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Lisbon, February 15

FOUR Prizes taken by some English Ships have been lately brought in here: Two of them from Nantz to Martinico with Provisions, and one from the same Place with Powder and Ball designed for the Coast of Guinea, and one with Fish.

Francfort, Feb. 23, N. S. All the French having passed the Mayn, except a small Detachment, which they left to secure their Baggage at Hochst, it was thought they would draw together, and canton at Trebur; but they appear now to have altered their Intention, for they are forming a Line on the other Side of the Mayn from Griesheim to Aschaffenburg, with 28 Battalions, which however are but half compleat: The rest of the Troops are disposed in two Lines, so that they occupy all the Places on this Side of Darmstat, particularly Allheiligen, Griesheim, Gottelar, and Erfelden. They give out, that they are soon to be considerably reinforced, and that Marshal Maillebois intends to dispute with the approaching combined Army the Passage over the Mayn, and with this View is to remove his Head Quarters from Worms to Geran. But as they have laid three Bridges over the Rhine at Rhine-Turkheim, and on the 19th removed their Hospital from Hochst first to Trebur, and the next Day over the said Bridges to Worms; it is generally believed, that upon the combined Army's approaching the Mayn, they will not face them, but retire on the other Side of the Rhine, the rather as the Territories of Darmstat are so exhausted, that they can furnish nothing for subsisting an Army, nor can they be supplied with Necessaries from Franconia by the Mayn, by reason of the Ice. They have indeed, notwithstanding this Obstacle, brought together 20 Vessels, which with Difficulty passed by this City on the 25th Instant, for Hochst, and with which, as they give out, they will form a Bridge for repassing the Mayn.

(Price Two-Pence.)

Francfort, Feb. 27. The French still give out, that they expect from the Brisgau and Suabia a Reinforcement of six Battalions and twelve Squadrons, and another from Lorraine of fifteen Battalions and twelve Squadrons, after the Arrival of which, they will make Head against the Allied Army. But as then their whole Force will not exceed Twenty Thousand Men, some People still doubt of their holding to that Resolution. In the mean Time the Territories of Mentz and Darmstat suffer enormous Oppressions: The Bishop of Spire's Palace has been turned into an Hospital; and as his Subjects have not been able to furnish the Contributions imposed upon them, the French have broke open his Granaries and Cellars, and taken the Grain and Wine in them in lieu of Payment.

Whitehall, February 23, 1744-5.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that a Mill-house, called Langley Mill, in the Parish of Halsted in the County of Essex, belonging to Thomas Ruggles, of Bocking in the said County, Bay maker, was, between Twelve and One of the Clock in the Morning of the 19th of this Instant February, broke open by several Persons armed with Fire Arms and other Weapons, and disguised, who cut to Pieces a long Bay then upon the Tenter, threw divers Bays into the Mill-hole, destroyed the Rowing Mill, together with sundry Utensils for dressing of the said Goods, and did other great Damages to the said Thomas Ruggles, declaring, when they went away, that if the Rowing Mill was repaired, they would come there again, and murder all whom they should find working there: His Majesty for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned therein, is pleased to promise his most gracious Pardon, to any one of the Offenders, who shall discover his Accomplices, so as they, or any of them, be apprehended and convicted thereof

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And the said Thomas Ruggles does hereby promise a Reward of Twenty Pounds to such Person or Persons who shall make such Discovery as is above-mentioned, as he shall be paid upon Conviction of the said Offenders, or any one or more of them.

Tho. Ruggles.