

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 *Elzquier*, 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.

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