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*Bristol, March 28.*

**T**His last week arrived here the *Dorothy* of *Dartmouth*, of 150 Tuns, with the *Sparke* Fregat, both of them from *Alicant*; about the 26 of February, they met Sir *Feremy Smith* going into the *Streights*, he had taken two French ships laden with Corn of 200 Tun, and a Dutch ship with Fruit and Wine.

On the 23, and 26. arrived here the *Submission* 60 Tuns, and the *Fellowship* 40 Tun, from the *Barbadoes* with Sugars. On the 27. came in the *Resolution* from *Nevis*, of 100 Tun, he was twice chased by the way, once about 70 Leagues off the *Cape*, by two Men of War. Another met him four or five Leagues off the *Cape*. The Master tells us, he came up with two ships of good burthen bound for *London*, one of them commanded by Captain *Young*, and confirms the success of our Plantation in the *Barbadoes* against the *Dutch*.

*Harwich, March 31.* Yesterday most part of the afternoon we heard about 40 Guns, which we knew not how to understand, till this morning. Cap. *Lock* of the *Roe Ketch* brought in hither an open Sloop, which was manned with about 25 Dutchmen, with Dutch colours, and not so much as a *Drake*; her Commanders name *Peter Jans de Vriez*. She a little before the *Roe Ketch* came up, had taken a light Pink, manned her, and sent her away. They failed and rowed from the *Ketch* with all the industry they could, but at last were taken; about 14 or 15 of them ran ashore into the Country.

*Legorne, March 15.* The Prince of *Tuscany* arrived here the 13th instant from *Genoua*, The Great Dutcheis, Princes, and Prince *Leopoldo*, going out into the Road in a Gally to meet him. The Great Duke with all his Court (it is said) will depart hence on Friday the 19 instant towards *Florence*.

*Ditto, The Gift of Bristol* is here arrived with Pilchards, who touched at *Algiers*; she reports, that those Pyrates have of late taken and destroyed six French ships. One *Venetian* laden with Carrants from *Zant*. One *Hollander* of 700 Tun, 70 Men, and 32 Guns, who had yielded without shooting one Gun; and one ship from *Ossend* with Pepper, bound for *Spain* and *Italy*, was fired.

A Bark arrived in less then eight daies from *Marselles*, reports their Fleet would be ready in a week, were it not for the want of Seamen, which is very great. It consists of 35 ships, 10 Fire-ships, and 11 Gallies: Two *Genouefse* ships arrived from *Lisbon*, who reports, that they met 12 *English* Fregats at the *Streights* mouth, and afterwards saw eight *Algier* Men, which the *French* reported had joyned with them, but the Great Duke sent out a Barque for Information, who brought him word they were 200 miles distant from the *English*.

*Rotterdam, April 1.* Here hath hapned one of the greatest stormes that ever was known, which raised the tide to such an height, that the water overflowed all the Town without the Dyke, the boates went over the Market place, being in some places within a foot of the top of the Dyke, which if it had exceeded, would have hazarded all the land about this Town; as it was, it much indamaged this place, the loss in Merchandizes spoiled, amounting to, at the least, three hundred thousand Guilders, and it is thought, the whole Country is dammified more by this Inundation, then by all the War: at the same time were very great Thunders and Lightnings, which fired the Steeple of *Valkenburg*, and that of *Delft*, which with some difficulty were quenched.

The Admiralty here, have conferred the command of the three new Ships: one of 70 Guns, on the Vice-Admiral *Hart Van Ess*; the second of like number of Guns, which was Launched this last week at *Delft-Haven*, on *Fan de Lieft*; the third of 60, or 64 Guns on Cap. *Fan Van Ess*.

*Vienna, March 13.* The eighth Instant, the *Turkish* Ambassador had his Audience, and received his presents, which were very considerable, all in Plate: at the same time there happened a violent Storm and Thunder, which fell upon St. *Stephens* steeple, and burnt four *Turkish* Standards in it: This day he was conducted to the water-side, by the guard, of his Town, and other Companies, on his journey homewards: before his departure several of his domestiques, and amongst the rest, his Secretary forsook him and fled. The exchange of both Embassies is to be made about *Cornorha*: Two *Muscovite* and *Tartarian* Ambassadors are expected here the latter end of this moneth.

*Stockholm, March 3.* The Levies in this Kingdom are now finish, and Commissioners ordered to employ them; part of them are designed for the strengthening the Garrisons, especially those that lye any way towards *Germany*: solemn conferences are frequently held with forraign Ministers, and in appearance all possible endeavors used, to compose differences betwixt the several Princes and States, to which purpose they are sending Ambassadors into *England*, *France*, and *Holland*.

