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*Plymouth, March 6.*

**T**his day arrived here two Ships of this Town from the *Streights*, who tell us that *Sir Jer. Smith* is well, and lies so in the Mouth of the *Streights*, that not a Ship can pass him.

Yesterday arrived here the *Forrester*, who hath taken two Prizes, one of them is come in here, being of *Rousterdam*, about 250 Tun, laden with Figgs; the other an Irish Vessel, laden with Herring and Beef, taken by a Dutch Caper, and now retaken, with the Capers Lieutenant, and 6, or 7 more of their men; she is believed to be in *Torbay*.

*Hague, March 8.* The 14 daies allowed between the Signing and the Ratifying of the Treaty of *Brandenburg*, for that Elector to mediate with the Bishop are now expired, and yet not one word that we can heare of, spoken by the Elector towards the Treaty of Mediation with the Bishop, may he writes plainly now, he desires to take along with him the Elector of *Colen*, and the Duke of *Newbourg*, in that Mediation, whose interests stand so crosse to ours in this point, that we have reason to suspect the Elector means onely to gain time, and to delay acting against the Enemy, which the Bishop in the interim makes good use of, not onely to get breath himself, but to infect and annoy us, as he hath of late done very considerably in divers Parts; which makes men reflect to how ill purpose those vast sums will be bestowed; besides all other hard conditions which this Alliance costs us; and how much wiser it had been, with much less expence, to have had a like number of men of our own, under our own General, then thus to arm Strangers, that we know not what use they may hereafter make of their Force.

The *Sieur Salsbourg*, our Resident at *Brussels*, hath order to demand of the *Marquess Castel Rodrigo*, that Commissioners be appointed for receiving the list of Damages done by those of the Bishops Forces, which it will be proved were raised in *Brabant* and *Flanders*, of which this State expects satisfaction from that Government of *Flanders*.

*Ditto, March 9.* A List is framed of the Regiments, as well of Horse as Foot, and its resolved that *Prince Maurice*, and the Deputies that are to assist with him, shall be forthwith dispatched to *Weyssel*; eight were named, but onely five will go, which are *Riperda*, *de Witt*, *Amerongen*, *Onkel*, and the *Sieur Vazder Hoge* of the Council of State.

From *Munster* we are told, that the Deputies of *Brandenburg*, *Colen* and *Newbourg* are expected there daily, to endeavour an accommodation with the Bishop, which is not now our business; and the Elector of *Brandenburg* is much blamed for being so backward in the execution of our late Treaty with him.

The Duke of *Newbourg* hath made a sharp complaint here of Incursions made by our Forces upon some of his Territories, demanding a redress for the future; or that otherwise he must be forced to retaliate.

We are expecting the Assembly of the States of *Holland*, from which in probability measures will be taken what answer is like to be given to the report of the City of *Bremen*, for a reasonable Succour against the *Swede*; in which we hold the Woolf by the ears, and can as unsafely resolve to grant it, as we can refuse it.

*Heidelberg, Feb. 10.* Upon complaints made by the Elector of *Colen*, the Duke of *Newbourg*, and others, against the States of the Confederate Low-countries; the States of the Empire have ordered and resolved, That his Imperial Majesty be desired to use his Mediation with the Assistance of

other Princes of the Empire (who are to be named by the injured Princes) to oblige those States to submit to what is reasonable, and to give such just satisfaction as shall be required.

*Middleburgh, Feb. 25.* Five *Holland* ships that were gone Northwards, having been separated from the rest of their Fleet, upon the appearance of *Sir Christopher Minnes* before *Oppend*, and were supposed and given over for lost; are contrary to expectation returned, and arrived at *Flushing*.

The Storms and Tempests have been so very great and violent in these parts, that they have forced down one of the great Wooden-Bridges in this Town, and another at *Sluys*; by which, many persons have been drowned, and divers mortally wounded.

At *Flushing* they are making daily preparations for setting out fresh Capers to Sea.

The Bishop of *Munster*, as we are informed, hath given Orders and Commissions for the levying of 20 Regiments; the Emperor is strengthening and recruiting all his old Regiments.

*Ditto, March 4.* Some of the *Lunenburgh* Forces, upon discontents received, assaulted the Castle of *Oldersom*, but were repulsed not onely by the valor of the Garrison, but by the assistance of Forces commanded out of *Embden*.

The *Brabant* and *Flanders* Forces, have it ongly alarmed all these parts, insomuch, That besides the Forces drawn out of *Bergen-op-zoom*, there have been both Soldiers and Mariners commanded out of *Flushing*, and other Sea Towns, to make up a Body able to encounter them. They are now upon their march after them, the issue we every day expect.

