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Falmouth, April 10.

Yesterday arrived here the *Falcon* Frigate, with the Dutch Caper, our last left her in chase of, this Caper was Mounted with 60 Men, and 6 Guns, was a new Vessel, had been out but 8 or 10 days, without having had the fortune to meet with one Prize.

Portsmouth, April 13. We have advice here this Morning of the *Falcon* Frigate, having brought into *Comes* a very considerable Merchant man, Mounted with 20 Guns, which the said Frigate met between *St. Albans* and the *Isle of Wight*, they pretend to be *Dances*, but we doubt not but will prove good Prize.

Rome, April 1. On Sunday last arrived here an Extraordinary Courier from the Court at *Vienna*, and brought us the unwelcome news of the death of the *Empresse*, and the Tuesday following arrived another from *Warsaw*, dispatched by the *Popes* Nuncio there, to acquaint his Holiness with the happy agreement between the King and the Nobility of that Kingdom. The Grand Master of *Malta* hath lately written to the *Pope*, acquainting him, that he had advice from a very good hand, that the Grand Signior had sent positive Orders to the Corsairs of *Barbary*, to fit out a great Fleet of Men of War and Gallies, to joyn with 60 other Gallies, which are Equipping in the *Levant*, upon which news, the *Pope* hath given directions; notwithstanding we are not apprehensive of any great danger, to have all our Maritime places put into a good posture of defence.

Here is arrived the King of Arms of the Court of *Spain*, having brought with him the Order of the *Golden Fleece* for the Prince of *Palestrina*, as likewise for the Constable of *Colonna*, with which they will be Invested the next week, with the usual Solemnity. His Holiness begins to be very weak and much decayed in his health; notwithstanding which, and the earnest persuasions of his Relations, he hath been several times abroad this week to assist at the publick Offices, though at the same time, his want of strength would hardly let him perform them.

Vienna, April 6. The Emperor continues still at *Newstadt*; the 13 instant he is expected here in Town, to be present at the publick Entertainment of the late *Empress*, which will be performed with great pomp and solemnity. On Sunday last arrived here Count *Montecuculi* from *Nurembergh*; In the mean time the Drums beat for our new Leavies, and some say that the Emperor will suddenly send a Body of 7 or 8000 Men, under the Command of General *Cops* towards the *Rhyn*, to joyn with the rest of the Imperial Troops in those parts.

Hambrough, April 14. The Elector of *Brandenburgh* has been at *Berlin*, but is returned after a short stay there, to *Potsdam*, which hath given occasion for a report, that he was coming again with his Forces towards the *Rhyn*: The Town of *Bilevelt* hitherto defends it self very well; The *Suedes* make great preparations in *Pomeran*, and their other Territories *Germany*. We discourse here much of Peace, though many are of opinion, that the Dutch will suffer themselves to be so far deluded, with the promise they pretend to have, that both the Emperor and the Crown

of *Spain* will suddenly proceed to a Rupture with *France*, that they will not apply themselves so heartily to the Peace, as the true posture of their Affairs to our appearance seems to require.

Cologne, April 14. From *Warendorp* we have advice, that the 11 instant the *Munster* Troops made their first Attack upon *Bilevelt*, that they had shot violently upon the place all that day, as well from their Cannon as their Morter pieces, some of which carry Bullets of 400 apiece; That the Bishop of *Munster* was most of his time there at *Warendorp*, having caused a party to march to *Hervord*, into which place they entered the 28 past, and have since set the whole Countrey thereabouts under Contribution. The Marquis de *Grana*, Colonel of the Imperial Regiment in Garrison here, hath as we are told, received Orders to well with their Cannon as their Family to *Vienna*; who will be appointed to Command the said Regiment in his absence, is not yet certainly said. The Bishop of *Strasbourg* we hear complains highly of some private design he hath discovered to have been framed against his Person, and for that reason, as we are told, refused to assist at the Solemn Procession, that was made here this week. The Confederate Troops retire daily farther from us, not so much, as they give out, for fear of the Enemy, as to avoid any Rencontres which might hinder the Peace, though there be few uninterested persons here, that do not think the first to have been a motive the most prevalent with them. After all it is thought, this will be the place for the Treaty.

