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Edenburgh, May 14.

A Captain of an *Offend* built Sloop went out as a Privateer about fourteen daies since from *Leith*, to the Coast of *Norway*, whence he took a Vessel of 400 Tuns, laden with Malts and Deales, bound for *Amsterdam*, and brought her into *Leith-Road*: The success of our Privateers has encouraged several others to Sea, some being already gone out, and others fitting for that employment.

Hull, May 18. Several Colliers are here arrived from *Sunderland* without Convoy, who relate the Seas to be free from all Enemies: the last Munday Captain *Clarke* with his Squadron came into *Bridlington-Bay*, the *Peiham* Catch that was to attend them, sprang her Mast and put in here, which being repaired on Munday and Tuesday last, she went again to Sea to attend the Squadron.

Warsovia, April 17. The fears and jealousies are still as great as they were, with little hope of a good conclusion of the Diet, which is not to continue longer then the 28 of this Month, unless prologued by common consent, which may be much doubted of, since hitherto they have agreed to nothing. This week the Bishop of *Warnica* and *Posnaniz* arrived here, where is likewise expected the Vice-Chancellor, Brother to the late Archbishop of *Gnesne*. *Lubomirski's* son is also here, with a power from his Father to treat, though with so much limitation, that 'tis believed time will be still lost to little purpose: He has made his Addresses to the King, who received him with a great deal of coldness. Amongst other Arguments he used to obtain the favor of the King to his Father, he much insisted upon his own education in his Majesties service, whose Creature he was, and to whose bounty he owed all that he possesseth; to which the King nimble replied, That his ingratitude was so much the greater, nor was he the only person in his Dominions guilty of that Crime.

Genoa, May 12. We have no news of the French Fleet since they went to the Isles of *Hieres* which was the 28 past. 'Tis said their Rendezvous is to be at *Porto Maone* in *Minorca*, but their design variously reported: 'tis thought here the French may have had an hand in the Quarrel lately begun between the Dukes of *Modena* and *Mantua* about their Confines, which is grown to that height, that they are already in arms, and some blows have been dealt: the Governor of *Milan*, and some other their neighbor Princes using all possible endeavors to reconcile them.

Groyn, April 28. The Earl of *Sandwich* has received the accommodations of Litters, Mules, and Couches, sent him by the Queen Regent, for his conveniency in his way to *Madrid*, and is expected here about the 20 instant, orders being given to the Corrigidor or Governor of *Valladolid*, to treat his Excellency as he passes the City, with all the expressions and demonstrations possible of courtesy and civility, Bull-fights and Comedies only excepted, which are every where prohibited, during the year of mourning for the late King.

From *Bilbao* we are advised, that the Governor of that place hath put an Embargo upon all the French ships in that Harbor, upon the news he had of a Letter of Mart given out, some say from *Portugal* to a French Pickaroon of *Bayonne*, others by Authority from the French King for a Debt due to a private Man from this Crown, which he had not been able otherwise to recover.

They write also from the *Groyn*; that April 10. Three ships with English colours, put into the mouth of the River of *Buranzas*, where they came to an Anchor, to whom Captain *Hannam* sent his boat to take some account of them who they

were, an English Man on board, inviting them to come in, pretending that Vessel to be of *Offend*, and the other two English, bound with Ammunition and Counterband-goods for *Portugal*; but the Boat refusing, they immediately put out Dutch colours, and returned into *Feroll* Harbor, within the Castles for their security; the *Oxford* and *Forefight* unhappily missing them, being at that time cruising on the Seas in the *Offin* of this Port.

Mayence, May 12. The Marquis de *Baden*, Judge of the Imperial Chamber of *Spire*, arrived lately here, and after Conference had with his Electoral Highness is again returned; the Elector being gone for his divertisement to pass some few days in the *Ringow*.

This day the Envoye for *Swedenland* begins his journey, and to morrow the other for *France*. Monsieur de *Greyffencloe* Envoye for the Imperial Court, is very suddenly to set forward to desire his Imperial Majesty to take the trouble upon him, as Umpire in that business.

We have some kinde of promise given us, that the *Lorrain* forces are in a short time to be drawn out of the Countrey, which we cannot believe, nor expect till Monsieur de *Rosancourts* return, who is gone to *Nanci* to attend his Master, and is expected in a little while back, till then the Soldiers will scarce have orders to change their quarters.

In the mean time, the Deputies of the *Palatinate*, *Mayence*, *Worms*, and *Wurtzburg*, continue together at *Worms*, but to little purpose as yet: Nay, we are told, that the Elector *Palatine* has now put in a new pretention upon the Cloister of *Lorsch* in *Bergstrade*, which doth not a little interfere with the Peace of *Munster*, which is no good argument of a speedy or peaceable conclusion.

