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Falmouth, Feb. 26.

THe 24 infant put into this Harbour, His Majesties Fregat the *Antelope*, bringing with him the *William* and *John* of London, as is pretended, a Vessel which he retook off the *Lizard*, after she had been three days in the Enemies hands, and has put 14 Dutch men found on board her, ashore here.

Weymouth, March 1. Wednesday last in the afternoon came in a Fleet of Ships, most English from *Morlaix*, under the Convoy of a French Man of War of 28 Guns. The same day put in here the *Morning Star*, who in her cruising had retaken a French Vessel of 8 Guns, laden with Fruits from *Lisbonne* and left her in *Turbay*.

Raderboppe, Feb. 25. The Marshal of the Court of the Bishop and Prince of *Paderborne*, having been sent to the Marshal *de Turenne* to propose a Cessation of Arms between the Fench and Confederate Armies in those parts, is returned with this answer from the Marshal *de Turenne*, that they ought to apply themselves immediately to the King his Master, and not to him, to obtain a Cessation; That it was not in his power, after the taking of *Ham*, and *Sofft*, to put a stop to the progress of his Majesties Army, nor to bear the pursuing the Enemies of his Allies. Upon which he has removed his Camp, and advances daily further up into the Countreys of the Elector of *Brandenburgh*. The Imperialists having advice of his approach, are making all the hast they can to march out of the City and whole Diocesse of *Paderborne*, with intent to retreat to the other side of the *Wezer* as 'tis thought; others guesse they may design to fall down into *East Friesland*, there to joyne with the *Hollanders*. As soon as they are gone the Bishop intends to put a Garrison of his own into the City, capable of defending it in case they should have a mind to return thither again, and the fortifications they themselves have made in the time they lay there, will not a litle contribute towards the defence of the place.

Munster, Feb. 24. The Troops of the Elector of *Brandenburg*, with those of *Lorraine*, marched yesterday towards *Bilvelst*. The Imperialists are assembled about *Paderborn*, having left a sufficient Garrison in that City, what their meaning is, we shall soon know. The French have upon several occasions, taken some considerable numbers of both Armies Prisoners, who say, that the *Brandenburgers* would retire to the other side of the *Wezer*, and into *Pomerania*, were it not that they feared an Invasion from the *Swedes* on that side, and that the Imperialists were upon the point of returning into *Bombia*. In the mean time here has been a discovery made of a Conspiracy layd against the Person of the Bishop and the Town. A young man born in this City, whose Father had been formerly a Captain of Horse in the service of the Emperor, and in the service of this Town in its late troubles, he himself at present Secretary to the Count *de Harrach*, designed to be sent Ambassador from the Emperor to the Crown of *Spain*, came hither about some time since, and

brought with him Letters for his Highness, upon pretence of gathering up certain old Debts due to him, and having divers of his acquaintance in this Town, he laboured to debauch certain Officers of the Garrison, offering them, as from his Imperial Majesty, very great rewards, or in case of refusal, threatening them with disgrace and confiscation of their Goods. Some were so weak as to be wonn upon by him, others dissembled their intentions, and discovered him to his Highness and his Council, where upon he was yesterday Morning arrested, and carried Prisoner to the Citadel. There were found about him Letters of the Emperor, to the Chapter and Magistrates of this City, and several other Papers, in which all the Design was discovered, and the particularities of it, the chief of which were, To seize upon his Highness Person, to cut off all of his Party and his Adherents, and to introduce 2000 Imperialists into the City. He had promised to the Officer, who should undertake to bring his Highness alive or dead, the summ of ten thousand Crowns. Some Officers to whom he had imparted the business, are since his restraint, run away. As for the Burgers, the detestation they seem to have for so great a Villany, is a mark that they had no hand in it, and especially, seeing one part of their Design was to have set fire of the City, in four several places. The Prisoner is bound hand and foot, and yet owns the Fact, and defends it, upon the score of him, that he says sent him. 'Tis thought he will be suddenly proceeded against, as soon as he shall have discovered the rest of his Complices, and some more particularities of the business, which may be of use. The *Brandenburgers* report, that there is a Cessation of Arms, between the French and them, which report, be it what it will, does not a litle trouble the Bishop of *Paderborn*, who is afraid his troublesome Guests will stay with him longer then he thought they would have done. They have pillaged two or three Villages near this place, and in Revenge, Colonel *Poff* with a flying Squadron, has made excursions to the very Gates of *Bilvelst*.

