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Plimonth, April 30.

WE have advice, that Captain *Clerke* in the *Nightingal*, hath brought into *Falmouth*, a Dutch Ship, laden with 300 Pipes of Canary Wines, besides other rich Commodities from *Guiney*, where it is said, she hath been Trading for some time.

Warsaw, April 8. What was said in our last, concerning the confederated Companies in the *Ukraine*, having by the persuasions of the Grand Marshal *Sobieski* been brought to the Army again, comes at present confirmed from all hands, though not so much to our satisfaction as before, we having some cause to suspect, that the intention of bringing back these discontented Troops, is not so much to unite them for the publick good, as that they may infect the rest. *Dorofenko* continues with much earnestness his applications to the Grand Marshal, for the accommodating matters with this Crown, to which he is the more powerfully perswaded, through the daily decrease of his power in those parts, and the just apprehension he may have, that he shall not be able to maintain himself against the Forces of this Crown, except assisted from abroad, on which he now seems not with so much confidence to rely as formerly, the Tartars having, as is said, failed him of their promised assistance, and as for the Turks it is rather thought, that he does not desire their succour, as daring hardly to trust their Friendship. We seem for the present very secure here, that the Ottoman preparations do not concern us farther, than as it is feared, they are intended against the Empire, and therefore we seem the more slowly to proceed for the making any provision for our security; we have had Letters from the Port, which tell us, that the Grand Signior continues with his Court at *Adrianople*, diverting himself with Hunting, whilst in the mean time the Grand Visier is altogether intent upon the War, for which he makes vast preparations, and will have as is said, an Army of 80000 Foot and 40000 Horse in the Field this Summer; That the report there was, that they were to march directly against this Crown, for the protecting the Rebel Cossacks in the *Ukraine*; but this we are very willing to believe, to be only a pretence to amuse those whom those Forces are indeed designed against. However the King with several of the Senators, seems in the interim very sensible of the present condition of this Kingdom, and are using all possible diligence to put us into a good posture of defence, though it be a work of extraordinary difficulty, by reason of the many Factions which at present discompose these Countries.

Cologne, May 6 On Wednesday last passed by this place about 30 great Vessels, laden with Ammunition and other Military provisions for *Nuis*; several thousand Men are likewise expected to come down from *Metz* by water, who being to pass this place, it is said, our Magistrates have accordingly ordered, that they shall be furnished with what Provisions or other necessaries they may want here. The

The Bishop of *Strasburgh*, together with Monsieur *Verjus*, are some days since gone for *Bon*, to confer with our Elector there. The Prince of *Co. de* is coming down with his Army into these parts. The Sieur de *Chamilly* is going to *Munster*, to Command the Forces of that Bishop, which now consist of above 3000 Men.

Hague, N^o 16. The States of *Holland* are at present assembled, and have as we are told by their Deputies, proposed to the States-General, the sending an Extraordinary Ambassador to the Court at *Vienna*, and to several of the Princes of the Empire, who appear not now so ready to embrace our Interests, as we had at first flattered our selves. The States have ordered two Regiments more to march forthwith for *Maestricht*, for the reinforcing of that Garrison. The Bishop of *Munster* is bringing a very considerable Army together, which is said will be ready to march the 11 or 12 instant, when we may expect to hear that that Bishop will declare against this State. Some days since was a Muster of several Regiments of Horse and Foot at *Scheveling*, where they are now quartered for the security of our coasts; The interruption of all Trade at Sea, as well as the uncomfortable advices we receive from all our Frontiers of the approach of the French Armies, together with the heavy Taxes which are laid upon us here at home, cannot but very much distract the people here, who now begin to think the danger so imminent, that from several Towns they send their Goods to *Antwerp* and other places in *Flanders*, whither many of the Inhabitants likewise themselves retire. From *Hambrough* we have advice, that that Senate had refused to permit any Levies to be made within their Territories for the service of this State; certain it is our Officers do not find men so ready to come into the service as we had hoped, so that it is feared that the Troops which are now raising, will hardly be able to be completed within the time appointed by the States.

Disso, 10. The four Troops of Horse, Commanded by the Heer *vander Lecque*, the Heer *van Opdam*, the Heer *van Voorschooten*, and the Heer *van Langewelt* are ordered to march towards the *Rhyne*. The States of *Holland* and *West-Friesland* may now in a day or two give out the Commissions for the raising of 16 Regiments of Foot, besides those Levies which are now in hand. The States-General have appointed the Heer *Cornelius van Vrybergen*, and the Heer *Jacques van Ghemmenich* to be together with the Heer *de Witt Ruwaert van Putten* their Plenipotentiaries on board their Fleet this Summer. Yesterday went hence the Count *van Horne* towards *Aernhem*. We daily expect Count *Coningmark* to arrive here, he being to Command our Infantry in Quality of Lieutenant-General.

Doesburgh, May 7. Here are arrived the Heer *Ripperda*, and the Velt Marshal *Wurtz* from *Antwerp*, where they had been to confer with the Count of *Monterey*, Governor of the Spanish Netherlands. Several Troops daily arrive here, as well as at *Aernhem* and *Zurphen*, so that we expect to hear very suddenly of the forming of an Army in these parts;

parts. His Highness the Prince of Orange is likewise here, and hath daily conferences with the chief Officers of the Army. On Sunday next are expected 20 Troops of Horse more at Aernhem from several parts; The Bishop of Munsteris, as we are informed, marching with his Forces towards our Frontiers.