Vienna, May 1. The *Palatine* of *Hungary* has by several Letters acquainted the Emperor, that the incursions grow daily greater and more frequent upon the Borders: The Count *Forgats* with a party of the *Hussars*, and other Soldiers, fell not long since upon a party of the Turks that were abroad plundering the Countrey, which he routed and pursued for some time: But the Turks rallying again with the addition of some fresh Soldiers that came in to them, fell suddenly upon the Count before he could put his men into order, and slew the greatest part of them, the Count himself hardly escaping with not above three in his company: In revenge of which defeat, the *Hungarians* in great bodies fall upon the Turks, about and beyond the *Waagh*, cutting them in pieces where ere they can light on them; which the *Palatine* knows not at present how to redress, though he has endeavored it to the uttermost.

Madrid, May 5. The marriage of the *Infanta* hath been formerly much disputed in the Council, several of the *Grandees* being unwilling to divert any of their stock from the Wars with *Portugal*, their Treasure being but low, their whole stock not exceeding Two hundred and fifty thousand pounds sterling; but at last it was agreed to, and accordingly celebrated the twenty fifth past, with all the solemnity imaginable; the Duke *Medina de las Torres* by a power from the Emperor, supplying his place, which he did with extraordinary pomp and splendor. The next day many of the Emperors servants began their journey, and on the twenty eighth she herself, with the rest of her Train, designing to reach *Denia* in two and twenty days, where she intends to embarque in the Gallies that attend her there. The Duke of *Albuquerque* waiting on her as far as *Trent*, and then takes his leave, being to go onwards to *Sicily* where he is Vice-Roy. The Emperess (as is said) carries with her in Money and Jewels, no less then eight Millions of Pieces of Eight, which pleases not the

people here, in this juncture of time, when they so much want moneys to carry on the War with the Portugals, who are already in the Field with 18000 Foot, and 6000 Horse. Against whom the Marquess de Caracene is appointed General, who is now on his journey to *Badajoz* with a much larger salary then formerly, which is not a little wondered at.

The *Militia's* in *Gallicia* are commanded likewise into the Field, Eight Men of War, most of them *Ostenders*, are ordered from *Cadix* to infect the Coasts of *Portugal*; and 'tis said, that the whole Fleet of *Spain* will be suddenly fitted to Sea, in all about thirty sail.

Hamburg, May 14. Letters of the eighth Instant from *Dantzick* tell us, that after much dispute about the relevation of *Lubomirski* to his Ancient Charge and Honor, the King would not hearken to the Proposal, and has given the Charge and Dignity of Marshal to *Schowinski*: that the Diet is broken up with much discontent and confusion; and *Lubomirski* returned to the Confederates: They say moreover that the *Turks* and *Moscovites* are marched near the Frontiers of *Poland*, that *Lithuania* is already in arms against the King, and that the King is gone thither with great speed to reduce them; that the Queen is on her journey for *Marientburgh* in *Prussia*, with 1000 *Cossacks*; and that a general rising over all *Poland* is very much feared.

Paris, May 22. There was published here an Arrest of Parliament, prohibiting all Commerce, either with *England* or *Flanders*, by reason of the Contagion in those parts; and that no persons or Merchandizes whatsoever, whether brought by Sea or Land, shall be received, till they have first made their full Quarantine in places assigned them for that purpose; and that none be received into any Towns on the Frontiers under the French Government, without a Certificate of Health, from the Officers of the places from whence they come; and that Councils of Health be established in *Bologna*, *Monteville*, *Ardes*, *Calais*, *Graveline*, *Arras*, *St. Quintin*, *Amiens*, and some other places, to order all affairs of this nature.

Ditto, May 26. The King has bought 4000 of the Bishop of *Munster's* forces, and the Emperor a considerable part of the rest, which some report he designs for the assistance of *Lubomirski*; and 'tis likewise said, the King intends to adde the French forces now in *Holland* to his 4000 *Munsterians*, and to send them with 6000 *Swedes* that are to joyn with them, to assist the King of *Poland* against the designs of the Confederates; but of this, we expect a farther account.

We are told that the Marquess de *Casfel Rodrigo* is fortifying all places about *Cambray*, and has drawn 2000 *Crosses* into those parts.

The Dutchess of *Savoy* is now brought to Bed of a young Prince, which the Duke to show the contentment he receives by it, has wrote very obliging Letters to the Duke and Dutchess of *Vendosme*, and made very rich presents to *Madamoiselle Robinet*, the Queens Midwife, that brought the Dutchess to Bed, and presented the Duke with the young Prince.

