

of *Hildesheim*, having ruined all places they passed through; which apprehension makes all the Princes thereabouts to stand upon their guard, particularly the Duke of *Brunswick-Hannover*, and the Regency of *Cassel*.

Hamelon, March 17. Here is arriv'd a Body of 7 or 8000 of the Imperial Army, in their Retreat towards *Halberstadt*, who tell us, that *Monsieur de Turéne* is upon the heels of the *Brandenburghers*, and has taken a small Post about four Leagues from this place, where the *Marquis de Renelle* is left to defend it: That the Count *de Donna* is sent by the Elector of *Brandenburg* to our Princes, to desire passage for his Forces through their Countries, in order to his Retreating farther off, and into places of greater security from the Enemy. 'Tis said here, that the Elector of *Brandenburg* has already made an Agreement with the King of *France*. Our Princes have each of them sent one of their Counsel, to Compliment the *Marschal de Turenne*, who is within one days march of our Territories.

Bruges, March 11. From *Middleburgh* we are told, that of the Fleet of 70 or 80 Men of War resolved to be set out by the States General, the Province of *Zealand* lends 14, which are now preparing in their several Harbors, and that *Bankart* goes Admiral of that Squadron; the Rendezvous of the whole Fleet being to be made upon that Coast, which 'tis thought will now suddainly be, their Ships wanting little more then caulking, and taking in their Guns and Provisions on board them. That notwithstanding general Orders had been issued out for the making stay of all Capers as they should come in till the Fleet were provided with Men; those of *Zealand* have, in consideration of the charges the owners have been at in victualling their Vessels, and the good services they have done, given their Capers leave to stay out four weeks longer, after which time all are summoned to return, till the Fleet be compleatly manned; That the States of that Province had for two days before fate all day and most part of the night in close consultation, 'twas said, upon the occasion of certain Letters received by an Expres from the Count *de Monterey*, what the contents of them were, is not known. That there being no Soldiers in that Island, the Burgers were forced to keep Guard, not only in their own Island, but likewise in *Bergen* of *Zoom*, *Sas*, *Sluyce*, *Ardenburgh*, and other places belonging to that Province. That in all the Island of *Casant*, there are but four Troops of new raised Horse, their Forts being very slenderly manned, the States intending to slight *Oosbrug* for want of Men to Garrison it. That the Foot in *Bergen*, *Sas*, *Slays*, *Ardenburgh*, and other places, are so much in arrear of their pay, that the Officers bring in their complaints daily of their Men being ready to mutiny, and others deserting the service, 30 at one time escaping out of the Garrison at *Bergen* last week. That their Bank had been shut up these 10 weeks, which they hoped would have been open upon the general sale of their Prize-Goods, but it proved otherwise, for the Capers would not sell but for ready Money, so that their Bank-Money is already three and a half per Cent. worse then the Principal, and is likely within few days to fall two and a half lower. From *Amsterdam* we hear, that upon certain advice, that the news of the taking of *Munster* was an abuse, the actions of the *East-India* Company there, fell immediately from 360, to 330, and this last week are fallen to less then 300, and that at *Middleburgh* they are not worth above 220:

Newport, March 18. From *Uissing* we hear, that

20 of their Privateers coming into Port, are stopt there, their Men being to be put on board the *Zealand* Squadron. That those of *Middleburgh* intend to set out a Squadron of small Vessels, and some Fireships to guard their own Coast, for fear the Enemy may have a design to Land there, the Island being wholly destitute of Soldiers; That they intend to raise Bastions in several parts of that Island, the charges of which work, is to be born by the 24 Companies of Burgers only. That the States of *Zealand* are in great want of Money, and have sent Billets from House to House, for the gathering of the 200 penny; That the 6 instant was issued a Placaet, for the raising of three and an half of the five hundredth penny, which were paid seventimes the last year.

Offend, March 16. This day are come in hither from *Zealand* 27 sail of Ships, 14 of which are empty, and 'tis supposed, are to be made free of this place, as is usual with all the Holland Vessels; They tell us, that the States Men of War, are making ready in that Island, and in all places of *Holland* where they lie, and that they talk of putting out no less then 100 sail. That a report of the *Brandenburghers*, intending to make a Truce with *France*, had very much disheartened many Men, but of this they expected farther confirmation.

Diito, March 19. We have fresh advices here of the Duke of *Brandenburg's* being retreated, and having left all the Province of *Mark* to the mercy of the French, who are said to lie before *Lipsstadt* with an Army of 10000 Men.

Lyn, March 7. The Master of a Danish ship come in here from *Norway* tells us, That he came out of Port on Friday last, and the next day met off the *Reeffe* above 100 Sail of *Hollanders* bound for *Norway*, and as he thought without any Convoy with them: That coming over the *Dogger*, he saw 2 great ships of about 60 Guns, each cruising thereabouts, which he supposes to be Dutch men of War; he saies likewise that a great Fleet of Dutch Vessels wintered in *Norway*, and that there are several Dutch Privateers all along that Coast, and in the Harbours of that Kingdome, but without any purchase.

Rye, March 8. This day the *Spragge* Frigate brought in here a Dutch Caper of 8 Guns and 40 stout men on board her, called the *Fox* of *Rossterdam*; a new Vessel that had not been out at Sea above 8 days, with a Commission from the Prince of *Orange*; she was taken about *Blacknesse*, the Frigate having not above 22 Men, laid her on board as soon as ever he came up with her, and carried her without any resistance.

Dover, March 10. This day was sent in here by the *Spragge* Frigate, a Dutch Privateer, being a *Dogger* of 8 Guns, and another *Dogger* retaken from a Caper, by a Privateer of this place, who had seized on her in her way from *Ireland*, laden with Butter, Cheese &c.

Parsonswhith, March 11. Yesterday was Launched here the *Royal Charles*, a Ship of as large Dimentions and as great Force as any in His Majesties Fleet, and which promises as much in every respect, as can be wished.

Advertisements.

A Biew brinded Bear Dog of about three quarters old, with a bald face, white breast, long ears, long legs, his tail cut but not very short; was lost from Mr. Secretary *Covenry's* house at *Pickadilly*, the 5 day of this Instant *March*: If any one can bring Notice of him to the said Mr. Secretary *Covenry's* Porter at the said house, he shall be well rewarded for his pains.

A Red and white Bitch, the red Hairs black brown at the end, very long Ears, black Eies, long Hair on the Belly, and Tail, a small size, about three years old, lost in *St. James's Park* Sunday about four a clock in the afternoon; Whoever can bring news of her to the Porters Lodge at *Whitehall*, shall be well rewarded for his pains.

STOLEN about the 22 day of *February* last, from *Edmond Hale* Esq; out of *Parlers Perry Park* in the County of *Northampton*, a Brown Bay Mare with Foal, having a Star in her Forehead, about 6 years old, and 15 hands high; If any person shall give tidings of her to the said Mr. *Hales* at his House in *Parlers Perry* aforesaid, or to Mr. *Ralph Rumer*, at the *Princes Arms* in *St. Martins-lane*, *Westminster*, shall have 40 s. reward for their pains.