

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* Fregat, 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 Equippage, 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.