*Florence, March 9.* The *Venetians* are busily trucking with the *French*, *Hollanders*, and their Allies; to which purpose, they gave out, that the Plague was in several parts of *Germany*, to break (if they could) the Fair at *Boltau*, to the Emperors prejudice, and are now fitting to Sea for the *Levant* Company, which, perchance, may occasion some dispute with the *Genouefse*. The Great Duke is much grieved, that the Duke of *Beaufort* hath retained a great ship sailing from *Legorn*, and fitted it out for his Navy; and it is thought he will send to *Paris* for satisfaction.

The Pope is recalling Monsieur *Roberti*, his Holiness's Nuncio at *Paris*; with whose actings, neither *France* nor *Italy* are well satisfied. They talk that Monsieur *Bevilacqua*, Auditor of the Rebus, is to be sent in his place.

*Hamburg, March 17.* Letters of the thirteenth from *Copenhagen* tell us, that Vice-Admiral *Helke*, hath been in *Fuitland* and *Holstein* to pick up Seamen, and is returned with so slender a provision, that they cannot see yet how by all that King now hath, or can hope for out of *Norway*, he will be able to make more then 1800 Seamen. They are bearing for Volunteers at *Lubeck*, but it is believed, as that City's alliances stand, they will not be easily prevailed on, to allow such Levies. They have fitted up eight small Fregats, wherewith they pretend to examine the passage of the *Sound*, and cruze in the Channel betwixt that and *Landsrone*.

The *French* Resident at *Lubeck*, is said to be endeavouring to settle a Staple there for *French* Commodities, with mutual interchange of Priviledges, but cannot it seems advance much in his business.

We are told, the Crown of *Sweden* is dispatching the *Sieur Bielk* Ambassador to *Denmark*, to expostulate certain points with them upon their late Alliances, and present Preparations, and that the perion of the Man, will be as unwelcome to *Denmark*, as his errands, being the same perion employed thither in the time of the late War.

In the mean time, young *Banier* Governor of *Schonen*, is come to *Elfsburgh*, to obieve the countenance of the *Dane*, *Sweden* growing (as they have reason) very jealous of that peoples aiming.

An Envoye sent from the Duke of *Newbourg* to *Stockholm*, hath it seems passed through *Copenhagen*, where he staid only one night, without seeing, or being seen by any body.

They are in so great apprehensions of an English Fleet in *Denmark*, that they keep continual sentinels along the Coasts, and some daies since a Swedish Galliot having casually appeared, bearing a White Cross in a Blew Field, and after her four or five Fisher-boats, the Alarm was immediately taken of the English Blew squadrons approaching, upon which, all the Guns in *Cronenburg* were with all hast turned from the Land Ramparts, to those of the water-side.

*Paris, March 30.* Letters from *Thoulon* tells us of a great difference lately falln out between *Montieur de Beaufort* and a Captain, who for some offences had condemned three of his Soldiers to be executed, whom the Duke was earnest to have saved, intending to employ them in his Navy; but being refused with some plainness, drew his sword in their rescue, but was kept off by the Cannons, who bent his Pike against him; which as a great affront, is represented here by the Admiral to the King, and satisfaction required.

We are informed from *Mastricht*, that the Governor of that place hath disarmed all the inhabitants, suspecting them to be corrupted by two Chavoins, who have had the question twice put to them, and had formed a design to deliver up the Town to Colonel *Cleuter*.

We are in some fear for three Vessels that were sent from *Rochel*, towards the Indies, lest they may run some hazard in meeting with *Sir Jeremy Smith* cruising about *Tangier*; the ships having aboard three Millions of Livres.

The King is sending away *Mr. Courtin* into *Germany*, to be mediator in his Majesties name, for composing the differences between the Elector of *Mayence* and *Palatine*; whereupon the Emperor tells them, That being Subjects to the Empire, his Imperial Majesty ought to have been chosen as arbitrator, rather than the most Christian King.

*Ditto, March 31.* By an arrest given here in the Council, all Manufactures of the factory and product of *England* are forbid to be imported, upon the penalty of 10000 Livres, and imprisonment; in design to ruine the trade of that Nation.

*Middleburgh, April 1.* On Friday last orders were given out by the Admiralty of *Zealand* for several Men of War, lying at *Flushing* and *Campvere*, to direct their course towards the *Texel*, to join with those of *Amsterdam*, upon some new design, which we cannot yet discover. The Admiral & Vice-Admiral of *Zealand* are returned from the *Hague*, where they and other principal Sea-Officers consulted about a fit place for a general Rendezvous; the States result not yet known. The States of *Zealand* have deputed two out of every Town that hath voices, to meet, as likewise they are to do, from all the Seven Provinces at the *Hague*. The reason of their meeting is much discoursed of, some conjecturing it to be, to finde overtures for Peace, others to consult about the Restauration of the Prince, to the Priviledges of his Ancestors, which the *Brandenburgher* hath of late much pressed; and as is reported, hath offered his Mediation between the Prince and the States. But time will teach us more certainly.

