

of Men upon *Ham* and *Soest*; the *Brandenburger* had been forced to yield them both up, for want of Provisions, and that the French having made themselves Masters of them were marched from thence with a Body of 7000 Men, directly towards *Lipstadt*. That General *Osten* with 700 Men, attempting to take a small place called *Haring*, was there defeated, and himself killed, by a party of 2000 French. That now *Leiffingen*, a place within two Leagues of *Paderborne*, was appointed for the general Rendezvous of the Confederate Armies, to consult about the making some fresh attempt upon the French Army, and so if possible to drive them out of their new Conquests in the County of *Mark*, at least to force them to retire to the other side of the *Lippe*. His Excellency the Count de *Montorey* is expected here on Tuesday, to encourage by his presence the Voting of the sum of 100000 Guilders, which is the Quota, this Town is to bear in the sum of 160000 l. Sterling, lately granted by the States of *Brabant*, for the present necessities of the Government.

Groningen, Feb. 20. On Sunday night some Companies of ours were Commanded out for *Stochterborm*, after that the night before some of the Bishop of *Munster*'s Men had fallen out of the New Scance upon our garde on the *Bunder dike*, killing 12 of them, and taking some prisoners.

Gouda, Feb. 20. We have lately secur'd here four Persons from *Woerden*, two of which are, the one a governing Burgemaster, the other an Ex-consul. This day were shot to death two Men at *Schoonhoven*, for having designed as is alledged, to set that Town on fire.

Rotterdam, Feb. 24. Yesterday layed from hence the *New-England* Ketch, that some time since was taken on her way home. She sailed exceeding well, having before she was taken, saved her self for a while from 16 Capers, till at length, being chased from one Caper to another, she fell into their hands. She is now turned into a Caper, carrying eight Guns and 70 Men, with English Colours, and intending for the Coast of *Ireland*.

Amsterdam, Feb. 22. We hear that yesterday some French from *Utrecht* had been at *Nichte-Vecber*, and there burnt several Houles. This very night there was seen another Fire, but we do not yet certainly know where it hath been; some speak of *Ankeveen*, others of *Sohraue-land*. From *Groningen* comes news, that a certain Captain in the service of the Enemy, was come into *Cooerden*, with a pretence of desiring Service there, but with an intention to blow up the Magazine of that place, whilst the Bishop of *Munster*, not far off with some Forces, prepared to fall upon it, if the Design of the said Captain had taken effect, which we hear it hath not.

Ditto, Feb. 23. At *Nichte veen* our people had an unfortunate encounter with the French, who came from *Utrecht*, and burnt that place. They carried away many of our Men Prisoners for *Utrecht*. It is reported here, that we shall not agree to *Dunkirk*'s propos'd by the King of *England*, for the Place of Treaty.

Hague, Feb. 24. The weather being very uncertain, and henceforth no more hard frost expected, our Burgers are return'd to their several homes, and this morning marched from hence six Companies to the *Briell*, whence they were drawn out for some great design, if the weather had served.

The Prince is now here with many of the Principal Officers of the Army. 'Tis said, that being not able to do any thing against the French, by reason of the openness of the weather, ten thousand Horse

shall be sent into *Frisland*, as is given out, to make some attempt upon *Deventer*, *Campen*, and *Swolle*. But it is believed to be onely a more honourable pretext for them to pass where they may be able to subsist, the Forage of these Countreys being quite eaten up.

Hague, Feb. 23. Our last Letters from *England* bring us His Majesties, and the Lord Chancellors Speeches, and at the same time inform us, how vain our expectations were, which we flattered our selves with; at the meeting of the Parliament. This troubles our Councils not a little, otherwise we are for the present pretty well at quiet from the Enemy, the openness of the weather not suffering him to attempt any thing against us. One Mr. *George Carew* an English man, come over hither (as he pleads for himself) about July last, when there were some hopes of a Treaty; to sollicite the satisfaction of the old Debt, so long due from this State to the Executors of Sir *William Courteen*, of whom he, it seems, is one, having remained ever since a close prisoner here, upon suspicion of being a Spye, was yesterday proceeded against, and after examination had, in the evening Sentence of Death passed upon him, for holding intelligence with the Enemies of this State, as is alledged, which hath very much alarmed all the English that Inhabited as Traders in these Countreys. When he shall be Executed is not yet said. The Debutes of the respective Admiralties, are as we are told, resolving of 74 Cap tal Ships to be set out early this Spring. His Highness the Prince of *Orange* hath taken great pains, in reconciling de *Ruyter* and *Van Trump*, and 'tis said, they have agreed amongst other things, that *Van Trump* shall Command the *Amsterdam* Squadron, in the place of *Van Ghent*, who was killed in this Engagement the last Summer. We are raising Money to ~~to~~ our Fleet, if possible, and to fill up our thin Regiments. Last week came into this Town 10 Companies, under the Command of Colonel *Scot* of *Zealand*, which were observed not to make up in all 300 Men.

From on Board His Majesties Frigate the *Constant Warwick*, Feb. 10. in the Road of *King Sale* in *Ireland*;

Having certain Ships outward bound under our Convoy, we came up on Thursday last, about 170 Leagues from the *Lizard*, with a Ship carrying the *Hambrough* Colours, who upon our Commanding him on Board with a Gun, immediately put up a *Holland* Ensign, and a *Fishing* Jack, and put himself in a posture of Engaging us; we thinking to have Boarded him to rights, made up to him to fasten our Bolesprit in his shrouds, but he being aware of our intent, put his Helme a weathar, and turned his Ship round, so that we could not fasten, but shot a head of him, and afterwards we exchanged several Broadfides within half Pi of shot of one another, though our Lower Tere of Guns was made usefells by the violence of the wind, the Sea running so high, that it came in a main at our lower Port holes; in the mean time the Caper fought so, as not to forget to retreat when he should see his opportunity, which it was not hard for him to do, we having lost great part of our Rigging, and received three unlucky shots between wind and water, and taken in so great a quantity of water at our Portholes, that at three a'clock in the afternoon, we found there was 5 Foot 7 Inches water in our Hold, and the Gun-room full to the Matches, and that both our upper and lower tere of Powder was made unserviceable, being all wet, we not having besides 10 rounds left in all, by which means he escaped; this Caper is a Flybat of 10 tere of Guns, carrying in all, as we suppose, 30 what damage we have done him, we cannot tell, he making all the haste he could away from us, and we retiring towards *King Sale* to repair the losse of our Rigging, which will be done in a day or two.

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