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Deal, April 7.

THis day arrived in the Downs the *Ruby* from the Streights. The whole Fleet of Merchant Ships seawards bound, are yesterday and this day sailed with a fair wind.

Bristol, April 7. Yesterday Morning arrived here the *Bethesda* of this Port from *Cadix* in 19 dayes under the protection of several of His Majesties Fregats from the Streights. This day came in the *Pearl* from the same Voyage, several others humbly expected to follow her.

Lucerne, March 23. To Morrow is to be held the Assembly of the Swisse Cantons at *Baden*, in which we foresee there will be some Disputes, the Cantons being of several Opinions as to their Foreign Alliances. The Cantons of *Friburgh* and *Switz* have already received Moneys from *France*; and *Lucerne* upon the point of Treating, though expressly forbidden by the General Diet.

Rome, March 30. A Courier lately arriving from *Madrid*, assures His Holiness that the Court of *Spain* had Ordered 20. of their Gallies to be fitted up to joyn with the Popes Squadron for the succors of the Republick of *Venice*, of which the Pope ordered an account to be given to the Venetian Ambassador, who immediately dispatched away an Express to the Republick with the News.

On Monday last the Pope sent away an Express with his Pontifical Standard to the Duke de *Beaufort*, which is to be born aboard the French Admiral in this Expedition to *Candia*, in which Don *Vincenzo Rospijosi* is declared Generalissimo, and the Duke de *Beaufort* to succeed him in that Charge in case of mortality.

On Monday last the Pope held a private Consistory, where the Secretary read to them the History of the Lives and Miracles said to have been done by *Peter d' Alexandria* and *Margalena de Ferrari*, two persons eminent for their Piety; and suddenly to be enrolled in the Catalogue of Saints with the accustomed Solemnities, which may be performed the first Sunday after *Easter*.

In the same Consistory the Pope performed the Ceremony of Shutting and Opening the Mouth of Cardinal *Vincenzo Visconti*, and gave him the Title of *St Agnes*, formerly belonging to Cardinal *Barnese*; which ended several Vacant Bishopricks were proposed by their respective Cardinal Protectors, and disposed of.

On Thursday was held a Publick Consistory, wherein the Consistorial Advocates made Publick Speeches in Honour of the above-named Saints Candidate; and the Afternoon was spent by the Pope in Publick Audiences.

Vienna, March 30. Several persons lately arriving here from *Hungary*, inform us, as do also our Letters from those parts; and from *Traby*, that the Grand Seignior intended to dispossesse the Government of *Sevenburgh* from the Duke *Abassi*, putting some other person in his room; against which the whole Dutchy had made their Protestsations, as being well satisfied with the present Government.

That the Turkes were every where making great preparation for war, intending to draw three Armies into the Field this Summer, with two of them to invade *Dalmatia*; to give the Republick of *Venice* a strong diversion; that they may be the less able to defend *Candia* from the Visier; the third Army to attend the Grand Seigniors Command, which tis feared may be designed to make some

disturbance in *Hungary*; they having already made a Bridge for the transportation of their forces.

The Levies granted by His Imperial Majesty to the Pope for the succor of *Candia*, will amount to about 3000 men; who are privately and without beat of Drum listed and taken in to service out of the Imperial Hereditary Countries onely; to whom tis believed may be joyned some other Companies.

About the beginning of the next Moneth may be sent from hence an Extraordinary Embassy to *Poland*; the Person being already named by His Imperial Majesty the Grave *Van Schafgorch*; and his Train designed to consist of 18 Footmen, 12 Pages, 6 Trampets, 4 Grooms of his Chamber, and 2 Masters of his Stable, and with him are to go many Gentlemen and Persons of Quality.

Frankfort, April 7. The Mediators for the Composition of the Differences between the Elector Palatine and the Duke of *Lorraine*, continue to confer together, for the putting a good end to that work; which tis believed will be done to their mutual satisfaction. The Prince Elector is in person passed the *Rhine*; and taken a view of all the most considerable places under his Jurisdiction; and to take off all future grounds of any farther Disputes, tis believed some satisfaction or equivalent may be proposed for the County of *Falkenstein*, which by the Electors Pretensions to the Right of *Wiltfang* is feudatory to him; though formerly sold by the Elector of *Mentz* to the Duke of *Lorraine*.

