

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 *Wurrz* 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.