what account, is not yet told us. The Prince *Abassi* still continues his intentions of resigning up his Government in favor to the Count *Tichely*, who has already far insinuated into the affection of the *Grandeess*, and may be in probability his Successor.

A party of the *Hussars*, to the number of 400, getting together out of the Garrisons of *Fillech*, *Caschau*, and *St. Andreas*, fell lately upon some Turkish Merchants in their return from the Fair of *Raab*, whom they plundered, and were making their retreat with their prey; but a party of the *Turks* having intelligence of what had passed, put a stop to their march, who for a long time defended themselves with much courage; but the *Turks* at the last prevailing, cut them in pieces, not above Four and twenty of the whole party escaping them, who fell afterwards into the hands of the Country people, who killed eighteen more of them, onely six of the 400, with much difficulty saving themselves to report the news.

The Emperors Resident in the Polish Court, informs us, that the *Turks* had built two Forts upon the Territory of *Ukrania*, with another in the way towards *Patalsky*, a Fortrefs which is held to be the Key to the Kingdom of *Poland*, upon which place, they have a design, which they hope to prosecute with better success, then they had at the siege of it in former years.

A *Chiaus* is suddenly expected here from the *Visier d'Offen*, but his business not known.

The Ambassador from *Poland* is upon his way for *Ratisbonne* to make his Addresses to the States of the Empire, and to implore their assistance, his success is much doubted.

The Count *de Pottingen*, Ambassador at *Madrid*, hath dispatched hither the Master of his Household, to give an account to this Court, of the Queens Mothers health, and of the state of affairs there, and has wittall desired the favor to be recalled from that employment.

Ertford, April 24. His Highness the Elector of *Mayence* is gone from hence to *Eisfeld*, where he intends to continue some few days: He has left the Affairs of this place in so good a posture, that 'tis not believed, his return hither will be thought necessary, but rather that he will go on to *Wurtzburg*, and from thence to *Aschaffenburg*, where he is like to make a longer stay.

Our new Cittadel advances much, many hands being daily employed in the work, the City quiet, not at all inclinable to any alterations.

The Baron *de Reiffenburg* is still a close prisoner, under a good Guard in the Castle at *Wurtzburg*, and 'tis thought at the arrival there of the Elector we may hear news of the framing of his process, notwithstanding the complaints of the

Electors of *Saxe*, of the severe dealings and proceedings against him.

Malaga, April 11. From *Tangier* we are informed, that the Mole is much advanced, and many hands daily employed in the Works; that a party of *Gaylands* Horse with some Foot, had lately made an incursion into the Country, and were returning to *Arzilla* with a great Booty of Cattle; that in their passage by *Tangier*, the Commander of the Party sent in to complement the Deputy-Governor, freely offering to him what part of the Booty he pleased to accept of. In return to this civility, the Deputy-Governor sent out afterwards some persons to return the Complement with a Present to the Officer; but the party was too nimble marched away to be overtaken.

Dantzick, April 20. Our latest advices from *Warsaw*, tell us, That the affairs of that Kingdom continue still their ill Aspect, little good being expected from their own Councils, and as little hope to divert the danger threatened from abroad, the *Turks* still threatening to pour in their forces upon that Kingdom. His Majesty some time since gave order for a considerable party to march to *Posna*, to secure it from the enemy, but at their arrival near the Town, they were refused entrance, and none suffered to come in except only some few Officers.

The Succors ordered for *Kamienic*, are now happily arrived there, and a considerable Body of the Polish Army upon their march following them; of which, the Rebel *Cossacks* having intelligence, dispatched an Envoyé to the *Ottoman* Court, to demand assistance according to promise, who accordingly ordered the *Tartars* to march towards them with a Body of 40000 men. Some of whom are already past the *Nieper*, and 'tis confidently said, the War is already published by the *Turks*.

Letters from *Ukrania*, confirm the late defeat given to General *Dorozensk*, with the Rebel *Cossacks* and *Tartars*, by the Governor of *Bialaciekiew*, assisted by the *Muscovites*. Since which defeat, the two Colonels, *Cerkasi* and *Corfani*, who commanded two of the best Regiments of Horse amongst the Rebel *Cossacks*, are with their Cavalry submitted and come in; and 'tis believed, others will be reduced to follow their example.

Mosheim, April 25. We much apprehend that the old Dispute about the *Wildfang* may be again renewed, to the disturbance and ruine of that Country, it being warmly reported, that the *Lorrainers* are to be recalled to the assistance of the Elector of *Mayence*, and the Confederates against the Elector Palatine, the former having frequently complained that the Compromissory sentence was given much to their disadvantage; and that which inclines us the more to distrust the continuance of our peace, is, that the Elector of *Mayence's* Officers have prohibited their under-Officers from receiving any Commands or Letters that shall be sent them in the name of the Elector Palatine, of which the Court at *Heydelburg* is already informed.