Monseur, the Duke de *Chaulnes*, has taken his leave of the Court, and all his Relations, and intends suddenly for *Rome*, where his principal business is said to be, to sollicite the Pope for the full execution of the Treaty at *Piac*.

We are now upon a project for an Imposition upon the Lands of all persons, a Land-Tax, which upon computation will amount to Fifty Millions of *Livres* yearly; which Tax, as is pretended, is to last during the War, and no longer.

Provisions are also made for the forces in *Picardy*, whether are lately sent six Loads of Shovels, Spades, and Mattocks, with all such kinde of Tools, which are made in great quantities in the *Arsenal* here.

Hague, May 23. Yesterday arrived here the Prince of *Orange*, the Elector of *Brandenburgh* having parted with him at *Amsterdam*, is gone for *Cleves*: On Wednesday next we expect here the return of the States of *Holland* and *West Friesland*, who are to consult about the Forces they intend for *Holstein*, whither 'tis said they design four Regiments of Horse, and one of Foot, in all about 3000.

They are also consulting about the readiest way for advancing money, for continuing the War against *England*, to which purpose, a Proposition has been made for the two hundred penny for the year 1667, which they would have paid in this of 1666; but 'tis said, that several of the Towns intend vigorously to oppose that motion; and indeed whatsoever people discourse, money doth not so much abound with us, as is imagined.

Ditto, May 29. After all diligence possible, still our Fleet sticks at the want of men; and if no better will be, the *Sieur Huygens*, the Pensionary de *Witte*, and *Vander Hulji*, who are going hence with the last Orders for the Fleets, are directed to hasten by all means possible, their putting out to Sea, and at least as far as the men we have will go, to man out as many ships as they can, and the rest to follow. In which we are the more pressed, from the late affront done in the very face of our Fleet, by six English Fregats, who unhappily met with Seven or eight of our Merchants coming from the East and North, and took them in the view of the *Texel*.

The *Zealand* Squadron consisting of 14 Men of War, and some Fire-ships, set out from *Zealand* on Sunday the thirteenth, but the wind coming short upon them off of *Scheveling*, they were forced to put back, and are yet in the *Goreede*.

Five or six of the best of the Frigate-Squadron are yet upon the *Ulieter*, very backward, and idle.

There's no more talk of any Deputies to go upon our Fleet, onely enquiry is making after a French Secretary for de *Ruiter*; which makes us believe, either a conjunction or very close correspondence is to be between our Fleet, and that of *France*. But the whole of that matter is kept a great Secret, and so is the Resolution, what ever it be, taken by the Deputies of the several Admiralties, who are now parted under an Oath of Secrecy.

From aboard the *Royal Charles*, in the Bay of the *Nore*, May 20. On Monday the fourteenth instant, Capt. *Clark* with his Squadron of six sail, fell into his Station between the *Uly* and the *Texel*. On Tuesday he espied 12 sail to the N. East, whom he immediately chased, and took seven of them, laden with Oaken and Firr Balks, most of them about 3 or 400 Tun: Two of them pretend to be *Swedes*, but as appears by their Papers and Examination, bound for *Amsterdam*. Six of these Prizes are sent with the *Diamond* to *Harwich*: The *Hunter*, a Merchant ship, a little before taken by the Dutch, is likewise recovered by Captain *Hubbert* of the *Centurion*, laden with Sherries and Raisins, and is sent to the Commissioners for Prizes for *London*.

Yesterday the *Fountain* lent in hither a French prize laden with French Wines, which is also ordered to the Commissioners; and even now, another prize is brought in hither, taken by the *Dover*, laden with Linnen Cloth and Pot-ashes, bound for *Amsterdam*.

This morning passed by a Swedish Man of War, with the Swedish Ambassadors, who saluted us first with two, and afterwards with nine Guns, and were answered by three and five.

Portsmouth, May 22. The *Guiny* and *Paradox* are both come hither into Harbor; the latter hath taken a prize which he hath sent into *Cowes*.

Hull, May 20. Yesterday arrived here a *Swede* laden with Flax and Pot-ashes, who came in company with their Man of War that brought over their Ambassadors, with four English Merchants more in company, laden with Iron and Hemp, &c. She left the *Pearl* Fregat about *Gottenburgh*, who had taken a *Hollander* with Corn of 200 Tun, and another a *Danish* Vessel.

Whitchall, May 23. Munday morning an account was brought of the arrival of the two Swedish Ambassadors, who are come up the River as far as *Eriffe*, where they remain some days on board the Vessel that brought them, till their Equipage be fitted for their entry.

The Account of this Weeks Bill runs thus. The Total 203. Of the Plague 31. Decreased in all 33. Of the Plague 27.