

guity, 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 Schesteds* 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 *Greityle*.

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 *Ardd*, after Monsieur de *Hauterive*; the Sieur *Buat* is ordered to repair to his Garrison of *Bergen*.

*Roches*, 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 applauded 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 Intuition (*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.