

Speaker of the Lower House should be elected out of their Colleagues, because at the last Dyet he was chosen out of those of Little Poland: to which was answered, that since that Dyet was broken up without effecting any thing, it was not to be taken notice of, and consequently the Election to be amongst them; upon which the other dissentied their Plea, and it was agreed the Speaker should be chosen out of little Poland.

On the 18th, it was propounded that when the Speaker shall be nominated, he should take an Oath, not to move any thing in the House, which may be prejudicial to the publique, but this being judged as an Innovation was rejected, yet they concluded he should promise upon his Honor, to do nothing contrary to their Votes: After this, they fell upon debate, what things their Speaker should desire of his Majesty, (it being their Custom as soon as he is chosen, to go together with the Members to kiss his Majesties hand, and propound their desires) upon which, they concluded upon these three points,

1. That His Majesty would please to put an end to this present Domestique War.

2. That he would ungarrrison those Townes and places which he has of late fortified and manned.

3. That *Lubomirski* may be restored to his Majesties Grace and Favor: till these things were granted, they would not debate any other matter. On the 20th, they were to choose their Speaker, and make their address to the King.

*Hague, April 9.* Upon the Spanish Ambassadors Memorial, for a Licence to transport One hundred thousand pound of Sak-Peter, the Admiralty of *Amsterdam* have made report, that the commodity grows very scarce of late, that the two East-India's ships now arrived from *Norway*, have brought in but Nine hundred thousand pounds weight in all; and that they fear they shall not have wherewithal to furnish their own necessities; so as the Ambassador is like to be denied in the request.

Upon that of the *French* Ambassador, for a permission to hire four or five Ships to send for Iron Ordnance, Masts, and other Naval Provisions from *Sweden* for his Masters use; it is reported by the same Admiralty, that for ships they could willingly agree to it, but they fear to spare so many Seamen as would be requisite to sail them; and so have put him off, at least, as to the hiring them at *Amsterdam*.

The *Swedes* having made a new Proposition to *Bremen*, that they renounce all Immediety or sole Dependence save on the Emperor, and own themselves Subjects to the King of *Sweden*, as Duke of *Bremen*, and succeeding by the Peace of *Munster*, to all the Rights of the late Archbishops of that See; The Deputies of that Town returned again to *Stade* on the third instant with further Instructions upon that Point, which are not certainly known what they are.

The *Zealand* Deputies have again called upon the other Provinces, to declare themselves upon their Proposition of the second of *April*, for the disposition of Military charges; but as yet they have not received the resolution of their principals in the point.

The *Sieur Beverning* in his last Letter of the fifth instant, seems to have but small hopes of a Peace, and therefore asks leave to return home. In the mean time, this day is appointed for the general Muster of the *Brandenburgh* forces. *Col. Hærholt* tells us, those of *Lunenburgh* grow very clamorous for want of pay, which is therefore expressly given in charge by the States General, to the Treasurer, to see provided for out of hand.

This morning a strong report runs in the Town of a Peace with the Bishop: The truth is, *Beverning* in his Letter of the seventh instant tells us, The Mediators seem much more sincere in their endeavors for it, then hitherto; and that they call upon him for his Answer and Resolution upon the scruples last moved, which it is resolved shall accordingly be sent him, though those of *Gueldre* alledge, they want order in this point from their principals.

But we doubt the issue of all, when we see the Bishop so busie in his Recruits, towards which, we finde he hath touch'd 100000 Rixdollars of the King of *England*. Money at

*Answer*. And we cannot after all, but be jealous of the *Swede*, who commands the *Elbe* and the *Weser*. And there is a report, that some of his Troops are already near the Bishop, intomuch, that we are thinking of re-inforcing our strength in *East-Friesland*, for the better security of the *Embs*, and the entrance on that side; which we foresee will be very uneasy to the States of that Country, who have at present a demand depending here, for the being freed from those of ours, and the *Lunenburgh* Troops which are already in quarters there.

Hitherto, though with infinite difficulty, we endeavor to comply with our vast payments to *Denmark*, *Brandenburgh*, and *Lunenburgh*, but every body sees it cannot hold, the onely credit subsisting is that of *Holland*, and yet that begins to falter. Our next supply is to be from *France*, which how high soever their Ambassador here makes his Matters Treasure to sound, we suspect is not so abounding in money, by the lean pay they give their Troops here, and the extravagant and licentious life, they are therefore obliged to suffer them to lead among us.

The business of the Prince of *Orange* hath slept for some days, the other Provinces using that of *Holland* tenderly in that point; for the great use they finde they must have of the Parte and Credit of that Province in this necessitous state of things.

*Dublin, March 30.* The House of Commons out of a Loyal zeal to his Majesty and his service, yesterday agreed upon a Bill to be transmitted by his Grace the Duke of *Ormond*, for the granting of their Inire Subsidies by the Temporality, to be paid quarterly from *June* next, at four several payments; the four formerly given them declared to be for paying the Army, and discharging the publique Debts of the Kingdom, but this to be employed most especially for the Honor of His Majesty, and for putting the Nation in a posture and readines to defend themselves upon all occasions of disturbance from abroad or at home.

*Bristol, April 4.* On Saturday last several Fishermen with their little boates, waiting in the River for Salmors, saw a very great fish in the water, which they found too strong for their Nets, and therefore rowing on the outside of him, with their boates drove him into a shoale, where they killed him, which proved a Surgeon of eight foot and three Inches long, the first that in our memory has bin seen in these waters.

*Newcastle, April 3.* On Saturday last came into this Harbor, 16 Sloop of Coasters, most of them large ships, with a Convey, who steered Northwards. We finde by them, our Coasts are clear of any Enemy.

*Southwold, April 4.* The *Paradox* Flegat put in his Boat hither, who confirms the taking of a shallop by the *Roe Ketch*, betwixt *Harwich* and *Albrow*. The *Feremiah* Hoy came in hither about the 3d instant; whilst he lay at Anchor, a shallop appeared off at Sea, which began to stand right in with the Bay, but the Hoy putting out his Colours, and firing a gun, he stood off again, but being a wrong tide, the Hoy could not chase her to any purpose. The fourth instant the *Blackmore* Pinck stood in towards the Bay, but passed to the Southward.

*Whitehal, April 6.* His Majesty taking into his Princely consideration the hazardous consequences, and perils which may ensue, by the extraordinary resort of people to the Houses of Parliament, should they assemble at the time prefixed; by which occasion, the late Contagion, (now by Gods mercy almost totally abated) may be again increased. As likewise, for other weighty considerations, was this day pleased by advice of his Privy Council, to order a Proclamation to be issued for the Proroguing the Parliament, from the 23 of this instant *April* to the 18 of *September* next ensuing.

*Downs, April 7.* This day the *Mermaid*, Captain *Watson* Commander, who went to Convey the Earl of *St. Albans* into *France*, in his way coming for *England*, met with a French ship laden with Wines, and hath brought her in hither as Prize.

*Harwich, April 7.* On Thursday last came to this Harbours mouth the *Paradox*, and sent in a French sloop, which he had taken upon the Coast, in which were 25 Men, who are sent Prisoners to *Ipswich*.