

of *Holstein Ploen*, concerning the Counties of *Oldenburgh* and *Delmenhorst*, to which they equally pretend.

Hague, March, 24. The States General observing the *Velt Marshal Wurts*, to have been of late somewhat dissatisfied with his employment in their Service, so far as to be about to quit it, have resolved to encrease his yearly Entertainment with 8000 Florins more, and have accordingly written to the several Provinces for their consents in that matter. The Equipage of the Fleet, to be set out this Summer advances apace, most of the Ships at *Amsterdam* and *Rotterdam* being already fitted and in a condition in a very short time to put to Sea, though the Squadrons of *Zealand*, *Friezland*, &c. are not so forward.

A List of the Ships fitted out by the Admiralty of Amsterdam, for the Extraordinary Equipage of the Year 1671.

OFFICERS.	SHIPS.	Built	Sea-Sol-guns	anno	men	dirers.
Lieut. Admiral Will.						
Joseph Van Ghent	The golden Lyon	1666-400-	100-	82		
Vice Adm. Isaac Sweerts	The Hollandia	1664-350-	75-	80		
Reer Adm. Jan de Haen	The Herne	1665-300-	75-	74		
Capt. Dirck, Schev.	The Unicorn	-275-	60-	70		
Joost Cornelis Waerdorp	The Waerdorp	1664-260-	60-	64		
Jacob Binkers	The Steenberg	1664-260-	60-	64		
Nicolas Verchoon	The Belief	1661-240-	50-	60		
Hendrick Toll	The Croyningen	1652-240-	50-	60		
Engel de Ruyter	The Stadt en Landen	1653-225-	50-	60		
Thomas Tobias	The Prince le Paerd	1654-225-	50-	60		
Jan, Van Gelder	The North-Holland	1670-180-	40-	44		
Jacob Berchhout	The Stade.wycke	1662-180-	40-	44		
FREGATS.						
Captain David Swerints	The Barke	1667-	80-	20-	24	
Isaac Wytterwicke	The Euterfse	1666-	80-	20-	24	
Volcker Swaan	The Haer	1667-	80-	20-	24	
Jan. Van Lier.	The Bommell	1668-	80-	20-	24	
Advice Boats						
Command. Vander Saen	The Gally		50-		-12	
Decker	The Haer	1668-	18-		- 8	
de Vrent	The Kerck		12-		- 6	
de Jongh	The Kerck	1668-	18-		- 8	
Hendrich Drough	The	1670-			-20	
Hendrich	The Broomse	1670-			-20	
Willem Willems	The Greyhond	1668-			-20	
Jan Janse Vont	The Solenberg				-16	

A List of the Ships fitted out by the Admiralty of Rotterdam, for the extraordinary Equipage of the Year 1671.

OFFICERS.	SHIPS.	Built	Sea-Sol-guns	anno	men	dirers.
Lieu. Adm. de Ruyter	The Seven Provinces	1665-400-	80-	80		
Lieu. Adm. Van Nes	The Eendracht	1663-290-	80-	70		
Vice Adm. de Liefde	The Maght van Dordrecht	1666-270-	70-	68		
Capt. Laurens Davids	The Groot Hollandia	1654-240-	50-	66		
Capt. Jan. Brackel	The Wassenaar	1666-210-	40-	54		
Capt. Naelthout	The Zealandia	1670-150-	30-	44		
Capt. Philip Almon	The Harderwycke	1659-95-	20-	30		
Capt.	The Schedam	1662-	65-	20-24		

Brussels March, 17. Some days since his Excellency went privately hence under pretence of going a hunting, but indeed with intent to surprize by his unexpected arrival, the Garrison at *Naumur*, where not finding their Companies compleat according to the Muster Rolls, he caused several of the Officers to be imprisoned till further Order. We are here lately informed, that the French are going to build a Fort upon the River *Meuse*, a little above *Charlemont*; but this we are willing to believe is only some false report. His Excellency hath sent directions to the several *Majstres de Camp* in the Army, to take on what men they can, and that they immediately send them up to *Brussels*, to be there Registered in the Kings Books.

Ditto, 21. The 18th instant our Governour the Count de *Monterey* went hence for *Gaunt*, intending to pass from thence to *Bruges*, *Ostend*, *Newport* and *Ipre*, to

visit those Garrisons, and see all things put into a good posture there, and to morrow his Excellency is expected here again. The Marquis de *Varennes* lately sent hither by his most Christian Majesty in quality of Envoye, having performed his errand here, departed again the 18th instant, in order to his return to that King at *St. Germaine*; it is said the chief occasion of his coming was to acquaint his Excellency with his most Christian Majesties intentions of spending some time in *Flanders* this Summer, and to desire passage for the French Troops which are to march towards *Ath*; as likewise that the Subjects of his Catholick Majesty in these Provinces, may be allowed to work for money at the Fortifications which are at present making at the said place of *Ath*.

Florence, March 1. We are here informed of a very strange and unfortunate accident, lately happened on the person of the Marquis de *Fosnidou*, a free Prince in our neighborhood, of the name of *Malestina*, of which is the Prince of *Massu* and *Carrara*, who some days since upon a misunderstanding that had formerly passed between him and his Brother, was assaulted by him in the night time, accompanied with one or two more, whom he had hired to that purpose; and after some resistance, barbarously murdered by them; in which rencounter, a servant of the said Marquis, striving in what he could to defend his Master, shot his Brother with a pistol in the head, of which he likewise immediately died; the rest that were parties in that action, by the favour of the night made their escape; which hath much afflicted all people here, who not onely lament the loss of the said Marquis, a person of much worth and honour, but that so noble and considerable a Family, which at present consisted onely of these two Brothers, should be extinct in so deplorable a manner.

Paris, March 20. From *Brest* we have advice, that the 17th instant arrived in that Port, five men of war of the Count d *Estrees* Squadron, who in *August* last went thence for the *Canaries*, and *Cape de Verd* Islands; six Marine Companies that had served on board the said ships, are ordered to march towards *Amiens*, the place of *Rendezvous* for his Majesties Troops. They further adde, that there were fitting out the *Royal Sun*, the *Royal Duke*, together with several other great men of war, the first being mounted with 120 Guns, the second with 106, and the rest of sixty and upwards. The 18th instant *Francois de Harlay de Charvallon*, our Archbishop, having received his confirmatory Bulls from *Rome*, took possession of his See accordingly, with all imaginable pomp and solemnity, the Chapter of *Nostre Dame* having sent their Deputies to conduct him to that Cathedral Church, where being placed upon a large Throne, erected for that purpose, the usual Ceremonies of his Investiture were performed in the presence of several persons of great Quality, who were afterwards entertained at a very splendid and magnificent dinner by the said Archbishop at his own Palace. All things are here making ready for his Majesties journey into *Flanders*.

Advertisements.

THE Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer are now come to the payment of the 171 Order Registered on His Majesties Revenue of the Fire-Hearths, and shall proceed to pay the subsequent Orders to that number in course, as the Money of that Revenue shall be brought into the Exchequer.

WHEREAS the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesties Treasury, did formerly publish, That upon Monday the 10th of *April* next, Propositions should be by them received for Farming the Country Excise: These are now to give notice, That upon the said 10th of *April*, their Lordships will also receive such Proposals as shall be offered for Farming the new additional Duty of the Country Excise, imposed by the late Act of Parliament in that behalf; and such as think fit to make any Proposals, are to make them as well for the new, as for the old Dutie.

G. Downing.