

the slavery it is at present in; these fair pretences have notwithstanding met with no success, the Magistrates of *Salmes*, *Bezançon* and other places, having returned him a very peremptory answer, That they would by no means concern themselves with him, upon whom they look as a Traytor to the King of *Spain* their Sovereign, and as an Enemy to his Countrey; this it is thought will wholly cool the said Marquis, and make him desist from all farther practices of this kind.

We have advice from *Genova*, that the Peace between the Duke of *Savoy* and that State, was absolutely concluded, and had been published there; That the Duke of *Savoy*, as likewise the Senate of *Genova*, had promised to send a Body of 4000 Men each, into the Service of this Crown. Our Plenipotentiaries are preparing for their Journey, to the place appointed for the Treaty of Peace; it is a yet uncertain, whether it be *Cologne*, or *Aix la Chapelle*, we being told of some difficulty that hath been made to meet at *Cologne*, so long as the Imperial Regiment, under the Command of the Marquis *le Grana* con inues there. Our last Letters from Monsieur de *Tuennes* Army, told us, that he was gone with a Body of Horse up towards *Cassel*, on the *Weser*, though on what design, we do not know.

*Brussels*, March 29 Some months since we had here much discourse of the new Levies his Excellency intended forthwith to make, though now that the season for the Campaigne advances, we hear nothing farther of it; In the mean time Messengers often pass between the States General and his Excellency, in relation to the present Conjuncture. His most Christian Majesty continues to confiscate the Estates which some persons of this Countrey have in *France*, and who are in the actual service of the Dutch; The Queen of *Spain* we hear has complained by her Ambassador at the French Court of this proceeding, which her Majesty calls an Infraction of the Treaties between the two Crowns.

*Hue*, April 4. The States of *Holland* and *West-Friesland* are separated till after the Holidays; In the mean time his Highness the Prince of *Orange* hath had several conferences with the Forreign Ministers here; the Swedish Mediators will certainly part hence towards the latter end of the next week, to the place appointed for the Treaty, as our Plenipotentiaries will likewise do, so soon as they shall have received their necessary Passports. On Thursday last the Sieur *Fario*, Governor of *Miestricht* parted hence for that Government, to see all things put in a good posture of defence there. We do not yet talk of bringing our Army into the Field, nor indeed is it well known how we can, for all this Countrey lies so wholly under water, that it will be a hard matter to find where to Rendezvous our Troops, and some think that we have no great need of any considerable Land Force in this Province, besides what is in our several Garrisons, the water which every where overflows this Countrey, to the very Walls of our chief Towns, sufficiently securing us against the Enemy; in the mean time as this general Inundation stands us in great stead in point of our safety, so at the same time it greatly annoys us, and reduces the meaner sort of People to great extremities; at *Rotterdam* the water is of late very high, inso much that it is got into some part of the Town, setting the first Floor of many Houses under water, and forcing the poor Inhabitants to live constantly in their upper Rooms and Garrets, from whence they cannot go out to fetch in Provisions and other necessaries but by Boats; and it is said that the Dikes are every where so ruined and broken down, that in case of Peace two years time will be hardly able to restore the

Countrey into the same posture it was in before War; In the interim though all Trade and Commerce is at a stand, yet our Taxes go on still, we are now about paying the second two hundredth penny which we are to pay in forthwith, that so if there be occasion we may be the sooner called upon for another payment. Our preparations for our Fleet go on apace, and though some are of opinion that we shall only play a Defensive part, yet the general discourse is, that we will make Peace with our Sword in our Hand.

*Whitehal*, March 29. This afternoon His Majesty was pleased to be present in the House of Lords, in His Robes, where the House of Commons attending him, the Speaker presented His Majesty several Bills, as well Publick as Private, to which His Majesty was graciously pleased to give His Royal Assent; The Parliament afterward Adjourned, till the 20 of *October* next ensuing, The Publick Acts are as follows,

1. An Act for the raising the sum of Twelve hundred thirty eight thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds, for supply of His Majesties extraordinary Occasions.
2. An Act for the Kings Majesties most Gracious General and Free Pardon.
3. An Act for continuing a former Act concerning Coynage.
4. An Act for enabling His Majesty to make Leases of His Lands belonging to His Dutchy of Cornwall.
5. An Act for preventing dangers which may happen from Popish Recusants.
6. An Act for the revising the Judicature for the determination of differences touching Houses burnt down and demolished by reason of the late Fire which happened in London, and for rebuilding the Navy-Office.
7. An Act for taking off Aliens Duties upon Commodities of the Growth and Manufactures of this Nation.
8. An Act for encouraging the Greenland and Eastland Trades, and for the better securing the Plantation Trades.
9. An Act for Repeal of a Clause in a former Act, to prohibit Salemen from selling fat Cattel.
10. An Act to enable the Countie Palatine of Durham to send Knights and Burgessees to serve in Parliament.

*Whitehal*, March 30 Upon reading the Petitions of *James Percy* in the Lords Houe Friday the 28, setting forth his Claim to the Title of Earl of *Northumberland*, &c. and his refusing to make appear any probability towards the said Claim, notwithstanding he had a months time given him before, and called above 40 witnesses to be sworn at the Barr; And their Lordships having fully heard the elder Countess of *Northumberland* Counsel, who charges the said *James Percy* to be an Impostor. It was resolved by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament, that both the Petitions of the said *James Percy* for his Claim, &c. should be dismissed the Houe, and they were dismissed accordingly: And by a succeeding Vote it was Resolved, That the Consideration of what further proceedings should be had against the said *James Percy*, concerning the said Imposture, should be taken up the next morning (on which day) the Parliament was Adjourned.)

#### Advertisement.

Mr. *Ogilby*, for the better enabling him to carry on his *Britannia*, by an Actual Survey, &c. has lately erected his standing-Lottery of Books, at Mr *Gurways* Coffee house in *Exchange-Alley*, near the *Royal Exchange*. London, which opening the 7 of *April* next, will thence continue without Intermission, till wholly drawn off: Where all future Adventurers, may by themselves or Correspondents, daily put in their Money upon the Author, according to his Proposals so generally approved of.