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Tarmouth, April 11.

Yesterday morning set sail for London, out of this Road, about 30 sail, which came from Lyn and Besson, having the *Martin* for Convoy. In the Afternoon past by from Hull about 40 more, the *Trac-love* guarding them; and there are now in this Road about 40 sail of Light Colliers bound Northward, the Colchester Convoy.

Southwold, April 10. Yesternight came by, from the Northward, 60 or 70 loaden Colliers, most of them small Vessels. This morning we discovered the great Fleet, at the least 300 sail, which are sailing homewards.

Harwich, April 12. On Tuesday Evening sailed by us about 40 loaden Colliers Southwards; but yesterday appeared a Floating wood, we discovering in less then two Leagues about 200 sail. The Captains that conveyed them, came some of them ashore here, who tell us, that between us and Newcastle, they have dropt into the several Ports above 100 of their Company.

Falmouth, April 7. Here is come in, the *St. Eleanor* of *Watersford*, from *St. Maloes*, who tells us, that three or four Pickaroons of four Guns apiece, are setting out from thence, and may probably be designed for our Coasts.

Whitchal, April 15. His Majesty taking into His Princely consideration, the deadness of Trade in Cloth, and other Woollen Manufactures of this Kingdom, by reason of the present War, and the late dreadful Contagion, and the great quantities of Woollen-Cloaths that lie upon the hands of many poor Cloathiers, Hath been pleased by the advice of his Privy Council, and with the free consent of the Company of Merchant-Adventurers, to order his Proclamation to be issued forth, whereby He gives free Liberty and Licence to all persons, as well Natives and Denizens, as Strangers and Foreigners, from the day of the date hereof, to the 25 of December next; To transport and carry out of this Kingdom, all Woollen Manufactures whatsoever, to any Port or place beyond the Seas, lying within the Limits and Bounds of the Merchant-Adventurers Patent, the Mart-Towns of *Dort* and *Hamburg*; Due payment being made of all Duties for Licencing the Exportation of White Cloaths according to former use and Custom.

Hamburg, April 10. The *Swedes* have sent Four thousand men into the Province of *Schonen*, to strengthen and reinforce the Frontier Garrisons, and are preparing their Navy, which will in a short time be ready to put to Sea. That Crown is observed to be particularly dissatisfied with the proceedings of the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, who they say, promised not to conclude any thing with the States of *Holland*, without first imparting it to them.

They write from *Breslaw*, that it is most certain that the Great Cham of *Tartary*, and likewise the *Cossacks*, have absolutely refused to assist the King of *Poland*, in the quarrel with *Lubomirski*, which is no little satisfaction to the Republicque, who hope the more easily to frustrate the designs of the French upon that Kingdom.

Mayence, April 9. The Elector Palatine has not long since entertained Coll. *Kors*, to whom he has given Commissions for the raising of some Troops, which puts us upon new considerations. The Deputies on both sides, about the matter of the *Wildfang* often meet and Treat, but part not without high language. Yesterday they had four hours conference, wherein they could not abstain from reproaches; and so brook off in much discontent. The Elector Palatine has given orders to all his people to put themselves in a posture

of defence to prevent surprises, yet there is much labouring for a right understanding between all parties.

Monsieur *Habeus* the *Swedes* Resident; is this day expected from his Electoral Highness, what effects his conference will have, we know not. This afternoon arrived a Courier from *France*, who is going for *Frankfurt*, he tells us that there are about twelve thousand men quartered near *Metz*, that came from *France*, their design not known, but we like not their neighborhood.

Ditto, 10. Upon the arrival of Mr. *Habeus*, we find not things in that fair way of accommodation which we hoped for; yet Requisitionall Letters are going out to the two Crowns of *France* and *Sweden*, in order to an Arbitration, but we fear some coldness arising between these two Crowns, may put too long a stop to that reference. His Highness the Elector Palatine has sent to the Prince of *Darmstadt*, to desire leave for some Troopes to march through his County for his assistance, acquainting him that he has used always possible to compose things amicably with the Elector of *Mayence*, but not being able to effect any thing, he is forc'd to implore the assistance of his friends, and is resolv'd to make a bridge near *Lampersteim*, to pass over what forces shall be sent him.

Hague, April 16. We have been much alarmed here by a *Friesland* skipper lately escaped from *England*, who reports that the English have already 80 sayl well manned, and several Land Souldiers on board, besides Provisions for Works and Batteries, which has so strongly alarmed the States, that they have ordered the Council of State to consider speedily the best way for the security of *Holland*, *Zeland*, and *Friesland*; and that the Admiralty be wrote to, to take up all the Buoys upon their Coast.