Ditto, Feb. 27. 'Tis certain the Confederate Armies had both of them a design of retreating to the other side of the *Wezer*, and to that purpose two days since caused some of their Men with several pieces of Artillery to march out of *Lipstadt*, but the Imperialists are now returned to their old Quarters. Part of the Forces of the Elector of *Brandenburg* went yesterday towards *Minden*, and two Regiments are returned to *Lipstadt*; his Electoral Highness is yet at *Sparembourg*, as likewise the Duke of *Barnaville*, where the Bishop of *Osnabrug* was some days since to visit his Electoral Highness. An Envoy from *Sweden* is passed by on his way to the Marshal *de Turenne*, 'tis said his business is to negotiate a Cessation. A party of the Confederates going out some days since to try what purchase they could get in the Countrey, were by chance met with and routed by a party of the French, several of them being brought prisoners into *Warendorp*. Just now we have advice from *Osnabrug*, that that Bishop was returned thither from *Sparembourg*, where

he had been received with great Respect and Civility by the Elector of *Brandenburgh*: and its said, that that Elector, among other things, complained much of his having been unfairly dealt with by the Ministers of *Holland*, they having all along assured him, that the Crown of *Denmark* and the House of *Brunswick* were already actually in their party, and would concur with them to the ruine of the Bishop of *Munster*, to that degree as that his Highness seemed in some measure disposed even to quit that side, and might at last resolve effectually to do it, if the conditions the French should propose proved not too rigorous upon him.

Leghorn, Feb. 20. A Gally belonging to *Genova* went lately out of this Port, designed to carry over a new Vice-Roy from that State to *Corfica*, the old one being said to lye dangerously sick. The Bishop of *Marseilles* is daily expected here on his way to *Florence*, whither he is going to endeavor to compose the differences, between the Great Duke and his Dutcheſs.

Brussels, Marchy. Here is a strange change in most facts here since Sunday last. His Excellency having that morning received at *Antwerp* an Expreſs diſpatched in all haſte by the Marquis de *Grana*, of the taking of *Munſter*, with the circumſtances of a wonderful advantage obtained againſt a Body of the Elector of *Cologne*'s Forces, which news ſo transported us in this Court, that immediately an Expreſs was forwarded in all diligence to the Spaniſh Miniſters in the ſeveral Courts of the neighbor Princes, and particularly to our Ambaſſador at *London*, with communication of this happy ſucceſs. But our joy laſted not long, for Letters arriving the next morning from *Cologne* of the 3 inſtant diſabuſed us, the whole thing appearing a made ſtory. There are great diſorders in *Burgundy*, the Marquis de *Leſtenay* is ſaid to have taken the Field with 3 or 4000 Men; their pretences are, That their Priviledges and Immunities are violated, and that upon ſupplication made, they can procure no Redreſs. His Excellency is yet at *Antwerp*, and 'tis thought will not viſit *Flanders* at this time, but return ſtraight to this place to morrow.

From *Maeſtricht* we hear, that the French begin to be buſie in the places thereabouts, intending to take the field early this Spring, and that 'tis thought, they will begin the Campagna with the Siege of that place.

Antwerp, March 7. Letters from the *Hague* and *Amſterdam* of the lateſt date, tell us, that it is now reſolved, a Fleet ſhall be ſet out this next Summer, ſome ſay of 72, others of 80 great Ships, onely it will be a little difficult to get Seamen, who are in great numbers on board the Capers, and will ſcarce be willing to leave that Trade for fighting. Their five or ſix *East India* Ships, they ſay, will put to Sea very ſuddainly, without ſtaying till the Fleet be at Sea, intending to go round about by the Back of *Scotland*. 'Tis ſaid the Elector of *Brandenburg* is at preſent at *Bilevelt* with the Electrice, intending to depart from thence within few days for *Berlin*, his own affairs it ſeems requiring his preſence nearer home. That the Prince of *Conde*, together with the Duke de *Croqui*, was on his march with Forces from the Land of *Trier*, and that 2000 of their Men had quartered, in their paſſage, about *Schonbec*, which is not above three Leagues from *Hildeſheim*. That the 21. Feb. in the night, one of the Gates of the Town of *Munſter*, had deſignedly been left open, in order to ſome ſurprize upon the Place, but that the Governour was timely enough adviſed of it, to prevent the execution of what was intended; That certain perſons were taken into cuſtody, upon ſuſpi-

tion of having a hand in that buſineſs, and others for fear were fled.