Ditto, April 18. From *Soest* they tell us, that the French Troops under Monsieur de *Turenne*, lye spread over all that Countrey, even to the other side of the *Roer* and the *Laen*. On Friday and Saturday last passed by this place 18 Boats, having on board some thousands of French Soldiers, who were going down the *Rhyn* towards *Wesel*, and will as we are told, be followed by more. The French are providing a great many Wagons and Carts here for the approaching Campaign, and indeed their preparations are every where very extraordinary. *Bilevelt* continues still to be closely straitened by the *Munster* and *Cologne* Troops, who have cast a great many Fireballs into the Town, and done much mischief; however General *Nagel*, who Commands in the place, seems resolved to defend it to the last, and in the mean time hopes the Confederate Troops, or at least some part of them will come down again to relieve him. The Garrison of *Mastricht* exacts Contribution of the greater part of the Countrey of *Cologne*, some Monies have been received here upon that account by the Dutch Agents, of which the Bishop of *Strasbourg* hath made complaint to the Magistrates here, and demanded the restitution of the said Monies. The Marquis de *Grana* is gone hence for *Vienna*. The Dutch report with much confidence, that the Emperor will reinforce his Army, which is now in the Empire, with several thousand Men, and then order it to joyn again with the *Brandenburgh* Troops, and so to march jointly to the assistance of the *Hollanders*.

Antwerp, April 17. Our Governor the Count de *Monerrey*, hath as we are told, lately received a farther Commission from the Queen of *Spain*, continuing him in this Government, without any limitation

shall be put immediately into his Electoral Highnesses hands again, and those places in the Dutchy of *Cleves*, which were in the possession of the *Hollanders*, at the beginning of the War, and afterwards taken by the French; shall be restored to the said Elector immediately after the Peace shall be concluded; That in lieu hereof, the Elector shall furnish the French with a considerable Body of Men, Horse and Foot; but in the mean time, the Dutch will not know any thing of this Treaty, and on the contrary say, That the Elector is reinforcing his Army, to come down to their more effectual assistance, than hitherto he hath done. From *Coblentz* they tell us, that there lay above 30 large Boats, intended to the bringing down more French Troops from *Lorraine* down the *Rhyn* towards *Wesel*. The States General seem to trust much in the King of *Denmark*, from whom they endeavor to persuade the people, that they expect large Succors both by Sea and Land. They write, that 14 thousand *Swedes* were come into the *Strift* of *Minden*.

Ostend, April 26. Passengers arrived from *Zealand* give us an account, that since the Prince's departure from thence, several Placets had been published by his Highness particular order, by which all past offences committed by any of the Inhabitants, are pardoned, but with this Declaration, That whosoever, of what condition they may be, whether Men or Women, that shall in any ways for the future, oppose the Government, occasion any disturbance, or use any evil and seditious speeches, either against his Highness, the States, or any of the Magistrates, shall be severely and exemplarily punished; That the same punishment shall be inflicted on those that refuse to pay the Taxes legally charged upon them; That it was expected what effect these proceedings will have amongst the Commonalty, who had rather hoped that the Prince would have taken their part against their Magistrates, and made some considerable alteration in the Government; That their Maritime Preparations are still very backward.

Vienna, April 14. Great preparations are making here, for the solemn Entertainment of the late Empress; in the mean time the Emperor remains at *Newstadt*. General *Montecuculi* hath since his arrival, given the Emperor an account of the posture he left affairs in, at his departure out of the Army; It is still said, that this Court hath resolved to reinforce their Army now in *Germany*, which they lay is to return towards the *Rhyn*, to assist the *Hollanders*; but allow this be so, our proceedings here in this affair are slow, that most of the Summer may be spent, ere we begin to move.

