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Whitehal, May 11,

Yesterday being the tenth instant, His Majesty was pleased in Council to Order and Declare That the Act of Parliament made in the twelfth Year of His Majesties Reign, for the encouraging and encreasing of Shipping and Navigation, and all the proceedings therein or thereby directed, be totally suspended, in all the matters and things therein contained, concerning or relating to any Ships or Vessels, their Masters or Mariners, their Guns, Furniture, Tackle, Ammunition and Apparel, or to any Goods or Commodities imported or exported to or from Norway or the *Baltique* ea. And His Majesty did farther Order, that the said Act, and all the proceedings therein, or thereby directed, be totally suspended in all the matters and things therein contained, concerning or relating to any Ships or Vessels, their Masters or Mariners: their Guns, Furniture, Tackle, Ammunition and Apparel, or to any Goods or Commodities imported or exported, to or from any Parts of Germany, Flanders, or France, whereof the Merchants and Owners shall be His Majesties natural born Subjects. And His Majesty was graciously pleased to Declare and Grant, that not only His Majesties natural born Subjects, but all Merchants of any Nation, may import from any Parts whatsoever, Hemp, Pitch, Tar, Mails, Saltpeter, and Copper, and upon importation thereof, shall be liable to pay onely such Duties, as by the Act of Tonnage and Poundage, are imposed upon His Majesties natural born Subjects, and no other. And His Majesty did farther order, that notwithstanding the said Act for encouraging and encreasing of Shipping and Navigation, and all other Acts made in the 13 Year of His Majesties Reign, Entituled (An Act for the encouragement of Trade) or either of them, it shall and may be lawful for any English Merchants, free and without interruption, to make use of and employ any Foreign Ships or Vessels whatsoever, Navigated by Mariners or Seamen of any Nation, for importing or exporting of all Goods and Commodities, to or from any Port in England or Wales, or to or from any of His Majesties Plantations, they paying onely the aforesaid Duties imposed upon His Majesties natural born Subjects as aforesaid, and no other. Provided, that no Goods or Commodities whatsoever be by them imported into any of His Majesties said Plantations, but what shall be without fraud, laden and shipped in England or Wales, and thence directly carried, and from no other place, to His Majesties said Plantations.

Provided also that such Goods and Commodities as shall be by them laden or taken on board at His Majesties said Plantations, or any of them, be brought directly from thence to some of His Majesties said Ports in England or Wales; and all Governours and Officers of the Customs are Charged and Required, strictly to observe all Rules, Directions, and Orders for taking of Bonds or other securities, and executing all Forfeitures and Penalties by the said Act or either of them required and enjoyned, save onely in the two Clauses concerning English Ships or English Mariners, before disposed with.

And lastly, His Majesty did declare, that this shall continue and be in force during His Majesties pleasure; and when His Majesty shall think fit to determine this dispensation, he will by his Royal Proclamation give six months notice thereof, to the end no Merchant or other person may be surprized therein.

Dantzick, April 30 From Warsaw, they tell us, that they have advice from the *Ukraine*, that the Turks, are making a Bridge, over the *Danube*, in order to the passing their Artillery which is said, to consist of above 200 pieces of Canon; That this hath very much alarmed the whole Kingdom in general, who now begin to put themselves into a posture of defence, several of the Senators being about raising of Men upon their own accounts, and all the Nobility, especially in *Great Poland*, having put themselves into a readyness to come into the Field,

so soon as they shall receive his Majesties directions to that purpose. The Baron de *Strom*, Resident here from his Imperial Majesty, having heard of several malicious reports that had been spread abroad by the discontented party, concerning the Emperors intentions towards his Majesty and the Crown of *Poland*, he had immediately desired Audience of the King, in which he highly complained of the liberty these persons take to discourse so unseemingly, as well of the Emperor his Master, as of his Majesty, whom he then assured of his Imperial Majesties constant affection to his person and interests, and as a mark of it, offered him the assistance of 10000 Men, to serve him in this Conjunction against the Turks, or in any other occasion in which he should have need thereof, provided the Emperor might expect the like kindness from him in case he should want it. In the mean time the Poles expect with much earnestness the return of their Ambassador from the Port, till when, they will hardly engage themselves into any Treaty concerning this matter. The Baron d'Overbeek, Envoy from the Elector of *Brandenburg*; hath likewise in an Audience he had lately of the King, not onely assured his Majesty, that the Forces his Electoral Highness is by the Treaty of *Biadostia* obliged to send into the Service of this Crown, but likewise what other succors his Majesty should need, were in a readyness to march when his Majesty should call for them.

Maestricht, May 10. Here is some days since arrived the Regiment, under the Command of Colonel *Brempt*, and we daily expect more Forces; in the mean time we are alarmed from all sides, with the news of the approach of the French Army, whose first work will, as is said, be to attack this place; Yesterday a considerable party of French Horse, appeared almost within sight of this Town, which are thought, to be onely forerunners of the gross of the Army; notwithstanding the great Garrison we have at present here, of above 10000 Soldier, yet the Inhabitants seem much disheartned, and very apprehensive of the Enemy, though in the mean time nothing is omitted by our Governour, for the putting all things into a good posture of defence. This morning was brought in here four French Soldiers, who had been met stragling by a party of ours, which had been sent out to Scout,

Cologne, May 10. The French Troops are all gathered together at *Nuis*, under the Command of the Sieur de *Chamilly*. The Bishop of *Straßburgh* having been here for some days, in which time he very nobly entertained the Duke of *Luxembourg*, and other chief Officers of the French Forces, is gone again for *Bon*, where his Electoral Highness is present. It is reported here, that several Troops are on their march hither, being sent by his Electoral Highness of *Bavaria*, to the assistance of our Elector. The Sieur *Verjus*, the French Minister continues still in these parts. The 14 instant we are told, the Prince of *Conde* intends to begin his march from *Sedan*, with the Forces under his Command towards these parts, where every thing is in the

the mean time preparing for their reception; vast quantities of Corne and all kind of Provisions having been laid up here by the severall Commiffaries, which have been for some time employed to that purpose. We hear not as yet of any considerable Action in these parts.

