

since annexed to Abbies and Pories, or other Religious Houses, and the restoring them to their Primitive uses, uniting them all under the Order of *St. Lazarus*, for the maintenance of maimed and aged Soldiers, and Officers that have waisted their Estates in his Majesties service; 'tis thought there will by this means be raised a stock of six Millions of *Liures per annum* for that purpose. *Monsieur de Louvois* is Grand Master of the Order, and several Assemblies have been already held under him; all the Knights are to be of his Majesties choosing, except only such as are of the Order already. The Prince of *Conde's* Equipage is already parted towards *Nimwegen*, and he himself will shortly follow. From *Rome* they write, that the Cardinal *Borromeo* is lately dead there, so that now there are five places void in the Colledge.

*Middleburgh, March 16.* We are here and in *Holland* making ready our Fleet in good earnest, and resolve to have it out by the end of *April*; and though our Men are not yet very forward to come into the service, we think that an increase of their pay (which is resolved) will be a strong motive to bring them in in greater numbers hereafter. We hear that those of *Rotterdam* are resolved to fortify their Town, and are getting to that end Subscriptions, in order to the making of a stock to carry on that work, towards which, the Lords have already advanced 12000 *l.* sterling. The generality of the People here were in hopes of a Peace, but the late preparations have banished those thoughts, and some little misunderstandings, which we are here made believe are, between the King of *England* and his Parliament, put them in hopes that they shall gain some advantage by it; besides, that the report of the taking of *Munster*, had put new life into us for the present, and passed so far for assured, that Ballads made after our fashion of wit, upon that occasion, have been sung up and down in the streets these three or four days. Our Capers are stoppt as they come in, by the States Orders, they intending to make use of the Seamen on board the Fleet. We are farther in hopes of having 1000 Seamen and 10 Ships from *Denmark*, so that in all probability we shall appear with good strength at Sea this Summer. A Part of our Burgers are come from *Calant*; but the Governor of *Slyss* hath stayed the Burgers there, till others come to relieve them. But 'tis believed, our Burgers will go forth no more, there being not one Souldier in all the Island of *Walcheren*, so that we shall need our own Men to defend us, especially since by a States Messenger, yesterday arriv'd here from the *Hague* we understand, that there is no likelihood yet of any Garrison to be sent to us hither.

*Newport, March 12.* From *Flushing* we are told, that there went out thence 8 Capers this last week, and as many more are preparing to set out, so that that Island alone is thought to have no less than 200 Capers at Sea at this time; that notwithstanding the stop made of all Capers as they come in; those that had Reviv'd, are suffered to go out again for some time. That there is a Privateer sitting up in that Port, to carry 36 Guns and 200 Men, designed for *St. Helens*, to cruise thereabouts. That certain men of War and a Fireship, are gone towards *Buracan*, with orders to touch at *Virginia* in their Return.

*Hague, March 9.* The States of *Holland*, contrary to their former resolutions, of not meeting till the 15 instant, were assembled again yesterday. It cannot be long ere we hear of their final Resolutions touching our Naval preparations, the Commissio-

ners of the Admiralties very diligently and constantly conferring about the matter. The *Field-Marshal Wurts*, the Counts of *Horn* and *Feldorf*, together with many other Principal Officers, are arrived here within these two days, and yesterday were to attend his Highness, both before and after noon; Prince *Maurits* is hourly expected here, and 'tis said, that then there will be a solemn meeting of the Great Officers, to consider of the best way for the carrying on the War this Summer, and particularly by Land. From *Wesel* we hear, that the *Marschal de Turenne* having possessed himself of *Ham* and *Soest*, was marched straight to *Lifflade*, and had begun to lay Siege to that place, the Elector in the meantime retreating with his Army towards *Minden*, as is pretended, for want of Provisions for his Forces. The Enemy threatens to set upon us this Summer with greater violence then formerly, our last Letter from *Paris* of the third instant informing us, of great preparations still making against us, and that his Majesty intends to be in the Field in Person, by the 15 of *April* next. The *Swedes* Ambassadors are not wanting with great zeal, daily to sollicite our Superiours, to allow of *Dunkirk* for the place of Treaty, to which the two Kings are equally inclined, and more especially by a very pressing Memorial presented them four days since, where the effect of it will be, we yet know not.

*Amsterdam, March 13.* It is resolved that a strong Fleet shall be put to Sea, and *van Tramp* is made Admiral for this Squadron, which gives some contentment to the common people. The Envoy of *Muscovy*, that passed here lately, is gone to the *Hague*, whence he intends to wait over into *England*. There is a great Mortality amongst our Soldiery; of which some Regiments are sent away to *Groningen*, upon the apprehension that the French and *Munster* Forces will besiege that Town. Lieutenant Admiral *de Ruyster* and *van Tramp*, as also the Burgermasters of this City, together with some of our Principal Merchants, are yet at the *Hague*; whence we daily expect to hear the resolutions of their present Counsels.

*Cologne, March 10.* We are well assured here that his Electoral Highness of *Brandenburgh*, now earnestly desires a Suspension of Armes separately from *Holland*, and has sollicited the Bishop of *Osnaburg*, the Duke of *Nenlang*, the Elector of *Cologne*, and the Bishop of *Strasbourg*, to use their endeavors, as well towards the *Marschal de Turenne*, as with his most Christian Majesties Minister here, for the obtaining his desires; who having returned them for answer, that they had no Authority from the King, to Treat any such matter: A Courier is dispatched away in diligence towards the Court, to know his Majesties mind in the Proposition.

*Amwerp, March 4.* Our reports are various of the issue of the late Commotions in the *Franche Comte*; some advise, they still continue; and rather increase; Other Letters say the contrary, and those of the 3 cut of that country assure us, that the day before, about ten in the forenoon, the *Siene de Massiete* Colonel of Horse, had with a party of 500 Men totally routed the *Marquis de Listenays* Forces, 200 remaining dead upon the place, and near as many made Prisoners, their Commander himself hardly escaping. But of this we must expect a farther Confirmation, and the rather, that hitherto we are here under a severe Command of the Court de *Denverey*, that no body presume to write any thing of that matter of the Insurrection in *Burgundy*.

*Whitehal, Friday March 7.* This day the Right Honourable *Jermes* Earl of *Northampton*, was admitted of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council, and after the usual Oaths Administr'd to him, took his Place at the Board accordingly.

#### Advertisement.

These are to give notice, That *Edward Bartlet* Oxford Carrier, hath removed his Inn in *London*, from the *Swan* at *Holborn-bridge*, to the *Oxford-Armes* in *Warwick-lane*, where he did Inn before the Fire. His Coaches and Waggon going forth on their usual days, *Mondays, Wednesdays* and *Frydays*. He hath also a Hearse, with all things convenient to carry a Corps, to any part of *England*.