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Doiye, March 18.

BY Passengers from *Holland* we have Advice, That the Dutch carry on their Preparations for their Fleet very vigorously; that the Drums beat continually for Seamen, they giving out, that they intend to be at Sea within 14 days, to prevent the joyning of the English and French Fleets; However that at the same time they talk of sending their Plenipotentiaries to *Cologne*, being as is given out, the Place appointed for a Treaty; Resolving thus, as they say, to make Peace with their Swords in their hands.

Vienna, March 1. The preparations for the reception of the Grand Master of the *Teutonic Order* at *Presburgh*, and for his taking possession of the Kingdom of *Hungary*, in quality of Vice-Roy, are very extraordinary, all the Nobility having been summoned to appear there personally, to pay their Respects to the new Vice-Roy, who being to make his ordinary Residence in that Town, is taking care for the new fortifying of it, and for the reducing the Castle into the form of a Regular Cittadel. He is likewise about to raise 4 Regiments of German Soldiers at the expences of the Order, the Officers of which are all to be Knights of that Order, which by its Primary Institution, was designed to war against the Turk. Our last advices from *Nurembergh* tell us, that the Count *de Montecuculi* having perfectly recovered his health, was ready to begin his journey in order to his returning to this place.

Hambourgh, March 10. Our Letters from *Zell* tell us, that the Prince *George William Duke of Lunenburg* and *Brunswick*, had been dangerously ill of a Fever, but that he was then in a fair way of recovery; that as well the Troops of this Prince as of the Duke *de Wolfembuttel* are upon the Frontiers of their Country, to secure the same against any attempts. Letters from *Minden* of the 6 instant advise us, That the Elector of *Brandenburg*, together with the Prince Electoral his Son, the Duke *de Bournonville*, &c. were then in that Town, as likewise that both the Confederate Armies were to take their march towards *Francouz*, intending, as was discoursed, to put a strong Garrison into the Town of *Erfort* in their passage.

Hambrough, March 14. To morrow the Elector of *Brandenburg* breaks up from *Minden*, intending to take his way through *Hildesheim* for *Halberstadt*, and so for *Berlin*. Our advices from all hands tell us of the great preparations the Swedes are making, and that they will certainly have an Army of 20000 Men in the field within few weeks; all the Men that have been raised here for the service of that Crown, have been still sent from time to time into the *Sticht Bremen*, where they bring their Force together; Two days since a Vessel on which was shipped Colonel *Spar's* Company for *Holland*, was unfortunately cast away in this River, and its feared most of the Men drowned. From *Zell* we have advice, that the Dukes of *Lunenburg* have brought their Troops together at *Ilfen*, whither the Duke of *Zell* was likewise gone, with intentions to meet the Dukes of *Hanouer* and *Wolfembustell* there, and with them to proceed to *Roule*, to confer there with the Elector of *Brandenburg*; we are farther told of 1500 Men that have been sent by the Dukes

of *Lunenburg* to the Town of *Hildesheim*, for the greater security of that place against all accidents. The French Army lay according to our last intelligence, not far from *Lipstadt*.

Middleburgh, March 17. 'Tis said here, *de Ruyter* is to put to Sea next Month, with 30. of the biggest Ships the States have. There will be a very great sum of Money suddainly raised by the extraordinary Taxes now Levying, which is no more then needs to make our preparations proceed, the consideration of present payment, being the greatest Encouragement our Men have, to engage themselves in the Service. His Highness the Prince of *Orange* is expected here this week.

