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Whitsat, 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 absolute, 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 express 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 *Bergey op Zoom*, to march towards these Countries, 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 readiness 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 Commissaries 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