

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*; *Sabatay*, their pretended Prophet, growing every day more powerful; inasmuch, as we have reports, that he leads more than 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 latter 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'd 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.