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Cologne, Jan. 27.

FROM *Ravennone* we have an account, that the States Assembled there, had prohibited the raising of Men in the Empire for forreign Service; and that complaint had been made to the Dyet, that the French had lately possessed themselves of the Castle of *Kirne*, and had put forty Men into it; and that they had likewise formed a Pretension upon the Lordship of *Ebernbourg*, belonging to the Baron of *Siekenben*. Our Elector has caused a Placet to be published in the Diocess of *Liege*, by which he forbids all his Subjects and Vassals of that Countrey to do Homage to the French King, on pain of Confiscation of their Lands, &c.

Cologne, Jan. 30. We have not in several days received any Letters, occasioned by the overflowing of the *Rhine*. The Water is so high here, that one may pass over the principal Streets in Boats. Here is arrived an Envoye from the Elector of *Brandenburg*.

Bremen Jan. 31. Yesterday we had here a great Flood of Water; six Dykes on the *Weser* are broken through, and the Water in the Countrey is so high, that the People are forced to remain on the tops of their Houses to save themselves.

Ostend, Jan. 30. On the 16th Instant we were here in much fear and danger, the Sea having overflowed the great Bank without the *Newport-Gate*, and carried away with it all our Outworks, with the great Half-Moon, broken down all the Draw-Bridges at the Ports, the Bridges of Communication, and the Sluyces, and entred so violently into the Town, that all People were obliged to barricado their doors, and to get into their upper Rooms. The two great Bastions have likewise been very much prejudiced. The consternation here was inexpressible, as well as the damages that have been sustained, in the Countrey, where a great number of People and Cattle have been drowned. The Waters were so high and impetuous, that they passed over the Sluyces, between this place and *Struges*, filled the Ditch of the Fort that guards that Sluyces, carried away all the Palisados, and broke down the Gates and Draw-Bridges, which obliged the Governour and Garrison to retire to one of the highest Bastions, from Three in the Afternoon till near Midnight. The Water was near seven Foot high in the Fort; it clave in twain one of the Bastions, and had almost ruined the Fort; and hath also broken down all the Bridges, and overflowed all the Sluyces, and the Countrey about *Newport*.

Brussels, Feby 7. We have repeated confirmations of the great Losses sustained in this Province, *Flanders*, *Holland*, and *Zealand*, by the late Inundations. The Island of *Tertolen* is entirely Drowned, with most of its Inhabitants, except the Village of *Scherpeness*: the like misfortune has befallen a great part of *Tergoes*, with *Princeland*, and most part of *Zerickzee*. *Zealand* has also suffered very much. *Uissing* having been overflowed to the first stage of their Buildings,

and the greatest part of the Island being under water; as is also *Cadzand*. The inundation of *Moorddyke* has reached to *Wreth*; and done much hurt to its Works. Some hundreds of dead Bodies are floating upon the River of *Antwerp*; and we are told, many thousands have perished in this Inundation, a thou and Persons being drowned in one Polder near *Gauhr*. The Deputies of *Antwerp* have represented to his Highness, that the Losses they have sustained, amount to some Millions, and have therefore desired his Highness to take off their Imposts and other Duties. The Water was four Foot higher then it was ever known, and near three Foot high in the Great Church. *Ostend* has suffered also very much, and both Orders and Monies have been sent thither for the repairing the Works. From *Cologne* we have an Account, that the overflowing of the *Rhine* has done much harm there. We are told that the Quarrel between the Duke of *Noffolke* and the Seneschal of *Hainault* is renewed, his Grace having received a Challenge from the Seneschal at *bruges*, as he was going for *England*.

