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Whitehal, April 16.

**T**his day the two Houses of Parliament met at Westminster according to their Prorogation of the 22 of April; 1671. and then farther prorogued in pursuance of his Majesties Proclamation of the 22 of September last, till the 30 of October next.

*Ditto* 17. On Saturday the 13 instant, his Excellency the Marquis *des Fresnes*, Ambassador Extraordinary from his Catholick Majesty, made his publick Entry here, having been at Greenwich received and Complimented by the Right Honourable the Earl of *Alesbury*, and Sir *Charles Cotterel*, Master of the Ceremonies, and brought thence in his Majesties Barges to *Tower-hill*, where being Landed, he was saluted with the Great Guns, and conducted in His Majesties Coach through the City, being besides his own Coaches and Train, which were very Rich and Noble, attended by a great number of Coaches with six Horses apiece, to the Lady *Williams* House, in *Westminster*, where his Excellency was again Complimented in His Majesties name, by the Right Honourable Sir *Thomas Clifford*, Treasurer of His Majesties Household; in Her Majesties name, by Sir *William Killgrew* Her Majesties Vice-Chamberlain; and on the part of his Royal Highness, by the Marquis of *Blanquefort*; His Excellency having for three days together, been Honourably entertained there upon His Majesties account; yesterday the 16 instant had his publick Audience of their Majesties in the Banqueting House, with the usual Ceremonies, having been conducted from the said Lady *Williams* House by the Right Honourable the Earl of *Sandwich*, and Sir *Charles Cotterel* in His Majesties Coach, attended with a great Train of other Coaches, with six Horses apiece; after which his Excellency had likewise Audience of his Royal Highness in his own Apartment.

This day His Majesty was pleased to admit the Right Honourable *Henry* Marquis of *Worcester*, Lord President of the Council of *Wales*; *Arthur* Earl of *Essex*, whom His Majesty declared he was sending into *Ireland*, as Lord Lieutenant of that Kingdom; *Thomas* Viscount *Falconberg*, Captain of His Majesties Band of Pensioners, and *George* Viscount *Hallifax*, of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council, who having severally had the usual Oaths administered to them, took their places at the Board accordingly.

*Naples*, March 28. Our Vice-Roy the Marquis *d'Astorga*, omits no endeavors for the good settling of this Kingdom, and amongst them his chiefest are, for the furnishing us with such quantities of Corne from abroad, as may sufficiently relieve us in the great want we are in of this Provision throughout this whole Kingdom, to which end he hath employed several persons in all parts abroad, to buy up what quantities they can, and to transport them hither, either by Sea or Land, as they should find most convenient, of which we have already in some measure received the effect; several Vessels being lately arrived here from *Leghorn* and

*Genova*, laden with Corne, which by our Vice-Roy's order, had been brought up there, so that it is hoped, we may now in a short time have such considerable supplies, as may finally redeem us from the misery which through want of them hath so long afflicted us.

The Banditti continue to do very much mischief in this Kingdom, to the great disturbance of all passengers and others, they having it seems not been able to have been wrought upon, by the mild proceedings of our Vice-Roy, who at his first arrival here, had published a Declaration, That all such as should render themselves into the hands of Justice, by a time limited, should have their pardons, whatever their former offences had been; in the mean time frequent complaints being brought to his Excellency, of the many violences committed by the Banditti, in many parts of this Kingdom, his Excellency hath extraordinarily summoned the Council thereof, in order to the finding out some effectual means for the speedy reducing them, who seem with so much security, to disturb the peace of these Countries.

We are told of orders his Excellency has received from the Court at *Madrid*, for the raising of several Regiments of Foot, to be employed as is said, for the security of *Milan*, and the *Spanish Netherlands*, though as yet we hear nor of any Commissions that have been given out to that purpose.

*Vienna*, April 6. This Court having been frequently alarmed with the news of the great preparations of the Grand Signior, which however pretended to be only designed against *Poland*, for the protecting the *Cossacks* in the *Ukraine*, who as pretended by the Turks, are become by their voluntary submission, Subjects to the Grand Signior, yet we very much fear, these great Armies when once a foot, may easily be provoked to fall into *Hungary*, especially if they see those Countries not in a condition to make any considerable defence; upon which his Imperial Majesty hath ordered most of his Fortes that way, having at the same time sent orders to all his chief Governours in those parts, to be vigilant for the security of the places entrusted to their respective Command, and to take care that things are every where put into a good posture of defence; in the mean time there hath been sent from hence an Envoy to the Port, to represent to those Ministers the just cause of jealousy his Imperial Majesty has of these great preparations, and to know how far he may be secure, that they are not intended against the Empire; The return of which Envoy we the more impatiently expect, because we already hear, that the Turks are marching near the *Danube*, and that they have appeared in very considerable Bodies on our Frontiers; Our advices from all hands assure us, that the Grand Signior will have 40000 Horse and 80000 Foot in the Field this Summer, and that the Hungarian Rebels continue to make all possible application to the Grand Visier, for protection as they give out against the oppressions they meet at home, which they seem to have no way left to free themselves from, but by endeavoring to bring the

the Ottoman Forces to spoil and ruine their own Country; From some parts of Hungary they write, that several of those Inhabitants were ready to take Armes in order to their joyning with the Turkish Forces that should be commanced that way, but it is hoped, that these reports are not so well grounded, as to merit any certain credit.

