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*Plimouth, March 31.*

**H**ere are arrived the *Hope* of *Rotterdam* of about 120 Tuns laden with Wines from the *Maderas*, and the *Oak* of *Amsterdam* from the *West Indies*, having been taken by the *Newcastle* and *Nightingal* Frigats; The *Oak* is said to be very richly laden, of about 200 Tuns, having been abroad these two years Trading in *Guiny* and the *West Indies*.

*Milan, March 19.* Here are reports spread daily a broad of the design of our Neighbors to attack these Countreys, which, with many, have gained so great a belief, that they seem to be in continual fear of the approach of an enemy, however it is hoped, that though the danger appears not as yet so high us, these Alarms may the more readily induce the people to contribute towards the publick expences, and make them hear with less trouble of the new Levies, which are said to be intended to be made here.

Our Governour the Duke *d'Osuna* hath been lately to visit several of the most considerable Garisons in this State, having given every where all necessary orders, as far as the present posture of things will permit, for the providing for their security and defence against all Accidents.

The Duke of *Savoy*, as we are told, raises Men apace, having offered to serve His most Christian Majesty with 10000 men this Summer.

*Naples, March 15.* Our Vice Roy the Marquis *d'Asorga* continues to express, to great a dissatisfaction at the proceedings of the Court of *Rome* in the late promotion, that he hath ever since refused to give Audience to the Popes Nuncio here, and some speak as if his Excellency had warned him to leave the Court and return home, protesting he would hold no correspondence with that Government, till he was righted in this particular; his Excellency continuing to say, that his Holiness had before his departure from *Rome* promised Father *Nithard* a Cap at the next promotion, of which he had accordingly assured the Court at *Madrid*. In the mean time his Excellency is not less perplexed at the great streights these Countreys, and particularly this place is reduced to for want of Corn, which notwithstanding all the endeavors that have been used, cannot be supplied in such quantities from abroad, as may be sufficient for our present relief.

*Rome, March 19.* At length is arrived here the Duke *d'Esrees*, Ambassador Extraordinary from his most Christian Majesty, having been received with all the Honor and Respect due to his Character, he hath since had private Audience of his Holiness by whom he was received with much esteem, and with assurance of a ready compliance to whatever his most Christian Majesty doth desire by him, if not to the prejudice of his own affairs; his Excellency hath likewise visited the Cardinal *Patron*, and several others of the most eminent quality at this Court, but continues at present incognito, and

will not make his publick Entry till the beginning of the next Month, by reason of the orders he hath received to put himself and Family in close mourning, for the death of little Madam of *France*. Father *Gravina*, promoted lately by his Holiness to be Cardinal, continues as we are told, to refuse the Cap, preferring a Religious retirement, before the Pomp which must attend this new Dignity; however, has been perswaded by several of his particular Friends and Relations to come hither, to present himself to his Holiness, with the reasons of this his refusal.

His Holiness hath been for some days past very much indisposed, but is at present pretty well again, and gives Audience to Ambassadors and other Foreign Ministers here. The Courier which went hence for *France*, with the news of the promotion of the Archbishop of *Tholouze*, now Cardinal *Boatzi* is returned hither, and confirms what hath been said, of his most Christian Majesties dissatisfaction at the Bishop of *Laon*'s being omitted at the late promotion. From *Naples* they continue to tell us, of the great want of Corne that Kingdom is at present in.

*Leghorn, March 21.* We have advice that the French frigats which have lain long before *Tunis*, are gone thence on their way home; that those Corsairs have at present abroad two men of war, and are fitting out 6 more, besides other small vessels, that they had lately taken several vessels, and amongst others a French Bark and ship belonging to *Genova*.

The Great Duke after having been some time with his Court at *Pisa*, is returned again to *Florence*.

*Venice, March 25.* Here is lately arrived a Vessel from *Genova*, the Master of which tells us, that he met off of *Sicily* Monsieur *d'Almeran*, with a Squadron of eight French Men of War under his Command, designed, as is thought, for *Toulon*. On Monday last the Spanish Ambassador here, had Audience of the Senate, where he is said, amongst other things, to have spoken of the great preparations that are at present in several Countreys making for War, and therefore proposed a League, for the preservation of the Peace of *Italy*.

The Senate is now altogether intent upon paying their Debts contracted in the late War, and encreasing their Revenues, and have lately reduced the Interest of Money, from seven to five per Cent. which new Regulation is to commence in July next.

We had some time since advice, by Vessels arrived here from the *Levants*, of certain French Ships they had met going to *Constantinople*, and that on Board of them was an Envoy Extraordinary from his most Christian Majesty to the Grand Signor, as yet we cannot hear of his arrival at the Port, so that this begins to be looked upon for a mistake.

From *Constantinople* our Letters tell us, that their Trade had been of late very much interrupted by the Christian Corsairs in the *Archipelago*.

go, and that place very much impoverished, through the long absence of the Grand Signior, who as we are told, can hardly be persuaded to go and reside there, not so much through fear of any Faction, which may be still on foot there, as some have thought, as out of a natural aversion he is said to have to the place, together with the pleasant situation of *Adrianople*, commodious for Hunting, in which he extremely delights; Our other advices from the Port speak, of the great preparations that are made there; that the Grand Signior has ordered 150000 Men, Horse and Foot, to be raised within his Territories in *Asia*, against this next Campaign; the Princes of *Walachia* and *Moldavia*, have orders to keep their Forces in readiness to march at the first warning.