Cologne, March 17. Letters from *Lipstadt* of the 12 instant tell us, that the Army under the Command of the Marshal *de Turenne*, was then quartered in the Countrey of *Marck*; the Marshal and Prince *William of Furstembergh*, being both in person at *Soest*, where 'tis said the Bishop of *Munster* was suddainly expected to give them a meeting to confer joyntly about the common concerns. Three two days before, certain Troups of the said Bishop being entred into the County of *Ravensbergh*, had miserably harassed the Countrey. They assure us likewise, that the Town of *Bielefeld* had demanded a protection from the Marshal *de Turenne*, and obtained it. That the French are making large provisions of Bread at *Buren* and *Gesecke*, for the supply of their Army. The Troops of the Confederate Army have for certain deserted *Hoxter*, and the contrary party have possessed themselves of the Town. Letters from *Hildesheim* of the 6 instant tell us, that the Confederate Armies passed the *Weser* that day at *Minden*, and that they were encamped along that River as far as *Rinxelen*, intending to remove from thence the 13 instant, in order to their retiring further up into the Countrey; the Duke *de Hanouer* being, as was hoped, disposed to allow them passage over his Lands. Here has been some discourse as if the Troops of the Circle here in Garrison were to be put out of the Town, but our Magistrates will not hearken to any such thing. Two days since certain Troops of French Horse marching out of the Countrey of *Eyffelt*, advanced as far as the River *Erf*, near *Benbent* and *Caster*, and we are told, that 10 Troops more are arrived near *Blanckenheim*, who were before quartered about *Tbionville* and *Sirke*, upon the *Moselle*, some think they are designed towards *Liege*, but 'tis not known for certain whither they are marching.

Hague, March 17. The Prince of *Orange* having had several conferences here with the States General, and the Principal Ministers, and adjusted with them and the States of this Province, several important affairs, is preparing to go into *Zealand*, to give Orders in several matters there, that stand in need of his Presence and Direction. The Baron *de Pelnitz*, Grand Escuyer to his Electoral Highness of *Brandenburg*, arrived here some days since, and yesterday had Audience of his Highness; but 'tis thought he will not have his dispatches, before it be known what is the issue of the Negotiation

the Count *de Waldec* is now employed in to that E-lector; 'tis almost incredible with what speed our Naval preparations are advanced; never was greater diligence used on any occasion. At *Amsterdam* are already appointed the Captains of 24 great Ships, and of ten Fregats, and the Commanders of 14 Advice-Boats, who are ready to take possession of their several charges, and in all appearance, we shall be in a condition of making a most vigorous Campaign this next Summer, continuing in our resolution, of admitting of no suspension of Arms, which the Mediators have again and again pressed us to. A Body of 4500 Foot are suddenly to be sent into *Frisland*, to joyn with the Horse already there.

Ditto, March 23. The 21 instant the Swedish Ambassadors Communicated to the States, the advices their Excellencies had received, as well from *England* as *France*, of their Majesties having as well out of their great desire to promote a Peace, as out of a particular regard to the instances of the King of *Sweden* (finding the States obstinate, not to admit of *Dunkirk*) accepted the Town of *Cologne* for a place to Treat at; upon which the Peer *van Graef*, the Raedt *Pentionary Fagel*, and the Heer *Booisma*, were deputed by the States to go and Compliment their Excellencies, and to thank them in the name of the whole State, for their good Offices in this affair; in the mean time we expect to hear of the choice of those persons, who are to go as Plenipotentiaries on the part of this State, to the place of Treaty; though this will not lessen in the interim, our Military Preparations as well by Land as Sea. The young Duke of *Courland* is pretty well recovered since his late illness. The Prince has deferred his journey to *Zoeland* till Tuesday next, because of some publick business, which seem necessary to be dispatched before his departure, and which require his presence.

Brussels, March 19. His Excellency the Count *de Monterey* is just now arrived here from *Flanders*; We talk very much as if the new Levies were to be taken in hand now forthwith, Count *Grimbergen* having already received his Commission for the raising a Regiment to consist of 15 Companies. We are assured that his most Christian Majesty is expected at *Lille* by the latter end of this month, which makes us so much the more hasten our preparations here. From *Liege* and those other parts we hear, of great recruits that daily pass down to the French Army, under the Command of Monsieur *de Turenne*. Our Letters from *Vienna* speak of the great grief that Court is in for the death of the Emperre.

