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Rye, March 24.

Here is some days since brought in by Captain Speers a Dutch Vessel of 3 about 60 or 70 Tun, laden with Oyle and Almonds from Portugal, bound for Amsterdam, together with an other Dutch Ship, of three hundred Tun belonging to *Moyne*, laden with Oyle and Salt from *Cadix*.

Dover, March 24. Yesterday arrived here several Seamen of this place from Holland, having made their escape, after their Vessels had been kept there, they tell us that, before their coming away, they had heard, that Captain de *Hayer* Ship, Admiral of the *Smirni* Fleet, with three others, were sunk in their way home, after they had parted with the English Frigats; but of this we must expect to hear farther.

Rome, March 6. The Cardinal *Landt Grave* of *Hesse*, was some days since to thank his Holiness in the Name of his Imperial Majesty, for the promotion of the Prince of *Baden*, as the Baron of *Hilfertsdorf* at the same time did in the Name of that Cardinal, and all his Family; in the mean time, as well the French as Spanish Cardinals, continue highly dissatisfied at this promotion, for that there was, as they say, no regard had to the pretences of the Bishop of *Laons* and Father *Nithard*, Archbishop of *Edessa*, and to the promise his Holiness had formerly made them.

The Prince of *Palestrina* being some days since abroad in his Coach, he happened to be affronted by several persons that passed by in Maskerade, in an other Coach, upon which arose a great quarrel and might have occasioned much mischief, but that they were timely prevented, by the coming in of several persons of quality, who by their interposition, reconciled them for that time. His Holiness hath appointed the *Abbè Bonaccorsi*, Brother to the Cardinal of that Name to carry the Cap to the new Cardinal of *Baden*, who is at present at the Court at *Vienna*; the *Abbè d'Aquina*, being sent on the same Errand to the Cardinal *de Gravina* at *Brescia*, in the Republick of *Venice*; and the *Abbè Catalani* to the Archbishop of *Thoulouze*, now Cardinal *Bonzi*, at *Paris*.

Genova, March 16. On Thursday last Don *Pedro d'Arragon*, arrived in this Port, with four Gallies from *Naples*, having immediately after his arrival been complimented by a person of quality to that purpose, deputed by the Senate, and by him, in their name, invited to come and refresh himself on shore; which Don *Pedro* after having returned their compliment, desired to excuse, as being unwilling to loose any time in his voyage to *Spain*.

We are informed, that the *Swisse* Cantons have lately sent to the Duke *d'Ossuna*, Governor of *Milan*, upon occasion of the Breach of some Priviledges they have long enjoyed in that State; which, it seems, have of late been denied them, complaining amongst other things, of their being not suffered of late to ride armed with Guns or Pistols in those Countreys, contrary to what they have formerly practised.

Venice, March 18. We have advice here, that the *Maltheles* and other Christian Gallies continue very much to disturb the Trade of the Turkish Islands in the *Archipelago*, having lately taken several of their Ships, and some of them richly laden. That the Captain *Bassa* was at *Constantinople*, using all possible diligence for the refitting his Gallies for Sea; and that he expected for the reinforcing of his Fleet, several Gallies from the *Black Sea*, which the Grand Signior had long since ordered to be built there.

From the Port, they continue to write with great uncertainty concerning the design the Grand Signior may have for employing his Arms this Summer; though this they assure us, that his preparations are very great. The Senate hath appointed several of their Body, for the examining the Accompts of Captain General *Morofini*, concerning the Moneys expended at *Candia*, during the late War; which it is thought they have not so much done out of any suspicion they have of malversation, or abuses committed in the employing of those Moneys, as to vindicate the Honor of the said Captain General, which some have of late gone about to asperse in this particular.

From *Zant*, *Cepphalonia*, and *Corfu*, we have advice of the great scarcity of Corn, and all other Provisions in those Islands, by reason the Inhabitants of the *Mores*, have of late refused to provide them with these necessaries.

Hambrough, March 25. The Elector of *Saxony* is daily expected at *Postdam*, where the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, together with the Duke of *Lunenburg* at present is, those Princes having appointed a meeting there, to confer as is said, concerning the present posture of affairs in the Empire. At *Copenhagen* is daily expected the Heer *van Werckendam*, Ambassador from the States General of the United Provinces, part of his Trayn being already arrived there.

Our Letters from *Stockholme* seem to tell us, that the Dutch Ambassador at that Court, was somewhat dissatisfied, that notwithstanding all his instances, he had not as yet been able to obtain a final answer from that Crown, which he interprets to be through their want of affection to the Interests of the States his Masters.

Cologne, March 29. Yesterday passed by this place six Vessels laden with Ammunition and other Military provisions for *Nuis*. The French Troops come in great numbers daily into these parts, where they intend, as is said, to have a very considerable Army in the Field about the beginning of *May*, which we are told is to be Commanded by the Prince of *Condé*, whose Equipage is preparing here.

From *Vienna* they assure us, of several Imperial Regiments that may very suddainly come down into these parts, though we hear not as yet of their being on their march. The French Commissaries continue to buy up very considerable quantities of Corne in all these Territories, so that their Magazines at *Nuis*, *Bon*, and other places, are said to be very well provided.

Naples.

Naples, March 7. This place is at present in great distraction for want of Corn, the Magistrates having reduced their daily allowance from 1500 to 1000 Measures; and out of twenty, have abated three Ounces of all Bread that is Baked here. At *Ischia*, an Island lying about 150 miles from hence, the Inhabitants have, as we are told, been several days together without Bread. In the mean time, all imaginable diligence is used by our Vice Roy, for the relieving as well this place, as the other parts of the Kingdom with supplies of Corn from abroad. From *Palermo* they tell us, that they are not less distressed in all that Kingdom on this account, than we here; so that, as well there, as at all other Ports of that Kingdom, they stop all Vessels laden with Corn, and oblige the Masters to sell their lading there, from whence or whither soever they are bound, without excepting those that are designed for this place.