Brussels Feb. 3. Every day brings us a more particular Account of the Losses sustained by the late great Floods. In *Holland* and *Zealand*, a great many Polders are quite drowned, and will not be recovered in many years. In *Flanders* the damage is inestimable: The Land of *Assenede* is irrecoverably lost, and above 1000 people drowned, none escaping of that quarter but one man only. *Dendermond* was in very great danger, and had certainly been drowned, if the great Dyke above the Water-gate had not broken, by which means the force of the Water was turned upon the Countrey. Hundreds of dead Bodies are seen daily floating down the River to *Antwerp*; and that City has suffered so much in this calamity, that it's feared it will not in many years recover the loss, and the whole Countrey between that City and *Lillo* is so overwhelmed, that it will require much time and cost to recover it. Their Deputies are now here, and have plainly told his Highness, that unless they be freed from all manner of Duties and Imposts, they shall never be able to set about so chargeable a Work; and we fear the Deputies of *Flanders* will speak in the same Language when they come. Yesterday arrived here an Express from *Spain*, with an Account, that the Marquis de *Grana* was Declared Governour of *Arms* in these Countreys. The Prince of *Chimay*, Governour of *Luxemburg*, has, we are informed, caused a strict Enquiry to be made, what Provisions are in the Place, and has found that they have enough for between two or three Months, that Place continues to be very closely blockt up.

Ter Coer, Jan 30. The late Floods have done great damage to this City, as well to *Torveer*, *Sijde*, *Ardenburg*, and many other Places.

Uissing, Jan 27. Yesterday happened here a most terrible Inundation, as has not been known in the memory of many Inhabitants, that the new Town was

wa; all under Water, the consternation we were in cannot be expressed. Abundance of Goods and Merchandizes have been spoiled, and the Walls of the Town were beaten down by the violence of the Torrent. In the Dyke of West Capel, the Water made a breach ten Foot large, which through the diligence of our Magistrates is made up again. It would be impossible to give you a particular account from all parts of this Province, of the Losses they have sustained, which are almost irreparable, a great number of People and Cattle have been drowned, and the misery of the poor people in the Countrey cannot be described. From *Dunkirke* we have Advice, that all their new Works have been ruined, and that the Harbor is almost choaked up with Sand.

Uffing, Feb. 4. The Water in the late Flood was eight Foot high in the great Church here, and above thirty Cotts were taken out of their Graves and carried away. The whole Countrey of *Zerickzee* is overflowed. Of 25 Polders in the Land of *Tegeneuse*, 20 are drowned. In summe the Losses are inestimable.

Hague, Feb. 7. The sad effects of the late inundations are every day more and more known and some compute the Losses that have been sustained, at ten Millions *Sterling*. They are now at work every where to repair the Dykes that have been broken through, and the States are making what Provision they can for their Encouragement and Assistance.

A List of the Lands and Polders that have been Drowned in *Holland, Zealand, Brabant, and Flanders*, the 26th of January 1682.

In Holland and Brabant.

A Milia Polder, Hooge Swaluwe, Lage Swaluwe, De Moerdijk, Kluuders of Nieuwers. Near *Wilmitadi*.

Elizabeth Polder, Den Appel Polder, Juffr. Polder, Boerre Gors, Willems Polder, De Korendijk, De Nieuwe Nieu Land, Oude Myl Polder, Nieuwe Myl Polder, Lage Treckdam, Oude Klem, Nieuwe Klem, Willems Polder, Out Land van Dubbeldam, Noort Polder Aldaer, Zuyt Polder Aldaer, Beverens Polder, by's Gravenpael, Meenjoort Aldaer, Nieuw Aithenals Polder, De Nieuw Zuyt Hollantsje Polder, De Lang Straet.

In Walcbren.

Noort Polder, Oost Polder.

In South-Bevelandt.

Bure Polder, Out-tools Eynde, Nieuw Land, Crabben-dijcke, Oost Polder, Valckewisse, Waerde, Borne Polder, Zuyt Polder, en Baerland, Ev'linge, Waterwliets Polder, Oost Polder, Sraods Kancke, Lemercken Polder.

In North Bevelandt.

