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Portsmouth, March 20.

Yesterday the *Dreadnought* Frigate in which a small *Barke*, belonging to *Port* in *Coffin*, having retaken her from a Dutch *Caper*, some of whose Men, that were put on board this Vessel report, that they were lately engaged with an English Frigate, and escaped with much difficulty, having had 18 of their Men killed, besides several wounded.

Madrid, March 18. From *Cádiz* of the 26 past, we have advice, that two days before Monsieur *Martel* returned from the *South Cape* into that Bay, having with him 6 Men of War and a Fireship, with several Merchantmen under his Convoy. From the same place of the 5 instant we have advice, that the late bad weather had extremely shattered and dispersed the Royal Armada, that was gone out in search of the Galleons; that four of them were put back into that Bay, and 12 into *Gibraltar*, being the whole Armada, except two which were cast away; We farther hear from *Cádiz*, that two Dutch Men of War were arrived there from *Galicia*, and that 20 more were daily expected there from *Holland*, besides which, we have advice, that young *Quaspar* is now with 6 Men of War at the *Cape Verde*, and that he is likewise to touch at *Cádiz* in his return home. From *Malaga* of the 27 past we are told, that Capt. *Bowen* in the *Leopard*, met about *Cape de Gat* the *Swallow*, taken some months since from the English by the Dutch, and brought her into that Port, supposing her still to belong to the Dutch, though in appearance she seems to have been since bought by the Genouefes, who failed her.

Vienna, March 16. The Emperor since the death of his Emperesse, continues privately at *Schonbrunn*, till such time as his apartment is prepared at *Neustadt*; Yesterday about 8 a clock at night the Body of the Emperess deceased, after having been exposed on a Bed of State, was conveyed to the *Capucins* Church here for its Enterrment; the Solemnity was performed with great Pomp and Magnificence, there having assisted at it 12 Prelats in their Pontifical Habits, with all the Clergy of this place, as likewise the Emperess Dowager, and the Arch-Duchess the Emperors Sister, together with the Grand Master of the *Teutonic* Order, the several Ministers, the Sovereign Courts, and all the Officers and Attendants of the Defunct; on the Market place was drawn up the Emperors Guards, and all other matters ordered suitable to the occasion.

Frankfort, March 9. The third instant *Fean Hartman de Rosebach*, Dean of the Chapter of *Wirtzburg* was elected Bishop of that See, and Duke of *Franconia*; the same day was concluded at *Mayer* the Solemnity of the intronization of that Elector, who hath since received the Homages of his Subjects, and the Congratulations of the neighboring Princes, by the hands of their respective Ministers. The Prince of *Vaudemont* is some days since arrived here from *Flanders*, to confer with the Duke of *Lorraine*, who now resides in this Town. The Elector

of *Brandenburgh* is certainly retreating towards *Berlin*, leaving the French absolute masters of the Field as far as the *Weser*; It is said the Imperialists will quit the Stitt *Hildesheim*, where they now are, to the *Brandenburghs*, while they themselves go and seek Quarters in and about *Esfeld*, or higher up if they can.

Coblentz, March 12. This day passed by this place in several small Boats, 800 French more, being to follow the 4000 that passed down this day sevennight, besides which, there lye several thousand between *Sirik* and *Thionville*, who intend in few days to pass likewise through the Bishoprick of *Treves*, towards the *Rhine*, so that the French Army encreases every day very considerably.

Dortmund, March 17. The Marechal *Turenne* has his head quarter still at *Soest*; it is reported that he will break up in a day or two, though as yet we know not certainly, which way he will take his march.

Minden, March 17. The Elector of *Brandenburgh* is gone for *Berlin*, and his Troops are past the *Weser*.

Zel, March 17. The Dukes of *Lutenburgh* have together, brought about 16000 Men on foot, to secure their Countrey against all accidents; in the mean time, the Imperialists and *Brandenburgh* Troops, in all 20000 Men, are on their march upward through this Countrey; the *Brandenburghs* head quarter having been the last night at *Saisfeldstadt*.

Osnabrugh, March 18. Some French Troops having lain some days before the Fort of *Ravenberghs* yesterday made themselves Masters of it.

Bremen, March 23. The Swedes have desired quarters for a Regiment in *Blomendael*, a Village not far from hence, which hath given some jealousy; Here is a report that the French have made themselves Masters of *Biledelt*.

Cologne, March 24. We have not any fresh news of the motions of the Dutch or French Armies; The Elector of *Brandenburgh* has put his Troops in their winter quarters, in the Countrey of *Haltberstadt* and *Magdeburgh*, and gives out, that he will come into the Field again by *May*, with a much stronger Army then he did this last Summer. *Heuxier* being now in the French hands, it is reported by some, that Monsieur *de Turenne* will pass his Forces over the Stone Bridge there, though others think he will march them another way; however, few days may give us more exact information.

Antwerp March 25. Our last Letters from *Cologne* of the 21 instant, tell us, that Monsieur *de Turenne* continues still with the French Army near *Soest*, having been lately recruited with several considerable supplies which came down the *Moselle* out of *Lorraine*; That the Elector of *Brandenburgh* is on his way to *Berlin*, and that the Imperialists lie in the Sticht *Hildesheim* beyond *Paderborn*. From *Hambrough* we have Letters which tell us, that above 12000 of the *Lubenburgh* and *Brunswick* Troops lay quartered all along the *Weser*, to guard the passage of the River, but of this we may

may expect to hear with more certainty.