Middleburgh, April 16. The three Vessels which went to Sea about eight daies since, returned hither on Monday last in the morning, having only crazed up and down betwixt this and *Ostend*; all the Men of War belonging to this place and *Flushing*, are now riding before *Rammekins*, taking in Victuals: but the Souldiers cry out for money: Several of them fell into an open mutiny for their arrears, and absolutely refused to go aboard, till order was taken for their payment.

Venice, March 29. The Convoy designed for *Candia* was stop't several daies by reason of a violent Feavor that suddenly seized upon the *Sieur Labia*, who was designed to command them: His distemper continuing, the ships were ordered to sail under the *Sieur Marin Michel*, who is set forward with a fair wind.

Another Convoy is hastning forwards, and it is thought will suddenly be ready, we suppose in fifteen daies, five of the ships being ready to lade, the *Sieurs Barbaro* and *Labia* to go with them. The Senate are every day fitting out new ships, and have given order for the speedy building of four large Fregats for the Fleet; and besides those publick preparations, several private persons are fitting out Vessels upon their own accounts.

Milan, March 26. The Governor hath enlarged the Council of War, taking in three of the most principal persons of the State, who are laying the design of making a publick Bank, which shall constantly maintain a strong Body of Horse.

Paris, April 12. The *Sieur Del Camp* was by an Order of *Caschet*, directed to Monsieur de *Castellan*, Major of the Regiment *des Gardes*, seized on in his Academy, and committed to the Bastille: All his servants that could be found, imprisoned. His accusation is for Coyning false Money, wherof the proof found already reached his principal Operator, who was executed on Friday last, himself so far concluded

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guzty, that all his Horses are ordered to be sold by the Procureur General of the *Cour des Monyes*. Upon the search there were found in his Academy 400 pieces of Metal, of about four Pistols each, ready fitted for impression; every piece having in it near upon twenty Francks of good Gold.

Ditto, The discourse of the Town is, that the Peace should be concluded between *Holland*, and the Bishop of *Munster*; if so, it is said this King intends to buy all the Forces, especially the Cavalry, that can be spared by the States.

The Resident of *Denmark* hath had Audience of the King two days since at *Versailles*, where he had two hours Conference, and hath delivered a writing to the Council, by which he demands of His Majesty not only the Subsidies promised, but an open Declaration, as it is said, against *Sweden*. To which he hath no present answer given him, but is to expect one Monday next.

The King hath upon the offer made him, by an Envoyé sent expressly for it, accepted the Arbitration in the differences between the Elector of *Mayence*, and the Elector *Palatine*, and hath promised to order affairs, that they shall end in friendship.

Hague, April 16. The Sieur *Antwongen* having had the offer made him of returning Envoyé to *Denmark*, he answered he would in few days be here himself; and it is proposed now, that he have the character of Ambassador Extraordinary given him in that employment.

Beccrings last Letter of the eleventh from *Cleve*, leaves us where we were, in expectation of what answer will be returned from *Munster*, upon the last Project sent thither: And those of *Holland* have declared openly, That the Treaty with the Bishop was to be looked on as a thing at best very doubtful, and more likely to end in air and words; That the Bishop would never be brought to sign the Articles as they were sent, but would alter and change the chief points; so as upon the whole, it were best to despair of it, and rather think of action. In order to which, they called upon the other Provinces to proceed to the filling up the Military charges, whether temporary, or for life. Upon which, the most of the Provinces answered, They were not yet ready; *Gueldre* onely proposed in the name of their Principals, That the Prince of *Orange* might be forthwith made Captain-General, at least Admiral and General of the Horse for this Campaign, and taken into the Council of State.

What success it will have, is not known, onely it is certain, *Holland* would never have agreed to what is already done in favor of the Prince, had they not seen a necessity for it, as well from some considerations from abroad, as that concurrent passion and impatience of the people to have it so at home.

Other differences yet there are depending between *Holland* and *Zealand*, but such as will scarce receive any determination at this time, the Sieur *Maasdam* remaining President, and the two *Zealand* Councillors as yet excluded out of the Senat. What ever the matter be, *Beccrings* last Letter from *Paris* is ordered to be kept secret; a sign the Argument of it is not very pleasing. It seems that Court presses much we should agree with *Munster*, and not wholly ruine the Bishop, which is a jealous point to us here.