*Hague, April 6.* We have been forced to send *de Witte*, *Crommon*, and *Bootsma*, to the Landtags or Conventions of *Over-Yssel* and *Guedre*, to call upon them to bring in their arrears to the former Taxes; which we are afraid how they will be able to do, considering the great losses those Provinces have suffered from the Bishop. Two others were named to go on the same Errand to *Groninghen*, but the Deputies here took it rather upon themselves, and are to go hence on purpose to prets it.

From *Mastricht* we are told, That *Vandernat* drives the same trade about *Aix*, thas Colonel *Cleuter* did about *Mastricht*, in forcing the neighboring parts of our Territories to bring in Contribution; and that two of the Cannons of *Aix* are made the receivers, whereof complaint is to be made to that Town, and Reciprocal threatened to be used against them, in case they prevent it not in the future.

Tuesday next is appointed to debate the matter of the *Zealand* Deputation, which as yet remains untouched.

Deputies are appointed to go and take an account of the state of our equippages; some to *Amsterdam*, others to *Rotterdam*, *Zealand*, *North-Holland*, and *Harlingen*.

*Zealand* coming to preside this week, it is expected what issue they will be able to bring their late Proposition of the second of *April* to, concerning the disposing the superior charges for life, and not to be temporary. They have already reminded the Assembly of it, but the other Provinces have not as yet spoken to it.

Finding things hang so long at *Cleue*, order is sent to *Beverning*, to make an end of the Treaty of Peace within eight days after the receipt of the Letter.

In the heat of the dispute about the Prince, it is said the Prince's Dowager hath presented a Memorial to the States of *Holland*; by which, she desires them to accept the Prince for a Child of the State, to which *Holland* seems perfectly willing. But to that, *Zealand* makes exception, saying, they ought to have an interest in his Education, as well as *Holland*; what will be the further issue, a little time will show us.

*Constantinople, Feb. 13.* Last Friday in the afternoon the French Ambassador with more pomp then usual, went to his audience to the Grand Visier: At his entry he made several steps, expecting the Visier would have risen to him; but finding no more respect, he sat down on a stool provided for him, and by his Druggerman demanded more honor in the name of his Master, whom he stiled all along (Emperor of *France*;) But the Visier incensed with the manner of demanding it, brake out into a passion; which the French Ambassador resenting, rose from his seat, and in going away, threw the Capitulations, with the Case, over his shoulder, which, it seems, hit the Visier on the Breast. Upon which, the Visier called to his Officers to apprehend and strike him, which was presently executed by the *Capigislarke haitte*, or Master of the Ceremonies and Pages, who hurried him out of the Chamber, where he received several boxes on the Ear, and blows on the Breast, from *Mehemet Bassa Capigi*, Bassa of the Visier, who carried him prisoner into the *Chiaus Bassa's* Chamber, in the Visiers house, into a bad low room under the stairs, where he was kept from Friday till Tuesday, whence he was delivered by the intercession of the English Ambassador, who with much difficulty obtained his liberty, they having taken severe resolutions against him. What reparation will be made him, we know not, the discourse being of having him clapt up in the seventh Tower, or sent home prisoner to his Master. *Montieur de Guitry*, a person of quality, sent on purpose by the French King; to be present at the solemnities of his reception, was fairly a witness to his Excellencies most exemplary buffering.

*Ostend, March 30.* The Governor of *Dunkirk* having been denied by the Spaniard the Exportation of Timber, by which meanes he could not go on in the building the two great men of War that have so long lain upon the Stocks, in a great fury opened the Sluces, and let in the Sea to *Bergue St. Winox*, and at the same time sent out Men with boates for Timber, and such materials they could find fit for their service. In revenge of which, the Governor of *Bergue* opened his Sluces, and almost drowned *Bourbourg*, where the French Garrison are grown very rude and insolent, plundering, and killing the Inhabitants.

*Harwich, March 29.* The *Mermayd*, commanded by Captain *Watson*, gave Chase to a *Dunkirk* sloop, and took her, being a Vessel of four Guns, and the same that formerly took the *Honora*, and one or two Vessels more on this Coast.

*Downes, March 29.* The last night came in the *Fountain*, who took a French Prize laden with Wine, and the *Colchester* who took up a French Fisher-boate.

*Whitehal, March 31.* By Letters from *Cadix* of the fifth Instant, we have advice, that *Sir Jeremy Smith* with his squadron, and two French Vessels which are to be Men of War, rides before *Tangier*.

*Barwick, March 25.* On Monday last a Privateer belonging to a Scottish Lord, and some Merchants of *Edenburgh*, brought into *Leith* Road five prizes, which were taken off the *Holland* Coasts, one of them had in her thirty thousand *Ducroons*, and other rich Merchandizes; the other being Vessels of considerable value.