Genoa, April 26. The 19th Instant, departed homewards from *Alafia* the *Concord*, leaving behind her the *Diamond* *Pink*, who had not taken in her Lading: but a French *Corsaire* with English Colours coming in and lying by her, took his opportunity of boarding her, and stole her away out of the Harbour, the Forts in vain discharging their Guns in her defence.

The *Serenissimo Cesare Durazzo* having completed his Biennial Government, was conducted by a great Train of the Nobility the 18th Instant, to his own Palace, where he is to continue with the Title of perpetual Procurator: The next day the Councils were called, in which they were to proceed to a new Election according to Custom, wherein the lesser Council is to agree upon six persons, out of which number the greater Council are to Elect one, who is to succeed in that Supreme Dignity for the like term of two years.

From *Mantoua* we are informed, That the Controversies so long in dispute between the two Duchies of *Mantoua* and *Modena*, are at the last by the mediation of the Count *di Vindisgratz*, the Emperours Envoyé, fully concluded and determined; by which agreement, the Duke of *Modena* is to continue his possession of the Island *Di Boretto*, and to maintain a Galliot according to the ancient practice; the

Fishing in the *Po* to be likewise observed as formerly, and no party for the space of seven years to make any Innovation.

Hague, May 5. This day the Plenipotentiaries of this place, intend to set forwards towards *Breda*, where Monsieur *Courtin* is already arrived from *France*, having in his way been honorably received both at *Brussels* and *Antwerp*, and introduced in both places with a great company of Coaches, and attended by the Horse into *Breda*; to morrow *d'Esfrade* and the two Danish Ministers, the Heers *Clingenberg* and *Carisius*, begin their journey for the same place.

The designs of the French in their extraordinary preparations, take up a great part of the discourse of this place, and give extraordinary jealousy to the *Spaniards*, who apprehend much, lest the Cloud that has been so long gathering, fall with a violent storm upon their heads.

Yesterday the Spanish Ambassador gave a visit to the French, and this day another to *de Witte*; in which latter, he discoursed much of the impending danger of the Spanish Netherlands, which he feared might be attempted so soon as the season of the year would permit the French Army to take the field; yet 'tis believed, the *Spaniards* will use all their endeavors by any reasonable offers to prevent a breach: The French Troops are certainly on their march towards their Rendezvous, and 400 Horses that are to be employed in the Train of Artillery already arrived at *Phillipville*. In the mean while, the *Spaniards* omit nothing that can be done for the defence of their Towns; the Marquis *de Castell Rodrigu*, intending to put a Body of 6000 men into *Brussels*, which with the forces maintained by the Civ, and the Citizens themselves well trained to Arms, will sufficiently defend that place against any sudden attempt: The like care he has taken for other places under his Jurisdiction, having also made the Count *Kenenburgh* Governor of *Brussels*, and committed to Count *Noel* the Government of *Meclix*.

All our Military Officers are commanded hence to their respective Garrisons and Commands.

The particular account of the late Attempt of a Squadron of the Dutch upon *Burnt Island*, we give you in this Extract of a Letter from his Grace the Lord Commissioner, dated at *Kirk-Caldie*, April 30, seven at Night.

The last Evening appeared at a great distance in the mouth of the *Frith*, a Fleet of about 40 Sail, which by all was concluded to be a Squadron of his Majesty's, commanded by Sir *Feremy Smith*, but so soon as his Grace had notice of it, he ordered several Troops and Companies to draw towards the Coast, having before his coming from *Edenburgh*, equally divided both Horse and Foot betwixt the North and South-side of the *Frith*. But this Morning 15 of their Men of War past in higher with the Dutch Colours, and placed themselves over against *Burnt Island*, where they made at least 500 great shot, but with no other execution then the beating down of a few Chimneys. Twenty Sail more attempted to have come the length of their other Ships which play'd upon the Island, but the Wind blowing high and directly West, it proved impossible for them; so that now they have all tack'd and are gone below this place, and given over their shooting. His Grace is constantly attending their motion, and if they have the courage to land, doubts not but the Forces he has under his Command, will give them such an Entertainment as shall prove a sufficient testimony of their Loyalty to their Prince, as well as of their love to their Country.

During the appearance of the Dutch before the Island, some of the Scottish Privateers that were lying there, immediately drew their Guns to shoar, and raising a convenient Battery, planted thereon 50 Pieces, with which they plaid hard upon the Enemy, and much annoyed them. The Dutch at their first approach put out their long Boats, as if they had some intentions of making a descent upon land, but perceiving the Coasts so well guarded, they gave over that design. The number of the Men of War of this Squadron were not judged to be above 22 Sail, the rest of them being Gallions, and other Vessels attending them.

Dover, May 1. This Noontide was sent into this Harbour a Prize laden with Wood, taken by Captain *Tosier*, Commander of the *Royal Dutchess* a Privateer.