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Whitthil, April 10.

**T**his day His Majesty in Council was pleased to Order his Proclamation to be issued, to this effect: That all Protections whatsoever heretofore granted, whereby the Seamen or Mariners serving in any Merchants Ship, or in the Ship of any Privateer, are exempted, or may pretend to be exempted from being prest and taken into the Service of His Majesties Fleet, shall cease, and are absolutel, determined and recalled. Nevertheless, it shall be lawful for any Merchants Ship, or Ship belonging to any Privateer, to be Navigated by such Foreign Seamen and Mariners as they can procure, without paying any such Foreign Seamen taken from them, upon any pretence whatsoever, but all Seamen and Mariners, who are His Majesties Natural born Subjects, and shall be found in any such Ships, may be taken from thence, and disposed of in His Majesties Fleet, any former Protection to the contrary notwithstanding. And all Merchants Ships and Privateers not Navigated with Forreigners as aforesaid, are restrained from going to Sea. And because divers Seamen and Mariners pretend to render themselves to His Majesties Service, by going on board several of His Majesties Ships, and there procure Pass or Ticket from the Chief Officers of such Ships, licensing them to go and continue on shoar for a few days upon their private occasions, and when by pretence of such Passes or Tickets they have escaped the Press, withdraw themselves, and do not return to His Majesties Ships at the time appointed; Therefore His Majesty doth Declare, that no such Pass or Ticket shall be allowed or admitted, to excuse any Seaman or Mariner, from being prest into the Service of His Majesties Fleet, unless such Seaman or Mariner, producing such Pass or Ticket, shall be found in the Company of, and be owned by some Officer of the Ship, to which the said Ticket expresses him to belong, who will be responsible for his forthcoming. And to the end that no Inn-keeper, Ale-house-keeper, Victualer, or owners of private Houses, may presume to Harbor or conceal an. Seaman or Mariner, in a time when their Service is of so much importance to His Majesty; His Majesty doth expressl. Command all manner of persons, having any Lodgers in their House of that Calling or Condition, That they forthwith discover them to some of His Majesties Officers, that they may be secured for His Majesties service. And if any such Inn-keeper, Victualer, or other person receiving of Lodgers, shall be found to have wilfully harbored or concealed any Seaman or Mariner, then the person so concealing, shall either suffer the utmost penalties of Law, for such his contemp; or if it shall be found more expedient for His Majesties service, shall himself be prest to serve in His Majesties Fleet, instead of the person so by him concealed. And moreover, the Seaman or Mariner so withdrawing himself, shall when discovered, be grievously punished, and suffer the utmost severity of the Law. And His Majesty doth further require, the Masters, and all other Officers, and Brethren of the *Trinity House*, that they be from time to time, aiding and assisting to the Commissioners of His Majesties Navy, and obedient to such Directions as they shall receive from them. And His Majesty doth require all Lord Lieutenants, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of Peace, Constables, and all others whatsoever, that they be aiding and assisting to all and every the Press-Masters to be employed on the service; and that they take care in their several places and callings, that His Majesties service be effectually performed in the impressing of all Seamen, Mariners. Shipwrights, and Calkers, upon this occasion, and such onely; and that the same be of strong and able Bodies fit for His Majesties present service: And for their better encouragement, and for the better performance hereof, His Majesty hath commanded the Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Navy, that they do from time to time, defray all such costs and charges as shall by them be thought requisite, to be laid out by themselves or others, in impressing or conducting to the Fleet the said Seamen, Mariners, Shipwrights, or Calkers, and such onely for His Majesties present service, or in the carrying or conducting of them up to the Commissioners of His Majesties Navy; and that immediately upon the presenting of them unto the said Commissioners, and without farther delay. And

His Majesty requires all His Subjects, whom it may concern, that they see His Majesties pleasure here in before declared, to be exactly obeyed, and in all things to be performed, as they will answer the contrary at their utmost perils.

*Venice, April 9.* At length we are certainly told that the Senate hath permitted Cavaglier *Mordifini* their Ambassador at *Rome*, to return home from that employment; having at the same time appointed Signior *Pietro Mocenigo*, some time since Ambassador from this State at the Court of *England*, to succeed him; for which he prepares himself with so much haste, that he speaks of setting forward some time the next week on his journey to *Rome*.

