

1. For what end is all the preparation of raising Men, and fitting out their Fleet?
2. In what manner and termes they have concluded with the *Hollander*? Since by their preparation their League seems, not only Defensive, but Offensive?
3. What satisfaction they may have for many wrongs done every day to the *Swedes* Subjects; and also that he might receive some account about the Fort they are building in *Holstein*; what his answer will be, is not yet known, however he presses hard to be dispatched, intending speedily for *Hamburg*, and thence as is said, to several Princes of the Empire.

*Genova, April 28.* This State hath ordered two Gallies to receive the French Ambassador at *Marseilles*, and conduct him to *Civita Vecchia*, as was formerly desired. Two of the Great Dukes Gallies were designed to wait upon the Cardinal *d'Arzagon* from *Naples* into *Spain*. But though they were fitted for that purpose, the Cardinal refused to embark in either of them, in regard they were not attired in Mourning.

The *Madonna de Ioretto* from *Lisbon*, and the *St. John Evangelist* from *Ostend*, met with *Sir Jeremy Smith* at the *Streights* mouth; who parted with that Civility from them, that on their arrival here, they have encouraged the State, to order a convoy to be sent into *Spain* in *July*, which hath caused an universal satisfaction in this place, with great commendation of the English Government.

The Trade of the *Levants* which was carried on by the French, by sending over five *Sols* pieces, which they vented at 30 per cent. gain, is like to be crushed, the Turks having decreed their money to so low a rate, that they will for the future be great losers by its transportation; and they have no other Commodities of moment to carry on their Negotiation; so that their Trade is not like to be considerable in those parts.

*Paris, May 14.* There has been lately a great mutiny at *Abbeville*, the Soldiers against the Officers for deducting a *Solz per diem*, out of their pay, to finde them Cloaths; which the Soldiery so ill resent, that they have represented it as a grievance to the King, who in compliances with them, hath ordered them their full pay.

The Countrey people about *Flanders*, especially the Frontiers have conveyed all their Goods into Cities and places of strength, being very apprehensive of the cloud gathering on that side, and strongly alarm'd with the news of the great preparations in *France*: And the Marquess *Castel Rodrigo* has, in few days, received four several Courriers successively; all, as is said, to the same purpose from *Madrid*, repeating orders to him to stand upon his Guard, and carefully attend his Neighbors Motions.

Orders are issued here to all Officers to repair to their Garrisons, to compleat their Companies, and to list besides, what Soldiers they can. Great Provisions being likewise made of Corn, as also of Spades and Pickaxes, and such kinde of Tools in the Towns towards *Brabant*. Divers Officers of the Artillery are likewise sent away with order to make two Magazines for Arms; the one at *La Fere*, the other at *Amiens*.

A Courier is arrived here from *Monsieur d'Estrades*, by whom he informs the King of a design the States of *Holland* have, of sending over two Deputies into *England* to treat about a Peace, who have already discoursed to him, the necessities that oblige them to it: Which Message much surprizes us here, but what resolutions will be taken upon it, time will discover.

The Duke *de Beaufort* continues as yet at the *Isles d'Hières*, what he designs with his Fleet is not yet known.

*Hamburg, May 3.* The 2. *Holland* men of War riding in this River of *Elbe*, lately seized near *Gluckstadt*, an English Vessel from *Newcastle*, who to save her self ran on shore on the *Swedes* side, taking out of her part of her lading, with the Master and Men, leaving 12 of their own to bring her off; which was so ill received by the Field-Here *Wrangle*, that he immediately manned out Boats after them, sending 100. Soldiers with 6. Guns, to the shoare where the Vessel lay, securing the ship for the English, and sending the 12. *Hollanders*

prisoners to *Stettin*, remaining the English taken of Goods, and requiring satisfaction for the Injury done the English in the Stream, and the intolent Assault upon the *Swedish* Territory.

*Hull, May 8.* Yesterday arrived the *True-love*, bringing with him a *Swedes* ship of 160 Tuns, laden with Wines, Vinegar, and Prunes, from *Burdeaux*, for this place and *Tork*; and is designed Convoy for a Provision-ship, and several Merchants well laden, who will be ready to sail with the next wind.

*Newcastle, May 7.* About thirty sail of small and great ships are lately come into this Harbor, most of them *Lyn* Men, two of them met with a *Caper* of fourteen Guns, within three or four Leagues of this Harbor, who intended to have boarded them, but being received by them with their Guns, the *Caper* tacked and went off; and his sail, the *Pembroke* for some time after had him in chase. The *Colchester* and *Little Victory* with about one hundred laden Colliers under their conduct, are still here, and very diligent in securing them from the Enemy.

*Weymouth, May 9.* The *Paradox* Fregat going with his French Prize to the *Ile of Wight*, before he got out of our sight, discovered another Vessel which he presently gave chase to, which we suppose likewise to be a French Man: the night coming on, we can advise no farther of his success.

*Langward-Point, May 10.* The 9th Instant passed by this Fort twenty six Light Colliers, and this Morning we discovered two or three more. Yesterday past by eight Fregats, we suppose Northwards, and every day Colliers from *New-Castle* in great security.

*Barbadoes, Jan. 23.* We gave you formerly some account of the attempts of our Plantations in this Island, upon their Dutch Neighbors; of which we can now give you this further Information, That *Sir Thom. Muddesford* having employed a considerable party of the *Buccooners* or *Hunters* upon *Hispaniola*, for the taking in of some of the Dutch Plantations, they immediately made themselves Masters of *St. Eustacia*, *Salia*, *St. Martins*, and *Bonaira*; their success in those Islands encouraged one *Cap. Morris* in a small Vessel with 70 of his *Buccooners*, to make a farther attempt upon *Tobago*, where arriving in the night, he landed 18 of his men with an Officer, each man armed with a Firelock, Cuttle-ax, Half-pike, and an Hand-granadoe, who whilst the ship went about, marched up to the Sea Fort, and by break of day assaulted it with their Hand-granadoes, which wrought so effectually, and so surprized the Dutch, that they immediately quitted the Fort, and eight good Guns thereon planted. By this time the ship was arrived with the rest of their company, who immediately marched up to another Fort, commanded by *De Witte*, where they met with some resistance; but charging them with much resolution, they took it by storm, looting onely two men in the attempt, where they took six Guns and 160 men well armed, some Plate, and other necessaries of good value, with four good Sugar Works and their appurtenances, and 600 *Negroes*. The next day they discovered a Dutch ship in the *Offing*, who upon sight of the Dutch Colours which our people presently hung out, came to Anchor, sending their Skipper to Land, whom they secured, and boarded the ship, having in her 14 Guns, with all necessaries for the Colony. Two days after the taking of *Tobago*, arrived there five small Vessels with 300 men, sent upon the same design by the Lord *Willoughby*, who finding themselves prevented in their intentions, it was resolved to make a farther attempt upon another Plantation of the Dutch, upon the Continent, Windward of the River *Orenoque*, called by them *New Zealand*, by us *Parima*; where they took the Fort with seven Guns, looting onely two men; and in the two Neighboring Rivers, *Wina* and *Maccurah*, they found 10 Sugar Works, and 400 *Negroes*. Having shipped their prisoners for *Martenco*, they proceeded to *Islequeba*, which they took, finding likewise many good Plantations, and 500 *Negroes*. Thus with a handful of men, without any assistance, they expelled the Dutch out of all their *West India* Settlements, excepting onely *Sourissa*, which is a Fort in an Island built by the Dutch, without any Plantation, and this they think not worth their attempt.