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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 *Genouese* 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 *Genouese*. The Great Duke is much grieved, that the Duke de *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.