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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 *Daners*, 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 *Nuremburgh*; 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 *Roor* 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