Maastricht, March 19. Thursday last was Entered here with great pomp, in the Church of *St. John*, the Body of the Baron *d' Asquin*, Commander of this place. Colonel *Carry* supplies the place of Commander here, till the arrival of the Sieur *Farriau* our intended Governor, who is lately made General *de Bataille*, and 'tis said, the Sieur *Wel*, who was Governor of *Grave* for the *Hollanders*, is to be Deputy Governor under him. Several French Troops are marched out of *Maseyck* towards *Tongres*, intending to proceed forwards towards *Charleroy*, and several new raised Troops are fallen down as far as *Warem*; the former are said to be going into the *Pais Conquis*, to make up part of the Army his most Christian Majesty intends to Command in Person in those parts, and these last, are 'tis thought, designed to relieve those in *Maseyck* and *Tongres*.

Amsterdam, March 20. Last week returned hither

our 24 Companies *de Marine*, which in the winter were employed in the Land Service; this day they are ordered to appear all at the *Hoff*, where 'tis said, they will have thanks given them for their good Services, and to be dismissed; most of them will List themselves under the Captains of the men of War, the Soldiers being now allowed, from 15 to 18 Guilders a Month. The Drums are beating for the Captains *Schey* the younger, and *Elzivier*, to warn their Officers and Souldiers aboard immediately, upon pain of forfeiting a Months pay. Some of the biggest Ships are already falling down towards the *Pampus*. Captain *Middleleur* is to Muster his Men this day. The Post from *Colbent* having been detained at *Utrecht*, arrived here but yesterday, who advyses us, that the French Forces increase daily in those parts; That the Elector of *Brandenburg* having abandoned the County of *March*, was retired with his Army towards *Berlin*. We are in no small apprehensions of *Groningens* being besieged by the Enemy. This night 17 Men were drawn out of every Company in this Town, as likewise, out of those of *Leyden*, *Haerlem*, and other places, but upon what Design we know not. The French are strongly Fortifying *Nerden*. No body is suffered to enter into any of our Magazines or Store-houses to view them, for fear of some design upon them. Four or five of our *East India* Ships that were fallen down towards the *Teset*, are recalled by vertue of a Placaet, published the tenth instant, forbidding any Shipping to go out, bound either to the West, East, or Northward, as likewise all Fishing Vessels, great and small, on pain of forfeiting Ship, Tackle, Goods, and Provisions whatsoever; and if any shall presume to sail, contrary to this Order, the Masters and Owners of such Vessels, to forfeit the full valew of them, amongst them, and each Man so much in particular; one third to come to the Publick, an other to the Informer, and the Remainder, to the Prosecutor, the same to extend to the Boats of the small Fishery for fresh fish, and the Vessels that pass the *Flets* towards the *Weyer*, *Ems*, and *Elbe*, and towards the Coast of *Flanders*, &c. as likewise by an other Placaet of the same Date, to the same purpose, the substance of which is, as follows; That no manner of Shipping, Privateers, or others, shall go forth to Sea on any occasion whatsoever, on forfeiture of Ship and Goods, no dispensation of any Admiral Colledge or other person to be admitted, and that all Ships now at Sea, instantly upon notice hereof, repair home, and give notice of their coming in, on the forfeiture aforesaid, together with their Prizes, if they have taken any, besides Arbitrary punishment, as the cause shall require, excepting only such Ships as are beyond the *Tropick*, or in the *Streights*.

Advertisements.

MR. *Blomes* vol. of the Description of His Majesties Dominions, with Mapps, is almost Printed, and will be ready to deliver to his Subscribers, the beginning of the next Term. And it is desired; that all those that have Subscriptions of their Friends, not yet returned unto him, or such as have a desire to be concerned as Subscribers, do bring or send such their Subscriptions, or true directions for the Carving, and inserting of their Names, Titles, Seats, and Paternal Coats of Arms, together with their first payments, viz. 10s. being the moiety of their Subscription Money for the said Book, unto his Lodging at Mr. *Kuls*, at the corner of *Lincolns-Inn-Fields* in *Steeple Street* near *Clare Market*, by or before the first of *April* next at the farthest.

AT the *Cross-keys* in *Lumbar Street*, *London*, is to be sold at reasonable rates, the seed of *Hop-flower*, alias *Troffyle*, by a new Invention seperated from its husk and courtes-grass; by a late experiment, together with *Lincoln Bull*, touching its use and excellency.