

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 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 Commissionated, 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.