Some new Disputes have happened between the Elector of *Mentz* and the Prince Palatine, the former having upon pretence of a Toll made stop of several Vessels belonging to the Palatinate, in revenge whereof the Prince Electors people have pulled down some of the Offices for Tolls belonging to the Elector of *Mentz*, which tis feared may occasion new troubles.

Brussels, April 12. The French having furnished their Magazines with great store of Arms and other provisions for the War, appear now, more numerous than formerly in the places of their late Conquests, and according to our late advice have put near 2000 men into *Charleroy* above the usual and ordinary Garrison. His Most Christian Majesty has drawn also a considerable force together and encamped them near *Paris*, and tis said has a Design to give a Visit to the places lately gained in those parts.

On Thursday last the Council of State assembled, and having considered of the number of the French which are lately arrived in the New Conquests (though upon pretence onely of securing several of their Towns whilst they make considerable alterations in the Fortifications) have thought it fit that we so keep our selves upon our Guard as not to be surpris'd; and immediately issued our Orders to all Officers and soldiers in three dayes time to repair to their respective Garrisons and Colours.

We have lately intelligence that the Marquis d' *Humières* arrived the 30th past at his Government at *Lillo*, where he expects to be followed by 7000 men; who are to be quartered about the City; and also that 4 or 5000 are marching to wards *Dunkirke*, and as many for *Lamdrejcy*.

The Marquis *Spinola* Vedor Genéral is going suddenly for *France*, and with him Monsieur *Arckhaut* President of *Flanders*, by whom the Constable of *Castile* gives Her Catholic Majesty a full account of the present state of these Provinces, with the great necessity of being speedily supplied with Moneys for the defraying of the vast expences of the publick.

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The Constable of *Castille* has ordered that a considerable quantity of Ammunition and Necessaries be sent to the Magazines of *St. Omer*, *Air*, *Cambray*, and *Mons*, and a stronger Garrison put into *Ipre*, which is already done, and all those places we suppose sufficiently guarded against any sudden attempts; and continues his care for the remounting of his Cavalry. Upon the frequent Complaints of many Robberies committed upon the Highways, several Troops of Horse are ordered to take care for the safety of Passengers; Order being also given to the Provost and Bailies that such persons as shall be found robbing, shall be immediately executed without any formal Process.

Paris, April 13. Monsieur *Gabel* having taken leave of the Court, is gone for *Copenhagen*, but with intention to make a speedy return.

The Count de *Leiningen* has by an Express solicited His Majesty to assist him against the Prince Palatine *Adolph John*, a Brother to the King of *Sweden*; who in a hostile manner seized on his Castle of *Overbron*; pressing His Majesty upon the account of the General Warranty upon the Peace of *Westphalia*, as also of his being a Vassal of *France* (he holding the County of *Rixingen* in Fief from the Bishoprick of *Metz*, and therefore also to be protected) but as yet His Majesty has given no other answer, but that it being not a Dispute of the highest Concernment, might be composed by the Neighbouring Princes of the Empire, without giving him the trouble of it.

Don *Quinones* the Spanish Envoy has received Order from the Constable of *Castille* to make several Complaints to His Majesty, particularly that the French have required and obliged several Villages to pay them Contribution which belong not to them, and to which they can have no just pretension; and that they have forcibly and by surprise seized on a Castle in *Luxembourg*, into which they have put a French Garrison, desiring that care may be taken to prevent the like violence for the future, as being contrary to the Peace lately concluded between the Two Crowns.

The Inquisitor General of *Spain* has taken his way by *Lyons* into *Italy*, without leaving this place on his way, as was expected.

The 17th Instant the Duke de *Navailles* went hence with several other Officers for *Thoulon*; where the Duke de *Beaufort* is taking all possible care for the equipping and victualing the Fleet intended for *Candia*. Some of the forces designed thither are already embarked, but it is not believed they will be ready to sail before the middle of *May*.

