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OUR Will and Pleasure is, That the Form of Prayer, prepared and published by Our Special Direction for the Fast-day on the 12th of March last, be continued to be used on the respective Fast-days appointed to be Solemnly kept every third Wednesday of the Month successively during the Present War. Given at Our Court at Whitehall the 5th day of April, 1690. In the Second Year of Our Reign.

By His Majesties Command.

Shrewsbury.

Vienna, March 26. They write from *Nissa* of the 10th Instant, That the Imperial Generals Count *Staremberg* and Count *Veterani* had been to visit the Passes of the River *Morava*, which they intended to fortify, for the greater security of that place, and the rather because they had received Advice, that the *Turks* were gathering a considerable Body of Men together between *Nicopolis* and *Pescoris* upon some secret design. That several *Radziens*, *Arnotes*, and others, who had deserted *Teckeley* and the *Turks*, came daily to *Nissa* to put themselves under the Emperor's protection, and confirmed, that most of the Inhabitants of *Sophia* and *Nicopolis* were retired from thence out of fear of the Germans; and that *Teckeley* had not left with him above 4 or 500 men. The Commissary *Hoffen*, who lately arrived here from *Transilvania* with an account of the state of things on that side, is returned thither with Orders to Muster the Regiments quartered in that Country, and to see that they be in a condition to take the Field by the beginning of *May*. The last Advices from the Blockade of *Great Waradin* say, that on the 7th Instant they took 5 Prisoners, who came out of the place the same day, and reported, that the Garrison suffered extremely through want of many Necessaries, but that the *Bassa* and the other chief Officers continued obstinate, not to surrender till they were reduced to the very last extremity. The *Sieur Porro* parted from hence the 21st towards *Cambisa*, with Directions from the Council of War, to provide Wagons and other Conveniencies for the Turkish Garrison when they march out; and a Lieutenant-Marschal de Camp will be sent to take possession of that place; which is a point of Honour that was granted to those of *Agia*, *Sigeth*, and *Aiba Regalis*. The Ministers of this Court have been lately in frequent Consultation with the Council of War, in order to hasten the Preparations for the ensuing Campaign. Several sums of Money have been distributed for the making of new Levies, and vast quantities of Provisions and Ammunition are diligently laying up for the use of the Imperial Armies this Summer.

Havelberg, March 27. The Imperial and Confederate Troops which are quartered in *Saxonia*, *Franconia*, and near the *Rhine*, are ordered to march the 25th of the next Month to the General Rendezvous. There are now 4500 men in Garrison here. The French work very hard on the Fortifications of *Laudan*.

Cologne, April 7. The Elector of *Cologne* is expected to be in a month or 6 weeks, and accordingly Preparations are making there for his Reception. The Confederate Troops quartered in these Parts begin to move towards their Rendezvous.

Namur, April 5. Yesterday, about 10 in the morning, we received Advice, That 2500 Horse and Dragoons and 1500 Foot, of the Garrisons of *Charlemont*, *Pbittipville*, and *Dinant*, were marching towards *Floreffe* under the Command of Lieutenant-General *Batteville*, in order to pass the Fords of the *Sambre*, and to enter into the Spanish Territories, to burn the same; Whereupon our Governor the Prince of *Barbancon* immediately detached 500 Spaniards, 100 Walloons, and 600 Germans, of the Foot in Garrison here, commanded by the Baron de *Bressy* General of Battalia, and putting himself at the head of the Horse and Dragoons, marched directly towards *Floryfous* to observe the Enemy. In the mean time, the French having posted themselves along the Meadow of *Floreffe*, a Squadron was ordered to try if they could pass the Ford there, but being repulsed by the Spaniards and some Peasants that kept the Fort, built for the Guard of that Passage, they sent a Detachment of 100 Foot, who passed the River at 2 or 3 times in a small Boat above the Bridge of *Floreffe*, and attack'd the said Fort: At the same time 4 Squadrons of the Enemies Horse and Dragoons passed the Ford, and being followed by two more, drew up on this side the River; and before our Troops could arrive, they had taken the Fort, which was defended by 15 Soldiers, of whom 9 were killed, and 6, with the Lieutenant that commanded them, taken Prisoners: After which, they burnt two Houses that stood near the Fort, and 3 or 4 more in the Village of *Floryfous*, which the Country People had abandoned. Whilst this was doing, Major *Ferar* arrived with 80 of our Dragoons, but the Enemy charging him with 4 Squadrons, he retired towards a Wood, and there maintained himself till our Foot came up. The Enemy put themselves into a posture to receive us, but upon our approach they hardly stayed to receive our first Fire, and retreated with that fear and precipitation, that throwing themselves into the River without minding the Ford, many of them were drowned. We pursued them to the River, and took Monsieur de *Cerifiers* Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of *Conde*, who was wounded with a Musquet Shot in the Leg, two Captains of the Regiment of *Dauphine*, a Cornet, and a Brigadier, Prisoners. The *Sieur L'Angelerie* Lieutenant-Colonel of *Dauphine*, was killed on the other side of the River, and a Captain of *Normandy* (a Knight of *Malta*) near the Fort. The Enemy have lost above 200 Men, killed, drowned, and taken. Their design was to have entred into *Brabant* to burn there, as well as in the Country of *Namur*, every Horseman having Oats with him for 3 days. On our side, besides those killed and taken in the Fort, we had but 4 or 5 Men wounded, of which number was a Lieutenant of Dragoons.

Bressy, April 9. The Marschal de *Bunieres* having out of the Garrisons of *Tournai*, *Couac*, *Lisse*, *Valencennes*, *Dinant*, *Arnas*, &c. drawn together a Body of 12 or 14000 Men, he marched with several Pieces of Cannon and two Mortars to attack the Castle of *Beffis*, about a League from