The three thousand Francks are not yet paid by them to *Denmark*, which makes *Hannibal Schofted* very clamorous, demanding not onely that payment, but an advance of the other Subsidy they are obliged to furnish. In all which, he is answered but coldly. In the mean time *Denmark* cries out to us for help, the *Swedes* having already 6000 men in *Schonen*, be their Garrisons.

Upon the Proposition of *Holland*, the States-General have resolved, that *Isbrandts* be written to, concerning the Project of Reconciliation (as it is called) put into his hands by the Chancellor of *Swede*. That they desire nothing here so much as a good correspondence with that Crown, but that the point of the Subsidies demanded is very unequal; and as to the other of satisfaction to be made to their *Affrica* Company &c. for losses, they are content to enter into Treaty about it, provided, that King will immediately assist this State in the War against *England*.

The Admiralty of *Rotterdam* hath been in the Assembly, praying for a supply of Moneys from the Generality; otherwise they cannot possibly go on with their Equipage.

The complaints of *Oostfrieze* are still depending, onely it is resolved here, That in case the Peace with the Bishop be made, they shall of courie be gratified in their suit; if otherwise, the Princess Dowager, and the *Standen*, shall be obliged to maintain 900 men for the security of the Countrey, and to take care to fortifie *Greitzye*.

As length we are told for certain the Treaty at *Cleve* is wholly broken off with the Bishop; onely it seems there is appointed a meeting of several Princes of that part of the Empire, to be now forthwith held there, to consult about the common Peace of the Countrey: The same that was sometime intended to be held at *Vermande*. What it will produce, a little time will show us.

Upon the Reformation (as they call it here) of the Prince Family, it is said, care will be taken to provide otherwise with some degree of decency for such of his Domesticks as are displaced. The Sieur *Zylostein* his late Governor shall have a Pension of 5000 Florins yearly, and the Reversion of the Government of *Arct*, after Monsieur de *Hauterive*; the Sieur *Buat* is ordered to repair to his Garrison of *Bergen*.

Roche, April 5. Besides the 35 ships, with their Convoys, sent in *March* towards *Madagascar*, there are left in *St. Martins* Three Men of War of 56, 48 and 36 Guns bound as we say, with a Fleet of small Ships with men for *Martinico*, and *St. Christophers*.

Dublin, April 9. A person lately came into *Carickfergus*, calling himself by the name of *Johannes Scrin*, pretending to be a Native of *Rome*, and bred from his infancy in *Hungary*; but that passing as a Merchant in an English ship from *Bilboa* to *Brissol*, the ship was cast away near *Sligo*, and himself onely preserved. He speaks several Languages, but none well. The Magistrates suspecting him for an Impostor, have thought fit to send him up hither to be further examined. What he will indeed prove, we shall ere long see.

Ditto. On Tuesday last, Cornet *Stanley* with a Party of Horse, killed five of the Tories in a Barn near *Baltimore*, in *Queens County*: Two of their Captains made an escape, but one of them was taken, the five Heads were sent to *Kilkenny*.

Bristol, April 11. On the ninth and tenth instant, arrived two small Vessels from *Meock* with Sugar, who neither met, nor saw any Vessels by the way. They much applaud the valor of the English that came thither from *Jamaica*, who have courage enough to attempt all dangers; and it is thought will very suddenly be in action.

The Intention (God be praised) makes no increase in this City, the people of the two houses that were infected being removed to the Pest-houses; so that none hath died since of the disease.

Barwick, April 8. Captain *Hamilton* and another Scots Privateer, brought the last week into *Leith* Road, two Dutch Prizes; the one a Vessel of 300 Tun, a new ship not fifteen months old, the other of 160, not a month old, both light, bound for *Bordeaux*.

Deale, April 14. The *Anne* Yacht the last night brought in a Vessel of Three hundred Tun, who pretends to be a *Swede*, but will undoubtedly prove good Prize. An *Ostender* arrived here, tells us, that the Dutch have forty ships ready at the *Texel*, but their great want of Men still continues, which he supposes will keep them from taking the Seas very suddenly.

Harwick, April 14. Yesterday in the morning passed by about twenty more Colliers towards the South, who are hastening after the great Fleet: the last evening we discerned towards the Gun-Fleet six or seven sail of Men of War, which we suppose to be Captain *Elios*, who has been upon the opposite Coast, with about that number of ships. We discerned likewise this morning several ships more sailing Southwards, which we suppose likewise to be Colliers.

Tarmouth, April 13. The forty sail of Light Colliers bound Northwards, with the *Colechifer* their Convey, went yesterday out of this Road.