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Plymouth, March 6.

This day arrived here two Ships of this Town from the *Streights*, who tell us that Sir *Fer. 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 *Fer. 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)