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Barbados, Feb. 10.

WE have here the good News of the taking of the Island of *Tobago* by the English, under the Command of *Sir Tobias Bridges*, the particular Relation of which, hereafter follows; Monday the 16 of December 1672, the *St. David*, Captain *Poole* Commander, with five lesser Vessels, on which was embarked the Regiment under the Command of *Sir Tobias Bridges*, sailed from *Barbados*, and the Wednesday following being the 18. arrived at *Tobago*; the whole Regiment was immediately Landed, but in a place, (through the fault of the Guide) very hazardous, as if purposely designed for their slaughter; Captain *Poole* informed of the danger, went immediately on shore, and with some difficulty persuaded them to embark again: the next morning the *St. David's* Boats Landed them in a more secure place, within a mile and a half of the Forts, without the loss of one man: This happened by a good providence, the Enemy having drawn down their Forces to the other place, had not time to return to hinder our Men in their Landing; as soon as they were all Landed, Captain *Poole* fitted his Ship to go in, and came time enough as it happened, to have the first onset, which lasted five hours together; But the Forts paid off the *St. David* for her pains; as to the Seamen God was very Merciful in their Preservation, there being but four Men killed, the Boatswain, Carpenters Mate, and three more wounded, the Main Yard, Main Top Mast, and Mizzen Mast, so much maimed, that they will scarce be serviceable again, the Main Sayl and Main Top fail, although furl'd, almost shot in pieces: Friday and Saturday was spent in beating, and at 4 at night, the Forts were Surrendered. The prisoners were about 400, The Negroes about the same number.

Lisbon, March 14. The weather hath been here of late so tempestuous, that it hath done great harm in the River, few Ships escaping without some considerable damage. We have advice from *Algarves*, that a Fleet of French men of War have been lately seen cruising off the *Southern Cape*, which is supposed to be the Squadron under the Command of Monsieur *Martel*. We are dispatching with all diligence our Ships to the *East Indies*, which will be only two, notwithstanding it was at first resolv'd, to send six. The Prince Regent is at present here.

Genova, March 18. On Monday last the *Sieur Guignon* the French Envoy, took his leave of the Duke and Senate, in order to his departure for *Turin*, where he is to adjust some differences, which as yet remain undecided, and hinder the final conclusion of the Peace. From *Turin* we hear, that that Duke continues to send what force he can well spare, into the Service of the most Christian King. On Wednesday last sailed from hence a Dutch Caper, mounted with 80 Men, having first given security, not to attack any Vessel belonging to his Enemy, within the Dominion of this Republick.

Madrid, March 29. From *Cadiz* we have advice, that the 17 arrived several of the Galeons, and on the 19 the rest of the Fleet, being in all 9 Men of War, and 15 Merchant-men, the Kings Ships came into *Cadiz* and the Merchant-men into *St. Lucar*, they met in their passage with much bad weather, which so dispersed them, that some of the Fleet were 20 days, and others 15 out of sight of their Admiral; it is said they being in general, a very bad account, all their Merchandises having sold ill. Here is lately arrived a Person of quality from *Aragon*, sent by the Nobility of that King, to desire, as is said, the forming of the Kings Household; and that His Majesty would make a progress

thither, in order to the receiving the usual Oaths in that Kingdom.

Regensburgh, April 7. The business of the Mediation, is, after much debate put off, till such time as the several Princes of the Empire shall have been fully acquainted therewith, by their Ministers residing here; and their several answers returned thereupon; The Emperor hath in the mean time declared, that he is much inclined to Peace, provided, all the Members of the Empire may find their interest therein. Yesterday the Count *Montecuculi* parted hence on his way to *Vienna*. Here are at present raising several Troops, especially of Cavalry, for the Duke of *Zel*, the Duke of *Wirtemberg*, and the Elector of *Bavaria*, these two last being obliged to bring each 10000 Men on foot; it is said that Colonel *Clo* is to Command the Electoral Forces. We talk much here of Peace.

Coblentz April 2. Our Elector having taken notice of the uncertain posture things are at present in, hath resolv'd to set all hands at work, for the repairing the Fortifications of his Castle at *Erbenbretsfeyn*. The French Troops pass daily down the *Moselle* towards the *Rhin*, to which purpose they have a great many Boats always in readiness at *Newendorf* and other places. The Marquis *d'Angenou*, together with the *Sieur de Gravelle*, is arriv'd at *Mentz*, to confer with that Elector.

Hambrough, April 7. The Munster and Cologne Troops having made themselves masters of *Herford*, have now put the whole Countrey of *Minden* under Contribution; From *Berlin* our Letters of the 2 instant tell us, that the Electoral Prince was arriv'd there, and that the Elector of *Brandenburgh* was come himself to *Potsdam*, within three Leagues of that place. From *Brunswick* of the 4 April we hear, that the *Brandenburgh* Troops lay in the Territories of *Halberstadt*, *Magdeburgh* &c. and that the Imperial and *Lorraine* Troops lay in *Frankenland*, and in the Countrey of *Erfort*: They add, that there was appointed a Rendezvous of a considerable Army the 30 of May next.

Bremen, April 8. The Imperial and *Brandenburgh* Troops having quitted the quarters which they had in the Diocese of *Hildesheim*, 2500 of the *Cologne* and *Munster* Troops are come to *Alefelt*, with intentions to possess themselves of *Gronaw*, *Reyn*, and *Papenburgh*; Garrisoned by the Confederate Troops, which they will afterwards fortifie, to hinder the passage of the *Brandenburgh* Army. The *Munster* and *Cologne* Troops are at present before *Spartenbergh*, which place it is thought, will not be able to hold out long, and then *Billegst* and *Minden*, will run great danger of falling likewise into their hands. From *Wolff* in *Pommern* we have advice, that a great number of Vessels were preparing to go, and fetch the Forces over from *Sweden*, designed to compose their Army; this Campaign, which will be Commanded by General *Wrangel*, who is daily expected on this side the water. The Dukes of *Luxemburgh* having brought together a Body of 10000 Men, to oppose the passage of the Confederate Troops, in case they should have intended to quarter in, or march through their Countrey, finding they are now retir'd up into the Empire, have dispersed their Troops into their several quarters again.

Cologne