Swoll, May 12. The Bishop of *Munster* is bringing his Forces together, which have been most quartered in the County of *Benthem*: Yesterday this Highness the Prince of *Orange* arrived here, together with the Velt-Marshal *Wurtz*, the same day they were present at the Mustering of severall thousand men, as well Horse as Foot on the Plain near this Town; after which they parted hence again. This day the States of this Province are for the first time Assembled at *Campen*, though it is thought they will not be compleat till to morrow or next day.

Daesburgh, May 12. Yesterday at two a clock in the morning his Highness the Prince of *Orange* arrived here, and after some hours stay proceeded with the Velt-Marshal *Wurtz* and other chief Officers of the Army for *Deventer*, &c. being in two or three days expected here back again; Here arrive daily severall Troops from divers places; on Sunday last returned hither a party of Horse which had been sent out some days before towards the Electorate of *Cologne*, though with no other satisfaction then their having kept themselves out of harmes way. The Fortifications of his place are now almost finished, which we still continue to work on with all the hands we can; The Bishop of *Munster* is certainly on his march towards our Frontiers, where it is feared he will arrive sooner then we shall be in a condition to receive him.

Hague, May 10. The States General finding notwithstanding all their former Placcats to that purpose, how hardly men are brought into their service, to the great hindrance of their Naval preparations, have lately published an Ordinance, in which they declare, That, whereas they are informed, that many Mariners forbear coming into the service in expectation of being entertained by Privateers after the Fleet may be gone out; they will not grant any private Commissions, or permit any Privateers to sail out of these Provinces. The Pensionary *de Witt* is returned from our Fleet, and hath been since in the Assembly of the States to give them an account of the present posture of things there; all the chief Officers are gone hence to their respective Commands.

Ditto, May 13. The States-General have lately published a Placcat, By which they not only forbid their own Subjects to trade for *England* or *France* from any Countrey whatsoever; but likewise all strangers, though not inhabiting within the *United Provinces*, to transport any Goods or Commodities out of their Territories for the said Kingdoms upon pain of being proceeded against as enemies of the State, and of forfeiting all the Ships and Goods as shall be found to have been designed to be thus transported for *England* or *France*, or the value of the same, in case they shall have been already transported, and cannot otherwise be recovered; They warning at the same time the Subjects of any other Prince or State whatsoever, not to transport for *England* or *France* any Materials serving for the Equipping of Ships from any part or Countrey soever, their meaning being to seize and hold for Prize all such Naval Commodities as shall be found to be shipped contrary to this their Advertisement; and farther admonish all Masters of Ships and others, Subjects of what Kingdom or State soever, that will sail out of any of the *United Provinces*, or the Territories

thereof, that they keep the main Sea, they declaring, that all Ships that shall be found on the Coasts of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* or *Ireland*, shall if they be Freightted in part or whole with any Naval Commodities, be seized and taken for prize, provided such Ships were not driven thither by Storm or other extremity, which shall be judged by the Councils of the Admiralty, from the circumstance accompanying the same. And farther they Command, that none of their Subjects shall directly or indirectly, by himself or others, insure any Goods or Ships appertaining to the Subjects of *England* or *France*, or any Goods or Ships going or Freightted thither, on pain of Confiscation of such Sums, as shall be insured by the Insurers.

Paris, May 17. Here is some days since arrived the Marquis of *Saignelay* from *Brest*, and is since gone towards *Charleroy*, in order to his attending his Majesty this Campaigne, in quality of Secretary of State. From *Rochel*, we are told, of above 70 pieces of Ordnance that have been placed near the mouth of the River *Charente*, for the security of all Vessels in that Road against any accident. From the Electorate of *Cologne* they write, that the *Sieur de Chamilly* had Commanded the severall Troops that were dispersed in divers quarters in those Countries, forthwith to Rendezvous at *Nuis*, in order to their making up a Body for their better defence, till the rest of the Forces should arrive in those parts, which will be now very suddenly, the Prince of *Condé* having, as they write, us from thence, resolved to march from *Sedin* with the Army under his Command the 14 instant; in the mean time we have advice from *Charleroy*, that the King was removed thence with his Army towards *Liege*; and from *Flanders* they tell us, that a considerable party of our Horse had appeared very near that place. The *Sieur de Vaubran* is arrived at *Vancy*, whether he went by order of the King, to cause a Cittadel to be built there. At *Thoulon* they are fitting out severall men of War, to be employed against the Corsairs of *Sally* in the Mediterranean, which they make the more hast to get out, because of some Dutch men of War we hear, are cruising in those Seas.

Edenburgh, May 4. Two of our Privateers have lately brought into *Leith* three Dutch Prizes richly laden with Fruits and Wines from *Spain*, and Salt from *Portugal*, they having taken them out of a Fleet of about 70 sail homeward bound, under the Convoy of two men of war.

Whitehal, May 12. From *Dover* we have advice, that on Thursday about noon the Dutch, upon the winds veering somewhat to the South, which they apprehended might favor the coming up of his Royal Highness, with his Majesties Fleet, immediately weighed and stood for *Calais*, where they Anchored that night; The next day they were seen at the back of the *Goodwin*, and were yesterday plying too and again *NNE* off the *North-Foreland*.

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