*Cologne, April 1.* The 27 past arrived here the Count of *Hohenfels*, first Captain of the Marquis of *Grana's* Regiment, with the Emperors Ratification of the Treaty lately concluded between our Elector and this Town, which hath occasioned a general satisfaction here, and the more, because of the reports that have of late been spread abroad, as if the Emperor had upon some dissatisfaction at our Electors having received Forreign Troops into his Countries, refused to ratifie the said Treaty.

We are told of a Conference that hath lately been between the Bishop of *Munster* and the Bishop of *Strasburgh*, but know not the particulars that passed there, though in the general, it is said that the former Expresses a great affection to the Interests of our Elector, who hath lately received Letters from the Emperor relating to the present affairs, but what the Contents are, is not certainly said. The Bishop of *Strasburgh* and Duke of *Luxemburgh* are gone for *Dorsten*, from whence it is said, they intend to pass farther into *Westphalia*, to see in what posture things are there.

From *Nuis* they tell us, that 2000 Men work daily on the Fortifications there; that they suddenly expect there 5000 Men more. The French Commissaries continue to make all possible provision for the Forces which are, and may be expected in these parts. It is certainly said, that the Prince of *Conde* will be with an Army here about the beginning of *May*.

*Hague, April 5.* The several Provinces, having at length consented to the other Levie of 23 thousand men, Horse and Foot, we daily expect to see this matter finally concluded by the States-General; in the mean time here are many forreign Officers in Town, who are to be employed by the States of *Holland* in their part of these Levies; they tell us that their Commissions are already prepared for them, and may be given out some time the next week.

We cannot hear that our last Levies are as yet compleat, the several Officers having as we are told, met with greater difficulty in the raising of men, as well here at home as abroad, then they had at first expected, which makes us fear that it will be some time before these new Forces, going now to be raised, can be brought on foot.

The States have given the Command of the Regiment which Colonel *Doleman*, lately deceased, had, to Monsieur *Carry*, Lieutenant Colonel of the same Regiment.

Colonel *Brempt*, an eminent Officer in the service of this State, is lately dead, the States having given the Regiment of Horse which he Commanded to the Baron de *Eppe*.

On Friday last the Heer *Ruwaert van Putten*, who hath been some time at *Brussels* on the part of this State, returned hither from thence, having been the same day in the Assembly of the Council

of State, to impart to them, as is thought, some affairs of importance relating to the present conjuncture; yesterday he went hence again for *Brussels* with the resolutions of this State in the affairs he came about.

From *Munster* our Letters tell us, that this Bishop had in a manner declared against these Provinces, and that the preparations he is making are very considerable. From our Ambassador at the Court of *Sweden* we have not of late heard any thing which may please us, that our Ambassador being so much dissatisfied with the little inclination he finds in that Regency to hearken to his Proposals for the inducing them to imbrace the interest of the States his Masters; that his Excellency, as our Letters from thence tell us, had spoken to some of the chief Ministers there of his return home.

The Orders are renewed to the several Velt Marshals, and other chief Officers of the Forces of this State, to be in readiness to go into the Field, towards the latter end of the next Month at farthest: We are told, of near one hundred thousand Men these States will have in their Service this Summer.

All possible diligence is every where used for the putting every thing into a posture of defence. We are told of nine Plenipotentiaries the States General have Commissioned, to whom they have more particularly committed all Military affairs; with power to act on all occasions, as to them shall seem fit, excepting onely in matters of great weight; Three of these Deputies are to be on board the Fleet; Three are to go with his Highness the Prince of *Orange* into the Field; and the other Three are to go from place to place, and give orders for their necessary defence and security.

Notwithstanding the great diligence that is every where used for the getting out our Fleet, we cannot hear, of any great forwardness they are in, and that chiefly through want of Men, some of our greatest Ships, though almost fitted, wanting yet their whole number, and others the greatest part of their Men. From *Zealand* we hear, of several private men of War that were gone out thence, as was thought, towards the *West-Indies*.

#### Advertisements.

These are to certify whom it may concern, that Mr. *Edmond Custis* having lately brought in practice upon His Majesty's Dominions, a new way of taking up of Guns, Goods, Merchandise, and Ships Furniture sunk at Sea, or upon the coasts, hath by contract with his Royal Highness, the sole permission to take up all Wrecks upon His Majesty's Dominions; His Majesty hath been also Graciously pleased to grant him the said *Edmond Custis*, his Heirs or Assignes, his Letters Patents under the Great Seal of *England*, for the sole practice of this his new way, to the exclusion of all others, to take up out of Ships sunk, all Goods, Guns, Merchandises, and Ships furniture for the term of fourteen years.

All persons concerned, may have notice at the *Posthouse* in *Harwich* in *Essex*, where the said *Custis*, his Partner, Agents or Assignes are, and will be ready at all times, with Ships, Men, and Instruments, to repair with them, at, upon, or near any of His Majesty's Dominions, with which any Goods (not immediately perishable) may be taken out of the hold of a Ship sunk, with the Hatches Iron barred whole to the bottom, not exceeding 40 foot, and not swallowed in the Sands, whereby many Commodities that heretofore became utterly lost, may be taken up only damaged, and unperishable Goods wholly saved.

His Majesty hath been Graciously pleased to Grant unto *Andrew Barker* of *Fairford*, in the County of *Gloucester* Esq; one Market in every week, to be held here *Thursday*; and three Faires every Year; the First Market is on the 25 of *April* 1672; the first Faire the Third of *May* following; the Second on *July* 28. the Third on the First of *November*; and so to continue; the Grant is for Horses, and all other sorts of Cattle, Corne, Wool, and all other vendible Commodities, both at Markets and Faires; the conveniency of the place for selling Goods, and reception of Strangers (if known) cannot but induce Chapman to repair thither.