Hague, April 16. The States of Holland have not as yet made choice of the Officers to be employed in their new Levies, but may, so soon as the Commissioners, whom they have appointed to draw up a List of such as they should find fittest for their Service, shall have returned the same; in the meantime the States General have nominated the chief Commanders of their Forces this Campaign, viz. The Rbyn Graue to be General of the Cavalry, The Heer van Zulestein General of the Infantry, The Count of Hoorne General of the Artillery, Jan van Welleren, and the Count of Nassau Lieutenant Generals of the Cavalry, The Count of Gunningmark Lieutenant General of the Infantry, The Heer Momba, and the Heer Steenhuisen Commissaries General of the Cavalry, and Kirpatrick Count of Stierum Serjeant Major.

The 14 instant the Heer van Werckendam, Ambassador Extraordinary to the Crown of Denmark, parted from Amsterdam, after having been detained there some time through indisposition of health, on his journey to Copenhagen. The States have ordered several Companies of Foot to march forthwith to Maestricht, and other places on those Frontiers, which begin to be now very nearly alarmed, with the news of the approach of the French Forces.

The 14 instant the Lieutenant Admiral de Ruyter, went hence by order of the States to Helversluis, to hasten our Maritime preparations in those parts, which are very much hindered through the great want we have of Men, who notwithstanding all Trade is here stop'd, and by that means no way left for them to take employment in Merchant men, cannot be induced to come into the Service, insomuch that we are told, that the Dyms have been broken four or five times at Rotterdam, and several of our Seamen are departed from hence. The Grocer at Amsterdam has departed from hence, and the Assembly of the States is adjourned till Saturday, in order to their going to consult with their respective Principals concerning so serious matters at present in debate.

The Fortifications on the Issel are almost finished by the extraordinary diligence of Prince Mauritz of Nassau; his Highness the Prince of Orange, together with the States Deputies may in few days go hence towards those parts, as well to visit those Works, as our other Garrisons thereabouts; and in the mean time the Velt Marshal Wurtz is to go to Bergen-op-Zoom, to see in what posture things are there.

Ditto 19. The new general Officers may in few days take the usual Oaths before the States General. On Thursday last the Velt Marshal Wurtz arrived here from Utrecht. The Heeren Ripperda, Scade and Gockinga may in few days depart hence for Doosburgh; and in the mean time his Highness the Prince of Orange, together with the States Deputies for the Field, and the principal Officers of

the Army are preparing to go into the Field, which as is said they may do about the beginning of the next week.

We are told of a Declaration of War that is drawing up by the States against his Majesty of Great Britain and the most Christian King, and that it may be very suddenly published.

The States of Holland are again assembled, and have at length made choice of the Officers for other part of the Levies agreed to by the Provinces in general who having taken the usual Oaths, and given security for performance of Articles, received yesterday their Commissions, and may in a day or two their Advance moneys: it is expected that the said States should likewise proceed in a day or two to the nomination of the Officers to be employed for the raising the 14000 men for their particular; the 17th instant arrived here the Heer de Witt, Ruwaert, van Putten from Brussels, being appointed by the States General to be one of their Plenipotentiaries on board the Fleet this expedition.

Yesterday the Heer de Groot, made his Report in the Assembly of the States General, and afterwards in that of the Council of State, concerning his late Embassy at the French Court. The Velt Marshal Wurtz is gone again for Utrecht.

Ditto 22. The 19 instant his Highness the Prince of Orange parted hence for Aernhem, having the day before taken his leave of the States General and the Council of State, so that it is thought the other General Officers of the Army may now very suddenly follow.

The States having finally made choice of the Heer Paetz to goe their Ambassador to the Crown of Spain, he is making all the haste he may to prepare himself for that Embassy. The Heer van Beuningen is to goe to Brussels, to reside there on the part of this State, in the room of the Heer de Witt, lately returned from thence.

We are told that at Amsterdam they are drawing out 1000 of their Burgers to be sent towards their frontiers, for the reinforcement of their Garrisons there; at Rotterdam they have done the like, and at all other places will do proportionably.

Brussels, April 22. Letters from Limburgh tell us, that several Officers raising men within that Province for the service of the Bishop of Munster, the Prince of Nassau, Governor of that Province, had caused them to be apprehended and sent prisoners hither, for their presuming to raise men in the Spanish Territories without his Excellencies leave first obtained to that purpose. It is said that his Excellency has intentions of going this week for Flanders to visit the several Garrisons in that Province. Here are lately come hither 600 Spaniards from Ostend, where they arrived from Spain; and we are told of 4000 men more that are ready to embark at S. Sebastians for these Countreys.

The Fortifications of this place are carried on with all imaginable diligence, his Excellency continuing daily by his presence, and his own example to encourage the Inhabitants in this work, which now goes on the cheerfuller, since the Commonalty here have consented to the 300 000 Florins to be employed towards these Fortifications.

#### Advertisement.

Lost in the house of a person of Quality in the City two Diamond Rings of seven Stones apiece, the bigger whereof was late for after the new fashion; and one Ruby Ring, the Stone eight square, with a Diamond at each end of it. All three being tyed together with a black short Ribbond, Whoever will give notice of them, or restore them to Mr. Martin Darden, a Jeweller, over against the Cock in Bowstreet, shall have 15 l. for their pains.