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Falmouth, Feb. 10.

Here is lately put in here a Dutch Merchant ship intended for *Surinam* about 40 Leagues off *Scilly*, she being in company with one ship bound for the *East Indies*, and another for the *West Indies*, by foul weather lost her company and was forced in here, having not yet heard any News of the other two.

A small vessel of *Padfow* laden with Corn, Butter and other necessaries, intending for *Morlaix*, was on her way met by an Ostender, who took from her some considerable quantity of her Goods, which obliged her to put back again, and is now arrived at *Fowcy*.

Lime, Feb. 12. This day several French men came into this Town, endeavouring to get passage for *Diepe*, having been some few days before seized on by an Ostend Privateer, with their vessel at *Buicksom-keij*, a small Harbor near *Torbay*.

Hague, Feb. 17. Yesterday arrived here Field-Marshal *Wurts*, who has already received his Commission, and taken the usual Oath, in order to his Entry upon the New Command conferred on him: The Baron of *Bergheick* is daily expected here. Don *Diego Lopes d'Alloa*, Resident from his Majesty of *Portugal*, is preparing for his departure. Monsieur *Gamprieh* Resident from his Imperial Majesty, has by his Memorial acquainted the States General of the Emperor his Masters Resolution to encourage a mutual Commerce between *Germany* and the *United Provinces*, especially the Trade between the Cities of *Hacrem*, *Leyden*, and *Amsterdam*, with *Cologne*, *Frankfort*, *Ausbourg*, and some other places; being willing to concur with them for the reparation and defence of the Ways, Bridges, and Passages between them, and to order that the Customs of *Tyrol* upon Silks and Stuffs passing out of *Italy* into *Germany* or the *United Provinces*, shall be abated by one half; and that Goods passing out of the aforesaid Countries into *Italy*, be abated a fourth part of their Customs: acquainting them also that by the interposition of the Emperor, the Venetians were also willing to make the same proportionable Abatements of their Customs of *Venona*.

Brussels Feb. 17. Some days since, intelligence being brought thither, that a party of 80 French were plundering the Country about Three Leagues from this place near *Torueur Castle*, expecting the next day to have join'd with another party of 400 horse; His Excellency the Marquis de *Casfel Aquirgo* sent out a party of 50 of his Guards to take an account of them, who charging them in a Village called *Hulpe*, forced them to retreat into a small Castle, where they inclosed them till about 80 Foot sent out from hence joining with them, they stoutly attacked the place, which taking fire, after a small resistance wherein 4 or 5 persons were killed on each side, the French were forced to yield, and were from thence brought prisoners into this place.

The Two Deputies from the States of the *United Provin* or having been Honourably received Febe the 7th instant were the next day admitted to their Audiencc, his Excellency meeting them in the Antichamber, and leading them into the Privy Chamber appointed for that purpose; after several other private Audienccs; the 14th instant they took their leaves, and the next day went for *Mallines*, where they are to meet with the Deputies sent from the Marquis de *Brandenbourg* to adjust some affairs between them, by the Judgment and Mediation of the Parliament there.

This day or to morrow the Marquis intends for *Antwerp* to take Order for the returns of Monneys from *Spain* for the

better defence of these Countreys. The Duke de *Holslein*'s Brother is shortly expected here at the head of 2000 men lately raised about *Hambourg*.

Paris, Feb. 18. Letters from the Army in *Franch Comte* inform us, that the 6th instant, the Prince of *Conde* with his Army invested the City of *Besancon*, sending in a summons for its surrender, from whence he was answered, that they were ready to receive his Majesty as into an Imperial City; but it being reply'd that their City ceased to be so by the Treaty of *Munster*, and offers being made to them; that upon their giving up their City, they should not have their Privileges in the least infringed, they thought fit to surrender without any resistance. In the mean while the Duke of *Luxembourg*, with the Regiment of *Orleans*, and a body of Horse, commanded by the Sieur de *Bligny*, with some few other Musqueteers appeared before *Salins*, immediately entering the Suburbs, where some opposition was made, the Defendants setting fire to some houses, and discharging several great and small shot, killing only one French Soldier, and wounding about 8 of the light horsemen, but finding little encouragement to make a long defence, they presently retreated both Town and Castle; The same fortune also ran *Bessterans*, with the *C. Ile of Rochefort*, and some other small Forts. Some of those Governments are already disposed of, particularly that of *Besancon* conferred on the Marquis de *Villars*, and a Swiss Garrison placed therein, and that of *Salins* on Monsieur de *Maupcau*, most of the Nobility of the Countrey keep within their respective Houses and Castles, without endeavouring to put themselves into Arms.

The 11th instant, the Prince of *Conde* came with his Army before *Dole*, which had been a little before reinforced with 3 or 4000 of the Militia so e s; the next day he intended to open his Trenches before it.

Later Letters from the Camp before *Dole* tell us of the arrival of His Majesty there from *Dijon*, upon whose coming Two of the half-Moons belonging to the Town fell down of themselves, and one of their Bastions cleft, which somewhat disheartned the Defendants, who nevertheless had refused to return an answer to the Summons sent to them; but that His Majesty had hopes to reduce them in 4 or 5 days, and had ordered a Battery to be raised against it of 30 Guns.

Since this, we have certain information of its surrender, but upon what Terms is not yet said; 'tis reported that His Majesty has some other design on foot, which will be the work but of a few days; which ended, he intends again for *St. Germain*.

A Countess lately arrived here from *Venice*, brings with him the Ratification of an Agreement made here by the Venetian Ambassador with the Sieur de *St. Andre Montbrun*, who is to be employed as Captain General of their Army in the place of the Marquis *Ville*, who is suddenly returned.

Two Ambassadors are lately arrived here from His Electoral Highness of *Saxony*, viz. Monsieur *Gersdorff* and *Kanne*, as also Monsieur *Ieyer* sent from his Master the Elector of *Brandenbourg*, their principal business being to use their interests and endeavours for the establishing a Peace between the Two Crowns: Monsieur *Colbert* who was by His Majesties order to have passed for *Aix la Chapelle*, in order to the Treaty so long distoulded of; is now yet forwards on his journey, and 'tis said some other person of greater quality is to be nominated in his place for that employment; for the better satisfaction of the Marquis de *Casfel Rodrigo*, who it seems made some scruple of joining with him.

The Count de *Chamilly* (his name) is promised by His Majesty the Charge of *Lignac* General of *Burgundy*, which