We cannot yet hear of any final answer this Senate hath returned to the Proposals, lately made to them by the Spanish Ambassador, concerning his request for the preservation of the Peace of *Italy*.  
*Brussels, April 8, 9.* On Wednesday morning his Excellency, being accompanied with most of the Principal Officers of the Army, went some Miles out of Town to be present at the Rendezvous of two Dutch Regiments, who afterwards proceeded on their march to *Hals*, and so for *Mons*, and *Valenciennes*, for the reinforcement of those two Garrisons, Yesterday Three thousand Dutch Foot more arrived at *Vilvord*, so that we have now effectually here in our service five thousand Dutch, and are told of Seven thousand more that lie ready at *Bergez op Zoom*, to march towards these Countreys, so soon as his Excellency shall call for them. There have been lately drawn into *Louvain* One thousand Horse, and as many more into *Malines*, who are to keep themselves in readines to march upon the first warning.

The Envoy which was here on the part of His most Christian Majesty is returned, for *Paris*, his Excellency having ordered, that the French Vessels which had been stopped at *Namur*, shall be immediately released, promising this Envoy, that he would take care that His most Christian Majesty should not have any the like cause of complaint for the future; so that we begin to hope, that notwithstanding all our Allarms of the great preparations that are every where making for War, the Peace of these Countreys may notwithstanding remain undisturbed.

From *Tournay* we have advice, that the French Commissioners have given orders for the providing 40000 Bushels of Corn within ten days in those parts, and that they have likewise directed Ovens to be made at *Oudenard* for the Baking 30000 Loafs of Bread every day. They farther tell us, that His most Christian Majesty had given order for the making of Bridges over some Rivers for the passing a considerable Train of Artillery.

From *Liege* they write, that His said Majesty will be there the beginning of the next Month, and that His Majesty will reside in that place, all the while His Armies are in this parts.

Our Fortifications here advance apace, no diligence being omitted for the farthering this work.

*Ditt 12.* On Saturday last his Excellency went hence for *Vilvord* to see the three Dutch Regiments, lately arrived there from the *United Provinces*. The Duke de *Villa Hermosa* hath been lately by his Excellencies

excellency at *Leeuwe*, to see in what forwardness the Fortifications there, are in. It is said, that the Citadel is quite finished.

Some days since arriv'd here the Heer de Groot Ambassador from the States General of the *United Provinces*, to the most Christian King, from *Paris*; he hath had several private Conferences with his Excellency; and yesterday went hence on his way home.

Saturday last Count *Philip of Hornes*, returned hither from *Copenhagen*; whether he had been lately sent by his Excellency, it is said, that that Court seems not very inclinable to hearken to the Propositions of the States General of the *United Provinces*.

From *Limburgh* they write; that there had some days before passed through that Province, great numbers of Waggon-belonging to the French, laden with Iron-Chains and Anchors, towards the *Rhine*; which are supposed to be intended for the making a Bridge over that River at *Nuis* or *Bon*.

At *Aix la Chapelle*, at the same time, are raising men for the King of *Spain*, for the Elector of *Cologne*, and for the Bishop of *Munster*.

*Brussels*, *Decr* 15. On Tuesday last the Heer de *Wit*; the States Deputy here, received by an Express from the *Hague*; advice of the States having made choice of him to be their Deputy or Plenipotentiary on their Fleet this Summer, which he immediately acquainted his Excellency with, and the next Morning early parted hence for the *Hague*, leaving Monsieur *Stribert* the other Deputy to remain at this Court.

Yesterday the Magistrates of this place, were to wait upon his Excellency, with an account of the Nine Nations (so the Commonalty is here called) having at length consented to the raising the 30000 Florins, by an Imposition on Wine, Cattle, and Corn; to be employed towards the carrying on the Fortifications of this place. It is certainly said, that the Bishop of *Munster* hath declared against the Dutch.