Paris, April 21. The Kings journey is put off till the 5 of the next month, and some are of opinion, that it may be the 15. The Queen will accompany his Majesty as far as *Tournay*, and will continue there with the Kings Council during this Campaign. On Monday next the Duke of *Chaulnes* goes hence for *Chaulnes*, where he will continue till such time as he begins his journey with the two other Plenipotentiaries for *Aix la Chapelle*, which may be about the latter end of this month or the beginning of the next. The King has made Monsieur *Courtin* one of the Plenipotentiaries for the Treaty, Counsellor of State in Ordinary. From *Liege* they write, that the Duke of *Duras* was parted from *Majeyck* on his way hither, to serve in his place of Captain of the Kings Guards, having left the Sieur *Monrel* Governour of *Charleroy*, to Command the French Troops that are now Quartered in the Countrey of *Liege*. Our Letters from the *Rhyn* confirm the conclusion of the Treaty with the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, and add, that this Treaty only obliges the restitution of such places as have been taken by the French from the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, without having any

regard to those places on the *Rhyn*, which belonged to the said Elector, and were in the Dutch hands at the beginning of this War. Monsieur de *Turcine* is on his way hither, and as we are told, is expected at Court on Tuesday next. The Duke of *Duras* is just now arrived at Court.

Utrecht, April 22. The Prince of *Conde* is not yet come hither, but is daily expected, being arrived at *Nimwegen*, whither several Persons of quality are gone to compliment his Highness, and to wait upon him hither. In the interim we make here great preparations, especially of flat bottomed Boats, to pass over the drowned Lands in *Holland*. We have news here, that yesterday a party of Dutch Troops came to *Harmelen*, two Leagues from hence; that there passed a small skirmish between them and the Garrison there, after which the Dutch retired again.

Amsterdam, April 24. Several Troops are marched from hence for *Friesland*, there being great appearance of the Enemies intention to fall into that Countrey. At *Horne* hath lately happened a great tumult, on occasion of some differences between the Citizens and the Soldiery, several were killed on both sides, and as yet we know not the issue; the People begin to be very disorderly here, and take a great liberty in speaking against the Government, and the present management of affairs: we have heard great shooting here this morning and suppose it to have been at *Utrecht* upon the arrival of the Prince of *Conde*; in the mean time we are here in great fear, that the Prince will suddenly attack us; certain it is, he hath some great design in hand. Our Men of War are not got all over the *Pampus*, but will endeavor it the first high Tide; in the mean time we send daily Seamen down to Man those Ships that are fallen down to the *Texel*, but as yet we are much short of the number of Seamen that will be necessary to Man our Squadron. In the *Texel* lye five *East India Ships*, who intend to Sail with the first, and will go round by *Scotland*.

Rotterdam, April 25. On Sunday last in the evening the Prince of *Orange* arrived here from *Zealand*, where we are told, he was much displeas'd to find their Maritime preparations so very backward; he came through *Bergen op Zoom*, *Heusden*, *Porcum*, and so hither, where he made not any stay, but passed on to the *Hague*. The French come down apace to *Nacarden*; this day it was reported upon the Exchange, that the French had come with a party to *Newerbrug*, and taken it again, and that Count *Conningsmark* had been killed in the action, but of this we expect to hear farther.

Hague, April 25. The 23 instant at night the Prince of *Orange* arrived here from *Zealand*. To morrow the Swedish Mediators take their leaves of the States General, in order to the beginning their journey for the place of Treaty: Our Plenipotentiaries will be likewise ready to set forward in a day or two; We have advice here that the Confederate Armies, being considerably reinforced, are coming down again towards the *Rhyn*. Our Governors will by no means have us believe what is reported of a Treaty being concluded between the French and the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, who on the other side they assure us is coming with all the speed he can to our assistance; or in case he should happen to fail us, they recompence that by promising us a very great succor from *Denmark*.

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STolen from his Grace the Duke of *Monmouth's* Lodgings near *Whitehall*, the 13 of *April*, one large Silver Basin and Ewer, and two Trencher Plates, with his Graces Coat of Arms on them, three Silver Forks, and three Spoons, with his Graces Crest on them; If any one can give notice of them at his Graces Lodgings, shall be well rewarded for their pains.