Nieuwe Land Polder, Wisse Kercke, Ouwe Leck, De Laga Plaet, De Tilaegh, Cass Polder, Asteleer, Kempen Land.

In the Land Van Schorpen.

Ooster Land, St. Fans Land, Heel Oost Dijk Land.

In Terhollen.

Stevenisse.

In Cadzand.

Elizabeth Polder, Barbara Polder, Sticks Polder, Nieuwe Polder, Groot on Keye St. Anna Polder, 10. bonders gemeten, Swarte Polder, Griet on Klem, Walgen, Sans Polder, van 's Reuten, Reuster

reede, Henricus Polder, Schar Bier, Oude en Nieuwe Brasande, Beroorae Polder.

In Flanders.

Saemfaghe, Andijcke, Serliffers, L'even Polder, Noort Polder vanter Nijse, Trinitijer, Kleyn Souwe Polder, Groot Souwe Polder, Anna Polder, Eljos Wijck, Goefe Polder, Egeleenter, Noort Polder, en Axck, Yffer Polder, Capelle Polder, Oudi Polder.

Paris, Feb. 4. It is said at Court that the Duke of *Montau* is coming hither; and that even Orders are given to furnish a House for him. We are impatiently expecting to hear how the Kings Declaration in the matter of the Regality, will be liked at Rome; the Opinions here being in the mean time various. On Saturday last was hanged here a Person, who having dealt in Moneys had become bankrupt, to defraud his Creditors, for which he suffered this punishment.

Deal, Jan. 28. This day the Wind came to South-East, and all the Ships outward bound, are now under Sail.

By the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the City of London.

Whereas an Indignity hath lately been offered to the Picture of his Royal Highness the Duke of York, in the Guild-Hall of the said City, which cannot be understood otherwise then an effect of Malice against his Person; The Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the said City, out of a just and due regard to the Honour of his Royal Highness, and their deep Resentment of that Insolent and Villanous Act (to be abhorred by every Good and Loyal Subject) and being greatly concerned, and desirous to find out the Author thereof, do unanimously Publish and Declare, That if any Person or Persons know of, or can discover the Person who committed that Fact; the said Lord Mayor and Aldermen will not only kindly Receive, and Acknowledge his or their Discovery, as a most acceptable Service to the said City, but the Person or Persons that shall make the said Discovery, either to the Lord Mayor or the said Court, so as the Person be Apprehended and Convicted thereof, he or they shall thereupon receive a Reward of Five hundred pounds. Bared this 27th day of January, in the 33 year of His Majesties Reign.

WAGSTAFFE.

Advertisements.

Whereas the Committee Appointed and Authorized for Letting the Lands of the City of London, are minded to dispose of a piece of Ground, called *Little Mofetts*, situate without *St. Margate*. These are to give Notice, That the said Committee do intend to meet at the Guild-Hall of the said City, on Wednesday the eighth of March 1681, at Three of the clock in the Afternoon, to receive Proposals in Writing, for the disposing thereof by Lease, at an annual Rent. And in the mean time such Person or Persons as are minded to take the same, may have a sight of the Plot or Dimensions thereof, at the Commissioners Office in the Borough of the said City.

On Monday last about 9 or 10 of the clock in the Morning, a black Greyhound Dog, full of white small spots upon the Back, and a Coller with the Dutch word *marl* written on it. Whoever shall bring Notice of this said Dog, to the Grace the Duke of Ormonds Lodgings in *Whitehall*, shall have a Guinea reward.

On Sunday night last, or Monday Morning, between *St. Dunstons* and *St. Dunstons*, a silver Watch with a Case studded very thick with the King's patterned 103 silver Chaîns, the Head, and Figures of an old talisman; in the quill of the Dial-Plate, a piece of Silver Carved and Gilt; and made by *Mathias de Buisson*, Watch-maker. Whosoever brings notice of the said Watch, at the Porters Lodge in *Whitehall*, shall have 20 s.