*Legorn, Febr. 22.* This week arrived here a French Sea-Commander with a Letter which he brought to the Great Duke at *Pisa*; he has order to send for *Thoulon* all such French and Dutch Marines as are fit for the service of the Fleet; he treats also with others, that are not Subjects to the Great Duke, for Sea men, baiting them with proffers of very good pay, but findes very few that will accept of that Service. On the lik Errand other of their Officers are employed to *Genoua*, *Venice*, and other parts of *Italy*.

We are advised from *Constantinople*, that the Scale of *Scanderoon* is to be removed to *Tripoli di Soria*, notwithstanding the interposition of the Ambassadors, who proffered a large Sum to get that order to be revoked.

The Ship chased into *Tangier* by the Algerines, we suppose is the *Isabella*, a French ship with 250 Chests of Sugar and Tobacco, that departed from *Lisbon* with a Genouefe, and another French ship of thirty six Guns, of which we have yet no news.

The nine English ships here are designed to lade Oyles at *Puglia* for *England*: the Freights homeward, and likewise for other parts, is now double the usual rate of former times, by reason of the great scarcity of shipping in these Parts.

*Marseilles, Febr. 23.* Monsieur *de Beaufort* is in daily apprehension of *Sir Jer. Smiths* approach, and all are in arms at the appearance of any Vessels on these Coasts, fearing he has a design to fire their Fleet at *Thoulon*: For their greater safety, 4. days since fourteen Gallies were sent thither, to assist them, in case of an attempt; one may read fear in the midst of all their brags: Six *Hollandets* that were Rovers at *Cadix*, with the *Merlin* Galley, arrived at *Thoulon* twelve dayes since, to joyn with *de Beauforts* Fleet, and two *S. Malo* Merchants of thirty six Guns, and a hundred and twenty men, each, (which laded Corn at *Lisbon*, but fearing the English, put in at *Thoulon*, where they were unladen)

are now coming for service; so that, in all, they amount to thirty two fighting Ships; ten of them good Ships, the rest, from twenty two Guns to thirty six, of which, the Advice is one: they are much put to it for Mariners, taking all they can get where ere they finde them; no Fisher-men have appeared this fortnight or three weeks, being afraid of the service; they may possibly be ready the next moneth, though they say sooner: we hear that the four General Ships are arriv'd at *Messina*.

The greatest part of the English Seamen are gone homewards, overland, some others to *Italy*, none caring to serve the French upon any terms; those that had received pay, being arriv'd into service before the War was declared, are since run away from them.

**Munster, March 5.** The Hollanders have not much cause to triumph for the success of their Forces against the Bishop of *Munster*, if they reflect upon the particular successes which his Army hath had of late, having taken 800 Horse, and 200 Foot at *Delden*; afterwards 300 Foot at *Vriesveen*, and very lately, two Troops of Horse, and five Companies of Foot, that came from *Grill* by night to plunder the Villages near *Albazusen*, who being discovered by Major General *Menerzhagen*, were so home charged by him, that they presently fell into a rout, having 118 kill'd upon the place, 100 Prisoners taken, and sent into *Munster*, with a Captain of Horse, and several Officers: and since that 400 foot, and 90 Horse that had re-possessed themselves of *Vriesveen*, were so well attacked by the Bishops Forces, that notwithstanding their new Fortifications, their 400 Foot were forced to render themselves, and but ten of their Horse escaped: after which success, they took in the States Garrison of *Schoelembourg*, where they took sixty Prisoners.

**Constantinople, Feb. 19.** We have no small apprehension of those frequent Intelligences we receive, all of them bigg with relations of great Tumults in *Palestine*; *Sabazai*, their pretended Prophet, growing every day more powerful; insomuch, as we have reports, that he leads now a hundred thousand after him, and is very severe against all Turks killing all they meet with.

There arriv'd yesterday a Vessel from *Ragusa*, who tells us, that the two Ambassadors, sent by their Governor, with the usual Presents to the Grand Signor, were returned thither; and that the Bassa of *Jerusalem* had sent an Envoye, who was upon his way hither, with an Account of the many, and great Insurrections of the Jews in those Parts.

**Amsterdam, March 12. Nolo novo.** Prince *Maurice* being seated, in a Chair without bows, at a little distance from the Table, hath had the Oath of Fidelity, as General for this years Expedition administered to him in the States General.

In the form of the Elector of *Brandenbourg*s Ratification some exception is taken here, at an expression, by which he says, He must ratifie all he is bound to ratifie.

The States having, upon the close of our Treaty with *Denmark*, assign'd that King three hundred thousand Livres, part of a greater sum we were presently to pay down to him, upon what is owing us from the French King, *Van Beuningen* tells us, to excuse himself at present, that he cannot punctually comply with that assignment, from the great want there is of monies in his Coffers, and, which is more, makes a demerit to the warranting our Treaty with *Denmark* too.

