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Truro, April 1.

ON Friday last was brought into *St. Ives* by Captain *Howard*, Commander of the Noble *Katherine* of London, a Dutch Flyboat of three hundred Tuns belonging to *Amsterdam*, being laden with Salt and Brandy from *Kochel*; there were three other Dutch Vessels in her Company, which Captain *Howard*, as soon as he had put his Prize in there, went out to Sea again to follow; so that we are in expectation of having a farther account of them.

Lisbonne, March 1. Here is arrived the *Comde de Humancz*, Ambassador from the Crown of *Spain*; The Prince being now returned with the Court from *Salva-tierra*, it is thought, this Ambassador may very suddenly have his publick Audience. Yesterday set sail from hence, two Dutch men of War homeward bound. There are now in this Port and at *Scitubal*, about fourscore sayl-of Dutch Merchant men lading Salt, partly upon the States account, and partly for particular persons; it is thought they may be all ready to sayl in three weeks or a Month. We daily expect here the *Sieur d' Auberville*, Envoy from his most Christian Majesty.

Madrid, March 16. The Envoy from the Elector of *Coborg*, continues still here, taking all occasions to assure this Crown, of his Masters constant resolutions to preserve as far as in him lies, the Peace of the Empire, and of his affection to the Interests of this Crown. On *Thursday*, the *Marquis d' Etiole* entertained their Majesties with a Comedy, and other Diversions in the Palace, as the next day did the Prince of *Stigliano*, to the great satisfaction of their Majesties and the whole Court.

We are in daily expectation to hear of the arrival of *Don Pedro d' Arragon* in the *Neopolitan* Gallies at *Cadix*, which are at present Commanded by *Don Beltran de Gijón*, in the absence of the Duke of *Ferrandini*, General of the Gallies of that Kingdom; who as we are told is to go hence on the next Month, to be Vice Roy of *Mexico*. We do not as yet hear, that the *Comde de Humancz*, Ambassador from hence to the Crown of *Portugal*, is arrived at *Lisbonne* although some expected it. At *Sa Sebastião* is late arrived a Vessel from the *West Indies*, with advice, that the last years Fleet, arrived at *Veracray* the 23rd September last, and that the *Comde de Camps*, Vice Roy of *Pern*, had of late made great provision for the security of these parts.

Here is expected the *Sieur d' Auberville*, in his way to the Court of *Portugal*, whither he goes to reside in quality of Envoy from his most Christian Majesty. From *Rouen* they tell us, that the Mole here is the second of the Winter, which have continued very violent from *November* last, till almost this present Month, without the least damage; That his Excellency the Earl of *Middleton*, Governor of this place, having lately appointed Commissioners to take a Survey of that Work; it was found to have been increased in length since the last Survey 43 Yards, the Foundation being car-

ried out above 20 Yards farther, so that the whole Mole is at present 450 Yards in length; They continue to work daily on it, not without making considerable progress, to the great encouragement of the Inhabitants there.

Dantzick, March 26. From *Warsaw* they write, that nothing had been concluded in the Senate, which the King had Assembled after the breaking up of the Dyet, save that another Dyet should be appointed against the middle of *May* next. The King intends to goe very suddenly for *Czenstochow*, on the frontiers of *Silesia*, as is said to perform his Devotions there, though as some say, to confer with a person of great Quality, who is to come thither privately from his Imperial Majesty. The Poles begin to be daily more and more alarmed at the preparations of the Grand Signior, as is said, against them, especially at a time when their Forces are small, and inconsiderable, and the factions and discontents amongst themselves very great and dangerous; however, to use all endeavors for the preventing this Storm, the King hath appointed the Crown-Treasurer to goe to the Port in quality of Extraordinary Ambassador, to endeavor to compose matters before they break out into a Rupture.

Cologne, April 5. The French Troops which are quartered in these parts, are as we are told, ordered to march the 12 instant, and amongst the rest the Kings Guards that are here, for *Metz*, where his most Christian Majesty is expected about the latter end of this Month, in whose room it is said, above 35 thousand men are to come down into these parts, under the Command of the Prince de *Conde*.

The Duke of *Luxemburgh* is at present at *Namur*, forwarding what is in him lies, the Fortifications there, and especially the new Citadell, on which they constantly work with extraordinary diligence.

Brussels, April 6. The Heer de *Witt*, *Rumart* and *Patten*, is returned from the *Hague* where he hath been to confer with those States concerning several matters relating to these Countreys.

To morrow his Excellency the Count de *Monte-rey* will goe hence to *Archeleon*, to take a review of some Troops that are arrived there from *Holland*. The Envoy from his most Christian Majesty hath as we are told, obtained all imaginable satisfaction in the affair he came about: The French vessels Ropped at *Nimur* having by his Excellencies Order, been released and permitted to pass, as intended for *Liege*, *Hague*, April 8. The Deputies which have been at *Helvoet sluyt* on the part of the States-Generall, to take an account of the posture our Maritime preparations are there in, are returned again, and have been in the Assembly of the States, to make their report to them, Lieutenant-Admiral de *Ruyter*, with several other Chief Officers of our Fleet, are present in Town, and have frequent conferences with the Council of State.

We are told of an Extraordinary Ambassador the *Schred* is sending to the Crown of *Spain*, but as yet we know not the person appointed for that employment. The Heer de *Grdot*, is daily expected here from *Pader*, from whence we hear of nothing but great

great preparations of War, and that they are certainly designed against this State.

Here is a report, that our ships have by the Kings Order been seized in all the Ports of France, which if not yet done, we cannot but expect it will be very suddenly. The States have appointed Commissioners to examine the Officers to be employed in the new Levies they are now going to make.