Ghent, March 8. Sunday March 5. our Governour the Count de *Monterey* received with infinite joy, at *Antwerp*, where he then caſually was, the news of the Town of *Munſter* being taken by the Elector of *Brandenburg*'s Forces, and of ſeveral other memorable ſucceſſes that had followed upon it; it arrived by Expreſs from the Marquis of *Grana*, who Commands the Forces of the Empire in *Cologno*, who, conſidering the importance of the News, had it ſeems, ſent a Copy to the Count de *Monterey*, of the very Letter, by which he had received the Account from the Baron de *Swerin*, Principal Miniſter in the Elector of *Brandenburg*'s Court, in theſe terms as near as may be tranſlated.

Copy of a Letter written by the Baron de *Schwerin*, to the Marquis de *Grana*, from *Bilevelt* the 26. Feb. 1672.

I thought it my Duty to give you Advice by this Expreſs, how it has pleaſed God to proſper our Attempt upon the City of *Munſter*, and that although we were not ſo happy at the firſt as we could have wiſhed, having loſt great numbers of our Men, yet we have carried the place at the laſt. The Biſhop himſelf had much ado to eſcape out of our hands, by retiring into a Gentleman's houſe hard by, having with him only ſome few Heydakes, and ſome of his Horſe-Guards. His Electoral Highneſs my Maſter, is juſt now about to inveſt the Place, to force him to an agreement. He has likewiſe given Order for the Marching of ſeveral Troops of Horſe and Companies of Foot to *Warandouſe*, to make themſelves Maſters of that place, &c. this Inſtant while I am writing, is arrived an Officer of his Highneſſes, who tells us that a party of our Forces have beaten a party of 4000 Horſe biſides certain Dragoons and ſome Foot, under the Command of Marquis de *Renel*, Mareſhal general of the Elector of *Cologne*, who were poſted at *Geleſque*, and that they have taken the Marquis himſelf Priſoner, and will bring him hiſtrent in a few houres; That Major General *Solinis* is killed upon the place, and the Count de *Liſſe* Colonel of a Regiment, being very much wounded is taken Priſoner, together with a Couſin of the Biſhop of *Strasburghs*; All the Baggage and ſome ſmall pieces of Cannon and ſmall arms are fallen into our hands, and they were in hopes that Prince *Willem* of *Furſtembergh* had been amongſt the Priſoners, but theſe affirm he was not preſent at the Action; In the mean time they have taken his Baggage, amongſt which is found a great quantity of Plate, Gold and Silver; and ours imagining he is not far off, ſpare no pains in endeavouring to take him alſo. The Mareſhal de *Turenne* was certainly upon this Advice retired in great conſiſion; On our ſide the Prince de *Anhalt* has received a ſlight wound, &c. alſo the Major General the Count de *Capraca*, who arrived there in the height of the Action. And our Men being yet in purſuit of the Enemy, we cannot yet give you any farther particularities, or the number of the ſlain on both ſides.

Your, &c.

The Baron de *Schwerin*.

This happy news was immediately not only ſpread and diſſuſed all over the Town and Countrey; but Communication of it given in all haſte by Expreſſes to the Spaniſh Miniſters in all the neighbor Courts. But no ordinary Poſts from *Cologne*, *Liſtadt*, *Creeve*, *Holland*, or other parts, ſpeaking one word of it in ſeveral days, and the Circumſtances when looked into, ſcarce well agreeing, doubts began to riſe, and many wagers to be laid of its truth: At length come in the *Cologne* Letters, and diſcover the cheat, That it was no better than a trick, contrived to abuſe thoſe into whoſe hands it was played, there not having been the leaſt ground for any ſuch Report.

Fliſhing, March 7. This morning is brought hither an Order, That no more Privateers be permitted to put to Sea, the States reſolving in the firſt place to provide for the Manning the Fleet, which is now reſolved to be ſet out with all ſpeed, to Conſiſt of 80 Capital ſhips. At *Rotterdam* they are taking up all the Workmen that can be found, to ſend them to *Helvoet-Sluis*, for the fitting out the ſhips that lie there. The Ship *Peace*, a new ſhip of 90 Guns, on which the Lieutenant Admiral de *Licſde* for the *Maes*, is to ſerve, lies near ready, and will be perfectly ſo in ten or twelve days.

Hague, March 10. The Reſolution of the States of *Holland*, for the Setting out of the Fleet, was this day brought to the States General; and is, according to the uſual forme, to be ſent by the ſeveral Members to their Principals for their Agreement. So as now Orders are given for the going about the neceſſary Equipage and Preparations with all ſpeed; No Capers are to be permitted to go to Sea henceforth, and thoſe abroad to be Summoned in by their Owners, in order to the ſpeedy Manning our Fleet.