Middleburgh, March 27. The Prince of Orange is not yet arrived here, though daily expected, some days since was made trial of one of those wooden moving Forts, formerly spoken of, though it proved not so well as was expected, for notwithstanding it was not charged with its complement of Men, and full number of Guns, it could not be got forward, but stuck in the Sand. The owners of the *Middleburgh* Frigate, the *Summer* and the *Prince* will have leave, notwithstanding the late Placact, to fire out those Ships, their design being to way lay the English Fleet, that they say is now expected home from *Lisbonne*. We begin to work apace every where on our Men of War, and in the interim the Drums beat daily for Seamen

Hague, March 26. The States of Holland continue still assenbled, and will to morrow or next day proceed to the nomination of such persons as are to be employed as Plenipotentiaries on the part of this State at the Treaty at *Cologne*. Monsieur *Waldeck* is returned from the Elector of *Brandenburghs* Court, though we cannot learn what he hath effected there: the Prince of *Oranges* journey to *Zealandis*, it is thought put off. We have advice of a Party that having been sent out of *Oudewater*, met near *Hamelen* with a party of 170 French, with whom they had a very sharp rencounter, but as is here given out with advantage, having killed above 70 of them upon the place.

Amsterdam, March 23. All hands are set at work here, to get out our Fleet with all the speed we can, our Ships are in pretty good forwardness, and all our fear is, we may want Men, however at the worst, we have resolved to man our Ships with our Landmen, who it is thought will be easily persuaded to enter into the Service, by reason of their great streights, and want of employment at home; Towards defraying the extraordinary charge of this Equipage, the States have ordered an other, or a second payment of the two hundredth penny of all life Rents, Obligations, &c. which is to be paid by those of the better sort, before the first of the next Month, and by all persons whatsoever before the 15 of the same Month: We have seen great preparations made here these four or five days past, for the making an attempt upon *Harderwycke*, a small place in the French hands, not far from hence; great numbers of small Boats were got ready, and about 4000 Men shipped on them, who were to make the Attack, but the design did not succeed, for our Men coming before the place, found it seems the Enemies in so resolute a posture, that they thought it unsafe to proceed farther, and so returned back without effecting any thing. The discourse of the Elector of *Brandenburghs* having quitted the Interest of this State, because of their having, as is said, not complied punctually with him, according to the agreement between them, is now in every Mans mouth, and seems to have appearance of truth in it, though our Letters from the *Hague* promise better.

Ditto, March 27. We discourse much of Peace here, and that *Cologne* is the place appointed for the Treaty; In the mean time we work without intermission to get out our Fleet, and all endeavors possible are used to supply our Ships with Men. The next week will sail the *East India* Ships, with a Convoy of eight men of War, who in their return home, are to bring with them our *Streights* and Spanish Fleet: We are now about paying again the two hundred penny, which occasions great complaints amongst the people, who are indeed reduced to

extream wants; and what discourages us most of all is, to see our Allies so backward to assist us; the French and Munster Troops gain daily some advantage or an other upon the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, who we hear is himself retired to *Berlin*. The French are making four Forts at *Utrecht*, for the better defence of the place.

Paris, March 25. On Thursday last the King went to the Parliament, where he was received with the usual Solemnity, the chief occasion of his going was to let them know, that he expected a Supply of Money from them, proportionable to the extraordinary expences of the War he was now engaged in, in which particular it is not doubted, but they will readily comply with his Majesty. Our Letters from the Army of the 11 instant tell us, that Monsieur *de Turenne* continued encamped not far from *Soest*; that he had had a conference with the Bishop of *Munster*, from whom he had received a particular account of the discovery of the late Conspiracy against his Person, and the City of *Munster*, and of several other matters relating to the present Conjunction; That the *Brandenburgh* Army, which was in great disorder, lay quartered in the Bishoprick of *Minden* on the other side of the *Weser*; since which we have Letters of the 14 which say, that the *Brandenburgh* Troops were broken up from their Quarters in *Minden*, and had taken their way through the Territories of the Dukes of *Brunswick*, towards *Halberstadt* and *Magdeburgh*, with intentions to winter thereabouts; That the Army under the Command of Monsieur *de Turenne*, lay for the most part in the County of *Mark*, being in very good Order, and having abundance of Provisions, and all other necessaries. We are told that the Spanish Ambassador here, hath made complaint to his Majesty, by order of the Queen his Mistress, of the proceedings of this Court, in confiscating the Estates of such persons here in *France*, as take part and are in the actual Service of the Enemies of this Crown, to which his Majesty has ordered an Answer to be made in writing, to justify himself in that matter.

Ditto, March 29. Upon the discourse we have here, that *Cologne* is appointed a place for the Treaty, it is said that the Duke of *Chaulne*, Monsieur *de Courtin*, and Monsieur *Barrillon*; who is now Intendant in Monsieur *Turennes* Army, are to go as Plenipotentiaries on the part of this Crown; The King begins his journey towards the Frontiers on Saturday fortnight, and the Prince of *Conde*, and the Duke of *Enguyen* go hence some time the next week for *Utrecht*, where we are told, he will have an Army of 20000 Foot, and 10000 Horse under his Command. This day their Majesties and the whole Court put on Mourning for the death of the Empress.

Advertisements.

There is now extant a new Map of the World, with Descriptions, about three foot in breadth, and two foot and a half in depth, having in it two Schemes of the Moon, one of the Natural Appearance, and the other the Artificial Representation (as is supposed) of the Sea and Land, with the Names of Places, according to *Hevelius*, which being pasted on Cloth, with Role and Ledge, the price is 6 s. Made by *John Seller*, Hydrographer to the King, and are sold at his shops in *Exchange Alley* in *Cornhill London* and at the *Hermage* in *Wapping*, where you may be furnished with all sorts of choice Maps that is now extant, as *Germany*, 17 provinces, *France*, &c.

His Majesty hath been pleased to grant to the Inhabitants of *Chulleigh* in the County of *Devon*, one Fair to be holden on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in *Easter week* yearly for ever; The first Fair begins the last day of this Month.