Yesterday in the Morning Prince *George* of *Denmark* took his leave of His Majesty, intending the next Week to depart hence for *Thoulon*, to take a view of the Fleet and succours intended for the assistance of the *Venetians*. His Majesties Resident in *Switzerland* has dispatched hither a Courier, to advise His Majesty that he has so well gained upon the Principal Ministers of some of the Cantons, that they have promised him to co-operate in all that nothing shall be done in prejudice to the Agreement made with *France*.

From *Languedoc* we are told, that a ship of *Bary* was lately so ced on the 10th by storme near *Aiguas Mortes*, where several of the Inhabitants got to land and were made prisoners.

His Majesty is ordering a strict enquiry to be made into the Chamber of Accounts, with intention to reduce the Officers to their ancient Allowances; retrenching several profits they have for many years enjoyed more than what was their due; and particularly reducing the summe of 80 thousand Francks a year, which they now receive out of the Farm of the *Gabels*; to their first allowance of 30 thousand; making likewise an Inspection into his other Farms.

Hague, April 14. On Wednesday next the States of *Holland* intend to separate till after *Easter*, in the mean

time their Commissioners have had several Conferences with the Deputies from the Province of *Zealand*, which is believed will have an issue satisfactory to both Parties; three of the *Zealanders* are returning home to *Vlissing*, to assist at the Election of *Bourgomasters* and other Officers for the Government of that Town, intending to return with all the speed they may to perfect their Negotiation here. These States may before their Adjournment come to a Resolution for the Equipping of their ships for a Summer Guard, and about the Establishment of the Body of an *Army*, which may be ready on all occasions to march as they shall be commanded. The Troop of Horse commanded by the young Count de *Dona*, is sent hence to *Swol*.

The French Ambassador has now furnished himself with Liveries and a Train fit for his Publick Appearance, but intends not to make his Solemn Entry till after *Easter*.

The Spanish Ambassador has given in a second Memorial to the States, by which he presses them to proceed to the completing of the Treaty of Warranty; for which the Crown of *Sweden* has sent full and ample power; and that they would please to dispatch an Envoy into *France*, to negotiate with His Most Christian Majesty for the satisfaction of all his Pretensions; that no seeds may be left behind, from whence may spring any future war or disturbances, and that some Forces may be sent to the Frontiers of *Flanders*, to be there in readiness for the defence of those parts, and to prevent any surprisall.

Many complaints having been brought in against the Admiralty of *Offend*, for their severall dealings with the Subjects and Inhabitants of these Countreies, and particularly that on the 13th of *February* last they had confiscated a Dutch ship called the *Fishery*; and though frequent addresses had been made to them by the parties concerned in her, they had hitherto deferred to give them the satisfaction which they expected. The States having considered the premises have resolved that a Letter be writen to the Constable of *Castille*, to acquaint him with these proceedings of the Admiralty; and to demand satisfaction of damages with the Interest.

The States of *Holland* have granted a new Patent to the *West-Indy* Company, which is believed will be also consented to by the rest of the Provinces.

Bruges, April 17. The Count *Salazar* our Governour having put in 4 Companies of Foot into *Ipre* under the Command of the Count de *Rash*, for the reinforcement of that Garrison, is again returned hither. Great numbers of the French forces are quartered in and about *Dynkerke* for the security of that place, it lying at present open, till the new Walls and Works can be completed, on which many hands are daily employed.

The *Ostenders* keep all Foreign ships from coming up to this place; and this last week obliged five or six after 10 dayes Dispute, to make there, and to send up their Goods hither upon their *Bilanders*, to the great trouble and expence of the Merchants.

Portsmouth, April 8. The Men of War lately returned with *Sh. Thomas Allen* from the *streights*, are ordered into Harbor, and the wind being favourable, may all of them enter this Forenoon.

Advancements.

The Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer have paid the 1124th Order Registered on the *Act* for 1250000. And shall proceed to the payment of the ensuing Orders to that number, and the remains of that Taxe and the remain of the first Month of the Eleven Months Taxe shall come in.

Also the said Officers are come in course to the payment of the 700th Order Registered on the *Act* for the Eleven Months Taxe, and so shall proceed to the payment of the subsequent Orders to that number as the Money shall be brought in.