Madrid, March 16. The Queen Regent having by an Extraordinary Courier received advice from *Rome*, of the late promotion his Holiness hath made of three Cardinals, and that Father *Nirhard* Archbishop of *Edessa*, had been left out of that number, contrary to the assurances of the Marquis *d' Astorgas*, when Ambassador there, of his Holiness promise to him in that behalf; Her Majesty seems very much dissatisfied with this proceeding, and hath, as is said, resolved to declare in a Letter to his Holiness, her resentment of it.

We are told of Orders that have been lately issued to all Officers, and other Commanders in the Service of this Crown, to repair immediately to their several Commands, to take care that things be every where put into a good posture of defence. From *Cadix* they write, that the first instant the Gallions, which were nine in number, set sail out of that Port, together with 20 Merchant Men, richly laden, as hath been known for several years, bound for *Cartagena* and *Porto Velo*, besides six other Merchant Men, bound to several places in the *West Indies*. Yesterday arrived an Extraordinary Courier in eight days from *Paris*, with Letters to the Marquis *Villars*, Ambassador from his most Christian Majesty here.

Brussels, April 1. Yesterday his Excellency the Count *de Monterey*, went hence for *Vilvoord*, to see the 1000 Horse that are ordered to *Mastricht*, Mustered there. From whence it is said, his Excellency intends to go and visit *Louvaine* and *Leeuwe*, to see in what forwardness the Fortifications there are.

Our Letters arrived this day from *Limburgh*, tell us, of the great diligence that is used by the Prince of *Nassau*, Governor there, for the carrying on the Fortifications of that place, in which he is so zealous, that he obliges all persons as well Ecclesiastical as others, to work on them. The Commonalty of this place have not as yet been able to be brought to consent to the raising the 30000 Florins demanded by his Excellency, as desiring to have first an account how those Moneys already raised have been employed. At *Antwerp* are lately arrived in several small Vessels 5000 Men from *Holland*, and from thence are marched towards *Mechelen*.

Hague, April 2. The Field Marshals, together with the other chief Commanders of the Forces of this State, have orders, as we are told, to be in readiness to go into the Field the Eighteenth of the next Moneth at farthest. It is said, the States have lately received Letters from Prince *Maurits*, in which he acquaints them, that the Fortifications on the *Issel*, are in great forwardness, so that he hopes to see them very suddenly finished.

The thirtieth past, the States of *Holland* were again compleat, and have since been constantly assembled, as well in the Fore as Afternoons: They have written to the several Captains, as well of Horse as Foot, employed in the last Levies, to have their Companies compleat against the Fifteenth of *April*, on pain of forfeiting their Commissions. The Deputies of the Respective Admiralties are constantly in Conference with the Deputies of the Council of State, in Matters relating to the Fleet; for the setting out of which, they use all possible diligence; though we hear, that even those Ships that are the readiest, are but very thinly manned.

Our last Letters from *Stockholm*, tell us, that Monsieur *Van Haren*, our Ambassador at that Court, continues with much earnestness to press that Regency for a final Answer to his late Proposals; which is feared, will be so little to the satisfaction of these States, that upon some intimation come from thence to that purpose, the Actions of the *East India* Company are said to 347 Guilders, which have been this Summer sold for above 500 Guilders. The Velt Marshal *Wurcz* is lately gone for *Utrecht*, but with intentions to be here again within few days; and the rather, because of the discourse that is here of the several Provinces, having consented to the other Levy of 23000 Men, as Proposed by the Council of State.

From *Mastricht* they write, that they are told from all hands, that the French Forces would be suddenly on their march towards those parts, as was thought, with intentions to attack that place, and that no endeavor was in the mean time omitted, for the putting things in a good posture of defence; That Colonel *Doleman* was lately dead there. From *Paris* they tell us, that our Ambassador was parted thence on his way home; and that there was a Manifesto preparing against this State.

From the *Foxel* we have advice, of three of our men of War that were lately sailed thence with three Fireships towards the *Elbe*, though on what design, is not certainly said.

The States have lately issued out a Placet for the calling all their Seamen home from Foreign Service, as likewise for the forbidding all their Subjects from going hereafter into the Service of any Prince or State, without leave first obtained to that purpose; And by an other Placet of the same date, they have in consideration of the present Conjuncture, prohibited all Trade, that is, that no Ships or Vessels shall be permitted to sail out of any Port within these Provinces, on what Voyage soever, excepting onely such Ships, as shall be sent out by the *East* and *West India* Companies, or such Vessels as are employed in the little Fishery. The Merchant Ships we lost in the late Engagement with the English, are valued here at a Million of Guilders.

Hull, March 25. Here have been stopt in this Port, three Dutch Vessels, the *Angel Gabriel*, the *Golden Cat* of *Rotterdam*, and the *Thirdman* of *Zericksee*.

Portsmouth, March 26. Yesterday the *Quaker* Ketch brought in here a small Dutch Pink, having on Board 100 Pipes of Canary.

Advertisement.

THESE are to give notice to, and direct all Retailers of Wine (except those in *Devon* and *Cornwall*) who owe any Rent for their Wine-Licences, or whose Licences expire the 25th of *March* instant, That they forthwith pay their said Rents into His Majesties Office for granting Wine-Licences, in *Durham-yard*, *London*, and also renew their said Licences, that so they may avoid the charge and trouble which otherwise will most certainly ensue.