The Heer *van Werckendam*, Ambassador Extraordinary from this State to the Crown of Denmark, continues still at Amsterdam, by reason of an indisposition which surprized him there, as he was ready to part on his journey towards Copenhagen, at present he is said to be somewhat better, and that he may in a day or two be in a condition to set forward on that journey.

The Heer *Gise*, Envoy from the Crown of Denmark to his Majesty of Great Britain, may in a day or two part hence for England, the States having appointed a small Vessel for his Transportation thither, and the necessary Passports to that purpose being already arrived from England.

His Highness the Prince of Orange is preparing a very noble and splendid Equipage for the Field. From Westphalia they write, that the Bishop of Munster is bringing together a very considerable Force, besides which, they tell us of Foreign Troops he is to receive into his Countreys, so that the danger begins now to draw near us from all sides, to the great disheartning of the people here.

Paris, April 9. The third instant dyed here, Madame Marguerite de Lorraine, Dutchess Dowager of Orleans, after a long and tedious sickness, in the 57 Year of her Age, to the great grief of their Majesties and this whole Court; the next day the Body was Embalmed and exposed to publick view on a Bed of State, in the usual manner; the 5 it was conveyed to St. Dennis, accompanied by Mademoiselle d'Orleans, the several Princes and Princesses of the House of Lorraine, and many other persons of the most eminent quality here, where it was Entered with the usual solemnities.

His Majesty having appointed the Duke de Bethune to be his Lieutenant General of the Province of Picardie, in consideration of his having at his Majesties instance, resigned the Command of Captain of his Guards to the Duke of Duras, he the said Duke of Bethune, hath accordingly had the usual Oaths administered to him, and may very suddenly go hence to take possession of that Government.

The third instant the Deputies of the States of Brittain, had Audience of the King, having been presented by the Duke de Chaumes, Governor of that Province, to acquaint his Majesty with some matters relating to their Province. The Conde de Molins, Ambassador from the Crown of Spain, having for several days deferred his publick Audience, because of some difference in point of precedence, between his and the Coaches of the Princes of the Blood, the matter hath at length been adjusted, so that that Ambassador made his publick Entry the sixth instant, and may in a day or two, have his first publick Audience of the King.

The Count de Lislebonne, who was here on the part of the Duke of Lorraine, in order to the concluding the Treaty on foot, for that Dukes re-establishment, is preparing for his return hence, not having been able to bring that affair to any final conclusion, by reason the King had insisted to have the Prince of Vaudemont quit the Service of the Spanish Neatherlands, and immediately retire with his Troops from thence, which this Envoy had said, since he was already engaged in that Service,

he could not now do; in the whole, we are told, that the King being informed of the Duke of Lorraine continuing in his practices against his Interests, and to favor in what he can his Enemies, hath broken off this Treaty, so that this accommodation, seems at present as far as ever. Upon the advice we had here, of the Spaniards having stopped several Vessels laden with Corne at Namur, in their passage towards Liege, the King hath sent one of his Gentlemen in ordinary, his Envoy to the Count de Monterey, Governor of the Spanish Neatherlands, to complain of this proceeding, and to know the reason of it. From Port Louis we have advice, that there was arrived a Ship very richly laden from the East-Indies, for the account of that Company here; and that another is likewise daily expected to arrive there from the same parts.

Here is lately arrived the Baron of Schouborn, Nephew to the Elector of Mayence, in Quality of Extraordinary Envoy from that Elector, and hath since had Audience of the King, his errand being as we are told, to renew the Treaties that Elector hath formerly made with this Crown.

We are told of six new Edicts that are now lately transmitted to the Premier President, with directions to him to have them verified in Parliament; The first for suppressing the many Secretaries of the Kings Household, and of the Crown; The second for suppressing a considerable number of the Treasurers of France; The third for imposing a Tax of 20 Solz on every Mark worth of Plate sold by the Goldsmith; and 30 Solz for every ounce of Gold; The fourth, for laying a Tax on all Roturiers or persons not Noble, which hold any Lands in Fief; The fifth, for making the places of Procureurs, Notaries, &c. Hereditary, on their advancing now a considerable sum of Money; The sixth, for laying an Imposition on Monies put out to use.

The seventh instant was Published here with sound of Trumpet, and the other usual Ceremonies, the Kings Declaration of War against the States General of the United Provinces, containing; That the dissatisfaction his Majesty has in the carriage of the States General of the United Provinces of the Low-Countries, towards him for some years past, being come to that point; that his Majesty cannot longer without diminution of his own Glory, dissemble the indignation raised in him, by a Treatment so unsuitable to the great Obligations which his Majesty and the Kings his Predecessors have so liberally heaped upon them, His Majesty had resolved to declare War against the said States; forbidding therefore all his Subjects to hold any correspondence with them on pain of death, &c. As by the Declaration at large will more fully appear.

Whitehal, April 6. His Majesty hath been pleased to issue his Proclamation for the better cleansing of the Streets in Westminster and other adjacent places in the County of Middlesex; by which his Majesty requires the Inhabitants there to cause such Rates to be assessed, as may be sufficient for the defraying the extraordinary charge of the Scavenger in cleansing the Streets; Forbids all Carmen and Waggoners to stand with their Waggon, or to feed their Horses in any Street, except such Waggon as stand in the Hay-markets, and Commands the Inhabitants constantly to observe the days of sweeping and cleansing the Streets, and to set out their dust in a readiness to be removed by the Scavenger; and lastly that all Paviers do use in Paving great and hard Stones, or Pebbles, and that so soon as any Pavement is finish'd, they cause all the Gravel and Dirt they made use of, to be carefully carried away.