*Ostend*; *April* 14. Yesterday arrived here two small Frigates of this place from *Spain*, the one with 350 Spanish Foot from *Galicia*, and the other with 240 Horsemen from *Biscaye*, being to be Armed and Mounted here; They tell us, of three or four thousand Men more that are raising in that Kingdom, for the Service of these Countreys. We have here his most Christian Majesties Declaration of War against the States General of the United Provinces.

*Hague*, *April* 12. On Friday last Monsieur *Duvent* a Frenchman, Captain of Horse in the Service of this State, was by the States order taken into Custody, upon what account, is not certainly said. The ninth instant arrived here the Heer *Meerman*, Extraordinary Ambassador to His Majesty of Great *Brittaine*, and the next day was to make his Report in the Assembly of the States General, (and afterwards in that of the Council of State).

The next week the States of *Holland* will make choice of the Officers to be employed in the Levies they are going to make of 14000 Men for their particular, besides their part of the 23000 Men agreed to by the Provinces in general. We cannot yet learn who is intended for the Extraordinary Embassy to the Crown of *Spain*, though we are assured, that an Ambassador will be suddenly sent thither.

The Deputies of the respective Admiralties are still in Town, and in daily debates with the Council of State, in matters concerning the Fleet;

From *Amsterdam* they tell us, that several of their great Ships got over the *Pampus* the 13 instant, but that they were in so great want of Men, that some of their Flag Ships, had not as yet any or very few Men on board, however, that they omit no diligence for the procuring of them; and to that end; every where beat their Drums, but find a great unwillingness in the Seamen to enter into the Service.

We are told of several Flying Armies this State will suddenly have on foot, the most considerable of which is, as is said, to be near *Maestricht*; from whence they write, of the arrival of 1000 Spanish Horse there from *Flanders*; That they begin to be extremely alarmed from all hands with the news of the approach of the French Forces towards those parts, and as is reported, with a particular design to attack that place; However in the mean time all endeavors are used, for the encouraging the people, who cannot but appear sensible of the danger that threatens them, and for the putting the place, into a posture of defence. The Heer de Groot is, as we hear, arrived at *Brussels*, on his way from *Paris*, so that he is daily expected here. It is said that the States have appointed the Heer de *Wit*, *Ruwaert van Putten*; to be their Plenipotentiary on board their Fleet this Expedition.

*Paris*, *April* 13. His Majesty hath lately caused an Ordonnance to be Published to this Effect; That his Majesty being troubled to find himself obliged to make War against the Countries Inhabited by the *Hollanders*, and his design being onely to punish their Governors, and no way to spoyl the Inhabitants, who cannot be blamed for the ill Conduct of those to whom they have entrusted the Government; his Majesty hath therefore thought fit to declare that his intention is, That his Armies being well and punctually paid, as he hath Commanded they shall be, that they be kept in all possible Order and Discipline, without being chargeable to the Countries through which they pass, for any thing, save onely Forage, and other things necessary for their Encamping. That the Inhabitants who will protect themselves from the Insolencies of the Soldiery, may upon the approach of any of his Armies, retire with their Cattle and Corn into the next Castles, or other strong place in the Villages, where his Majesty is well pleased, that they shall keep themselves in Armes, without permitting any persons to enter there, excepting onely the Safe-Guards, which his Majesty shall send thither, or such parties Commanded by Officers, as by his Majesties order shall desire to enter there. When his Majesties Armies shall approach any place within four Miles, they of every Castle, shall send to desire a Party of Horse for their Safe-Guards, to defend them from all violence and disturbance of the French Soldiery, whom they shall feed, together with their Horses, and give them besides four Rixdollers per day. And when his Majesties Armies shall be farther then three or four Miles from the said Castles, they shall then send back their Safe-Guards into the Army; And in case the Dutch Troops shall fall upon, or do any damage to them, either in their going to the said Castles, whilst they remain there, or in their returning back to the Army; His Majesty then declares, that he will not for the future, have any consideration of those Inhabitants, but that his Armies shall live with all Liberty and Licence.

*Dover*, *April* 9. Here hath been brought in the *St. Peter*, of about 60 Tuns, belonging to *Amsterdam*, and laden with Wines from the *Canaries*.