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*Doiye*, March 18.

**B**Y 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 *Brandenburgh*, 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 *Brandenburgh* 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 *Route*, to confer there with the Elector of *Brandenburgh*; 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 *Furstemberg*, 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 *Rinvelen*, 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 *Brandenburgh*, 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