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From **Sunday** January 14. to **Thursday** January 17. 1688.

BY THE
 Prince of ORANGE,
A DECLARATION.

WHereas We have been given to understand, That several Untrue and Groundless Reports have been of late industriously spread among the Seamen of the Fleet, touching the Incertainty of their Receiving the Wages due to them for their Service therein, to the Occasioning great Discontents and Disorders within the said Fleet; We out of the just Regard which We do and shall always bear to the Satisfaction and Encouragement of the Seamen of this Kingdom, have thought fit hereby to declare, That as well the Arrears already due, as the growing Wages of all and every Officer and Seaman serving Us in the said Fleet, shall be fully made good to them; according to the known Methods of the Navy, so soon as the Ships whereon they have or shall respectively Earn the same, shall be brought in and laid up.

And whereas among other the ill effects of the Reports beforementioned, One is, That several Seamen have been thereby misled to the absenting themselves from their Ships without Leave, and thereby subjecting themselves to the Penalties by the Laws of the Sea, provided on that behalf. We do hereby further Declare, That all such Absenters who shall return to their Duties on Board their respective Ships within the space of Fifteen days after the Date hereof, shall be by Us Pardoned their said Offence, and exempted from the Punishment by Law due for the same; And be moreover entitled to the Full Benefit of this Our Declaration, in reference to their Wages; But so as that whoever of them shall be found either Refusing or Neglecting to lay hold of this Our Gracious Offer by a timely return to their Duties as before, shall be diligently sought for, and (being Apprehended) strictly proceeded against for the same as Deserters according to Law.

Given at St. James's this Sixteenth day of January 1688.

W. H. Prince of ORANGE.

Warsaw, Decemb. 18. The Dyet of this Kingdom was opened here Yesterday; and in the first Session the Crown Referendarius Szukia was unanimously chosen by the Deputies from the several Palatinates to be their Marshal or Speaker; which good beginning gives great hopes of a happy Success of this Meeting.

Stockholm; Decem. 18. The Troops continue to march towards *Schonen*; from whence it's believed several Regiments will be transported to the Territories of this Crown in *Germany*.

Vienna, Dec. 30. The Preparations for the War are continued here with great vigor and application. Repeated Orders are sent to the Imperial Forces to hasten their March towards the Empire; and for the reinforcing the Troops that are to remain in *Hungary*, in case a Peace be not concluded with the Turks, the Emperor has given Directions to add 4 new Companies to every Regiment of Foot, and to make those of Horse tip 1000 each. The Chevalier *Proski* is daily expected here from *Poland*, with full Power to enter jointly with the Ministers of his Imperial Majesty; and the Republick of *Venice*, upon a Treaty with the Turkish Ambassadors, who in the mean time do daily more and more manifest how desirous the Ottoman Port is of a Peace. And indeed all our Advices from *Turkey* tell us, That they do entirely rely upon the Success of the said Ambassadors Negotiation in order thereunto, that they hardly make any Preparations for the War. We are told from *Hungary*, that 30 Turks of the Garrison of *Sigetb*, of which Number it's said, is the *Bassa Muran*, having got out of that place, were come over to the Imperialists, and gave an account that there were still in the Town about 400 Men, able to bear Arms, and 600 Women and Children, but that they were reduced to that Distress, that they could not hold out many days longer. The Count *de Zabor* has received his Money for the new Levy he has undertaken of 3000 Hungarians; which are to march towards the Empire. The *Suisse* Cantons have assured this Court that they will take care of *Reinsfelds*, and the other Forest Towns.

Zell, Dec. 29. The Dukes of *Zell, Hanover* and *Wolfsbuttel*, had the last Week a Conference in this place. And it's said, that among other things they resolved to raise several new Regiments.

Ratisbona, Jan. 3. Prince *Louis* of *Baden*, who arrived here on Thursday last from *Vienna*, is gone again from hence, after having had several Conferences with the Emperors Chief Commissioner at the Dyet, for *Munick*, to acquaint the Elector of *Bavaria* with his Imperial Majesties Resolutions in relation to the present Juncture of Affairs, and to concert the necessary Measures with his Electoral Highness thereupon. The Imperial Troops that are come to *Egra* in *Bohemia*, have Orders to advance this way, to joyn the *Bavarian* Forces, and those of the *Circles*, which are quartered between *Donaupert* and *Ulm*, and can quickly draw together and form a Body of an Army, if occasion require.

Mosbricht, Jan. 7. A Party is gone from hence to raise Contributions in the Duchy of *Luxemburg*. The French demand 20000 Crowns of the City of *Aix la Chapelle*.

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