Maestricht, May 7. Yesterday arrived here the Regiment of Horse, Commanded by the Heer van Sulestein; our Fortifications here, are now almost perfectly finished. There go daily several small Parties out from hence, though they still return again without any other satisfaction, then having now and then killed a French man or two, whom perhaps they meet stragling in their way. The French Trumpeter which arrived here some days since with a Letter from the Governor of Nuis, is returned with an answer from our Governor, and this day the same Trumpeter is arrived here again, though with what message, is not certainly said. On Wednesday last arrived here with a strong Convoy the Heer vander Newburgh, one of the States Deputies: We have advice that the French Army is on their march hither, which puts us into some disorder.

Brussels, May 10. His most Christian Majesty continues still as we hear, with his Army at Charleroy, where all things are preparing, in order to their march towards Liege. The Deputies from the States General of the United Provinces, continue it is said, very earnest with his Excellency, for the obtaining of more Forces to be sent for Maestricht, for which place the Dutch seem to have an extraordinary care, as well because they are told from all hands, that it may be very suddenly attacked, as that they themselves apprehend it not yet to be in so good a posture of defence, as the security of the place may require; The said Deputies have, as is said, acquainted his Excellency, that the Lieutenant Admiral de Ruyter, was returned from their Fleet very ill, which had caused great disorder among them. From Maestricht they write, of several little encounters that daily pass between the French and the Parties that go out thence, though without doing any thing considerable. His Excellency continues so vigilant for the security of this place, against all accidents, that he hath been these six or seven nights on horseback till after three in the morning, visiting all the Guards, both within and without the City, and taking care that all things were in that posture they ought to be. We have just now advice, that the French Army is marched from Charleroy, all the report here is, that their first work will be against Maestricht.

Antwerp, May 10. From Amsterdam we have advice, that their Men of War were fallen down into the Texel, from whence they intended to go to the place of Rendezvous; That the Commanders very much complain of their want of Men, as likewise that they are very ill furnished with Provisions; Here is a report of some dissatisfaction that had lately passed between de Ruyter and the Pensionary de Witt, because of the Fleets being in no better condition. The Principal Merchants of Amsterdam send all their Plate hither, together with the choicest of their Goods, by reason of the Placat which it is certainly said, the States are going to publish, for the obliging all persons to bring in their Plate to be Coyned for the publick Service, and which is only as yet deferred, because it is feared, it may occasion a Tumult amongst the Inhabitants, when they come to be thus hardly used. The Baron d'Assola is arrived here again from Brussels, on his way

Paris, May 1. From Nuis we have advice, that the Dutch had lately fallen into the Electorate of Cologne with a Body of 3 or 4000 men, notwithstanding the Neutrality which that Elector had not long before declared he would observe in the present conjuncture, and that they had taken the Castle of Hultz, an inconsiderable place in the said Electorate, in which there were onely ten French Soldiers, Commanded by a Sergeant; who as few as they were, made notwithstanding conditions before the surrender of the place, to march out with Drums beating, Colours flying, &c. to the next Garrison; They farther add, that Monsieur de Chamilly upon notice hereof, was immediately gone with the Troops under his Command to endeavor to meet with them ere they got home. From Charleroy they write, that the King had caused a general review to be made of his Forces there on the 7 instant, and that his Majesty intended to proceed in few days on his march towards Liege. We are told that the King hath appointed two small Armies of 8000 men apiece, the one to be Commanded by the Duke d'Elbeuf, Governor of Picardy, for the security of the frontiers of that Province, and the other by the Sieur de Nancure Governor of Aeth, to be employed for the conveying of Provisions, &c. in the passage towards Liege. From Dunkirk they tell us, that there was lately arrived a Vessel from Lisbonne the Master whereof reported, that at his coming from thence they had advice, there from the East-Indies, that some difference having happened in those parts between the Dutch and Portuguese, the latter had with the assistance of the Sieur de la Huye, Commandet in chief of the Ships of our East India Company there, taken the Island of Ceilan together with the Forts which the Dutch had in it, in order to their obtaining satisfaction from them, but of this we must expect to hear farther.

Whitehall, May 3. This day His Majesty was pleased to admit the Right Honourable Sir Thomas Osborne Baronet, of His most Honourable Privy Council, who having had the usual Oaths administered to him, took his place at the Board accordingly.

Dixie, May 5. His Majesty having on Friday night, received advice by an Express from Portsmouth, that the Count d'Estrees, Vice Admiral of France, was with the Squadron of French Ships arrived at St. Helens, in the Isle of Wight, parted yesterday Morning early, attended by all the great Officers of His Household, and many other persons of quality for Portsmouth. And the same day his Royal Highness having had the news of it in the Evening, was passed about eight a Clock, with His Majesties Fleet by Dover Westwards, with a leading Gale, in order to his conjunction with the said Squadron.

Yesterday Morning Her Majesty likewise parted hence towards Deale, attended by several principal Ladies of Her Court, and other persons of the chiefest quality.

Advertisements.

☞ *A Map of the 17 Provinces, in which the Situation and Distance of the Principal Cities, Towns, Rivers, Castles, and other remarkable Places, are exactly described; All which with much care and diligence, was collected from the large Provincial Mapps, by William Berry, at the Globe between York-bowse and the New-Exchange in the Strand, and Robert Morden, at the Atlas in Cornhill, near the Royal Exchange.*

☞ *A Scholasticall History of the Canon of the HOLY SCRIPTURES, Or, the certain and indubitate Books thereof, as they are received in the Church of England; Compiled by Doctor Cressy, late Lord Bishop of Durham. Sold by Robert Paw at the Bible in Chancery-lane.*