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Whitchal, May 18.

ON Wednesday the 15 instant, His Majesty was pleased in Council to Declare, That whereas His Majesty did the Seventeenth of March past, upon the reading in Council His Declaration of War against the States General of the United Provinces of the Low Countre s, Command his Grace the Duke of Lauderdale, and the Right Honourable the Earl of Arlington, Principal Secretary of State, to Confer that Evening with the Ambassador and Minister of the said States, to Propose the Observance of the two and thirtieth Article of the Treaty of Brda, on His Majesties part, for the withdrawing the Persons and Goods of all Dutch Subjects which were either found here, or at that time were voluntarily coming into His Majesties Ports; Provided His Majesties Subjects might have the same Benefit of the said Article; Which overture hath been often renewed by the Earl of Arlington to the said Ambassador, and it appearing now at length, by a Paper from him of the fourteenth instant (this day read at the Board) That the States have consented to the said Proposition, and will set at Liberty all His Majesties Subjects, with their Ships and Goods, and that they may return without any prohibition, when they shall see fit.

His Majesty thought fit to Command and Order the Right Honourable His Principal Commissioners of Prizes, forthwith to cause all the Ships, Goods, and Merchandizes that were Seized in any of His Majesties Ports, before the Declaration of the War, or which were voluntarily coming into the same, to be forthwith set at Liberty and Discharged (the having remained still untouched, in expectation of what the said States would do in this point.) In like manner all persons belonging to the said Ships, who are under Detention by reason of the War, are to be forthwith set at Liberty, with Power to return with their Ships and Merchandize, when they shall see fit, according to the Tenor of the said Article; And notice hereof to be given to the Dutch Ambassador, that it may be as ingeniously performed on his Masters part as it is now promised.

And whereas by another Paper of the 13 instant (then read at the Board) by the Sieur *Rocel*, by Order of the said States General of the United Provinces, Proposing to enter into some terms of Agreement touching the Exchange of Prisoners of War on either side, His Majesty was pleased to Refer the Consideration of that matter to the Principal Commissioners of Prizes, that they may consider thereof, and Propose to his Majesty such Expedients as they shall think fit.

Likewise all Dutch Merchants or others, who neither in their Persons or Goods are under this Detention, may freely depart the Kingdom, if they think fit, without any intumbrance or molestation.

Warsaw, May 2. Their Majesties are gone to pass some time at their Devotions at *Stadziana*, where the King intends as is said to build a new Chappel, and to Dedicate it to the Blessed *Virgin*, towards which, several of the principal persons of this Kingdom have contributed large sums. The Baron *d'Overbeck*, Envoye from the Elector of *Brandenburg* is in daily conference with the Ministers here, with whom he is concluding a Treaty concerning the Treatment of the Forces which his Electoral Highness of *Brandenburg* will in pursuance to the Treaty of *Bigossia*, send to our assistance in case we are attacked by the Turks. The Provincial Dyets are every where Assembled in order to the instructing the Deputies they send to the Great Dyet to be held here about the middle of this month, which we hope may have a better conclusion then the former had, and that when nothing else will, the danger which now nearly approaches us, will be a means to unite us for the publick good.

Naples, May 5. Great diligence is used here for the carrying on the new Levies of 2000 men, the

respective Officers employed in them being gone to several parts of the Kingdom in order to the completing their Companies the sooner. The Banditti continue very much to disturb the Inhabitants of these Countreys, notwithstanding all the endeavors that are used by our Viceroy to reduce them: This City hath been lately very considerably relieved with several large supplies of Corn from abroad, though we hear that the other parts of this Kingdom continue yet in much want.

Here are now in this Port two Dutch men of War, bound with six Merchant men under their Convoy for *Smirna*. Our Viceroy hath lately made some change in the Magistracy of this place, and in all other things is extream active for the good settlement of this Kingdom.

Vienna, May 7. Their Imperial Majesties are at present at *Laxemburgh*, where it is thought they may continue most of the Summer; the 4 instant, the Emperour arrived here, but returned again the next morning early; the Magistrates of *Prezburgh* have sent their Deputies to the Court, to represent with how much severity they are dealt with in the matter of Religion, and that their ancient priviledges have been taken from them, which they pray the Emperour to restore to them, and that they may live free and undisturbed as heretofore; in the mean time we have advice from thence, that the Commander of the Forces which were sent thither, hath received the keys of the Town from the Magistrates; and was proceeding in the execution of his Orders touching the intended Reformation there. This week arrived here the Sieur *Gabrieli*, who went hence not long since with dispatches to our Minister at the Port, but more especially to observe the present motions of that Court; as yet we hear not the particulars of what he brings from thence, though in the general it be said, that the Grand Vizier hath by him written to the Count *de Montecuculi*, President of the Council of war, assuring him, that the Grand Signior his Master will inviolably maintain the peace and good correspondence established between the two Empires; which though we gladly hear, yet cannot but continue very jealous of the great preparations they are making in all the Ottoman Territories, without any solemn Declaration against whom they are intended. In the mean time our Letters as well from the Port as *Warsaw*, speak of an accommodation; and that the Turks finding the Cossacks in the *Ukrain* very backward to assist them, have laid aside all thoughts of a war with that Crown: but the truth hereof a short time may now discover.

Liege, May 21. His most Christian Majesties Army, numbered above 100 thousand effectual fighting men, is divided into three Bodies; the first Commanded by the King in person, consists of 46000 Horse and Foot, and is encamped in the great Plain over against *Vijer*; the other by the Viscounte *Tarrenne*, numbered 25 thousand, is encamped on this side the *Meuse*, along *Maestricht* and below it; and the third by the Prince of *Conde*, being 35000 men, lies beyond the *Meuse*, a little above the *Carthou*.