*Overijssel* hath pressed much to be excus'd in their Quota, but have been refus'd; onely they have obtain'd, that a List shall be given in here of all the losses they have suffered during the War with the Bishop, which, upon a fair examination, must be made good to them by the other Provinces; but they see that will be but a put off; for, by that precedent, *Holland* and *Zealand* may come to pretend to reparation of damages too; but who should repair them?

*Bremen* hath writ a second Letter hither, saying, plainly, they can by no means yield to the Demands of *Sweden*.

The States are adjusting the Ratification of the *Brandenbourg* Treaty, with *Blasfel* and *Copes*; but in the mean time they have been strangely surpris'd at a Memorial given in by those two Deputies, desiring, in their Masters names, that now they are disposing of the Military Charges, they would,

among others, remember the Prince of *Orange*, and give him some suitable Employment. Upon which, the other Provinces demanding Copies of the Memorial, those of *Holland* strongly oppos'd it, so as the President was oblig'd, for that time, to put it up again into the Bag; which the two Deputies understanding, went and told the President, that what their Master had done in that point, was as much out of his good will to the prosperity of their State, to which he was now so near an Aliye, as from the eyes of affection and care he was under to the Prince of *Orange*, and his House, desiring he might be consider'd by the States. Whereupon, the President the next day again produced the same Memorial to the Assembly, which those of *Holland* continued as violently to oppose, declaring, it was absolutely forbid that any Recommendation from a Foreign Prince should be there propos'd or read; That the Person so recommended was, *ipso facto*, thereby rendred incapable of holding any Charge or Employment in the State; and adding, in bitter terms, that it was seditious in the same Ministers to make that Proposition; and that therefore, they had by it forfeited all the Protection and Rights that by the Law of Nations were otherwise due to them as such: And that if the Elector continued in this Recommendation, they would withhold their Subsidy or payment they were by the Treaty to furnish to him. To morrow the debate will be resum'd, and then we shall see what will come of it: In the mean time the Town of *Harlem* refuses to pay in their Quota of the last sums tax'd; some suspect out of faction for the Prince of *Orange*, others say, it is because they look upon themselves as over rated. Yesterday the Prince of *Orange* dined at *Rotterdam*, at the invitation of a private Bourgeois, where he was with great Ceremony waited on by the Admiralty, in a Body, and infinitely follow'd, and applauded by the generality of the people.

**Falmouth, March 3.** Here arriv'd this day the *Goodwill* of *Falmouth*, *Will. Bues* Master, laden with Wine and Fruit, who came the 29th of *February* from *Malaga*, and reports, that five dayes before his coming away the Dutch Fleet came into that Road, and chased him very near the shore, upon which the Fort shot at them; whereupon their Admiral sent his boat on shore, to know the reason of it, who had answer returned by the Governor, Ordering them to stand farther off, they having an intention to protect the English in their Ports; upon this, they immediately tack'd about, and went up farther towards the *Streights*: Two dayes before they came from thence, Sir *Fer. Smith* was in *Malaga* Road with eleven Sail, intending to pursue the Dutch. This Vessel came in company with those *Streights* ships which we formerly told you of, and saw no ship by the way, till within sixteen leagues of *Silly*, where he met with four of our Fregats, the *Elizabeth*, the *Adventure*, the *Sorlings*, and the *Nightingale*, the later of which had taken a French-man, laden with Herrings, which he sent into *Plymouth*: They all convoy'd these *Streights* ships within sight of the *Lizard*; when, two of them, tack'ing about, the other convoy'd them up the Channel.

**Cadix, Feb. 21.** Sir *Fer. Smith* arriv'd here this day with fourteen Fregats, who are at an anchor off of *Rotta*, about five miles distant from the Bay; they have been Cruising as far as *Alicant*: Near *Gibraltar* two or three dayes since they light upon a Vessel with three thousand and odd Hanezgs of Corn, who would have pass'd for a *Genouefe*, but is supposed French.

**March 3.** The *Deptford* and *Eaglet* Ketches took lately a French Vessel, laden with Fruit and Cloth, pretending to be bound for *Weymouth*, with goods consign'd to one Mr *Pley* a Merchant there, but being brought into *Guernsey*, the Inhabitants gave information to the contrary, so that she is like to be Prize.

**White-Hall March 10.** Thursday morning, His Majesty, accompanied with his Royal Highness, and Prince *Rupert*, and attended with several Persons of Quality, parted hence for *Audley-End*, where he arriv'd that day at noon, with intention to spend the rest of the week in those parts, and to return hither on *Monday*, seeming much satisfied, as well with the noble structure of that House, as the pleasantness of the Countrey about it.