

ving been long in debate, it hath been at last resolved, at the instance of the Prince of Orange in their favor; however, the States of this Province will never consent to part with the Posts which they have fortified in the Territory of the Province of Utrecht, nor will they of Amsterdam be brought to quit the great Sluice built by them near *Hinderham*, for the supplying themselves with Water, though formerly Utrecht always opposed it. The Moneys to be paid by the Inhabitants of that place to the French, are now ready, and accordingly the Magistrates have sent to the Intendant *Roberts* to know in what place he expects to have the Moneys paid. In *Amersfort* the States have put two thousand Men into Garrison, one Regiment into *Wyckte Duerfede*, which place our Superiors resolve to fortify: besides which, Fifteen Regiments of Horse, and two of Dragoons are quartered at *Utrecht*, and in the neighborhood. The places which the French keep still in their Conquests, are very full of Men; at *Nimwegen* they have Six thousand, at *Grave* Two thousand, at *Arenhem* Four thousand, and yet many less at *Zurphen*. From *Flanders* we have advice, that the King of Spain has given the Bishoprick of *Chem* to the Elector of *Treves*, in consideration of the damages he hath sustained by the French. Besides the late Tax on Families, and the Two hundred penny. The States have farther laid this following Imposition.

On every pair of Boots eight Stivers.

On every pair of Shoes, Slippers, and Galloes, Two Stivers.

For every pair of Laced and Embroidered Shoes, four Stivers; and have issued another Placet, by which they Command, That every person that goes into any kind of Drinking House in a morning to drink, shall pay halfe a Stiver.

He that goes into a Drinking House in an afternoon to drink, shall pay One Stiver.

He that spends twelve Stivers for his Meals, shall pay One Silver.

He that lodges in an Inn one night, Two Stivers.

*Ditto*, Jan. 27. Our Letters from France tell us, that they go on apace with their Levies, that besides 12000 of the Genry, who will serve his Majesty, they will raise a new body of Sixty thousand Men, and over and above recruit Monsieur de *Fursans* Army to Thirty thousand Men. In these Courneys we are carrying on our preparations likewise with great diligence. The Deputies of *Huerlem* have proposed in the Assembly of the States, that the place of Stadtholder of this Province, should be made Hereditary to the Prince of Orange, and his Heirs for ever; upon which the States are separated to go, and Consult their Principals. The *Rhynegrave* and Colonel *Weade*, having quarrelled with Monsieur *Fariau*, late Governour of *Maastricht*, and Monsieur *de la Tour*, concerning the Surrender of that place; they are gone into *Brabant* to fight, although the Prince upon notice of it, has sent to the Count de *Monterey* to prevent them.

*Whitehal*, Jan. 16.

His Majesty hath been pleased to issue his Royal Proclamation as follows.

CHARLES R.

Whereas Our most Loyal and Obedient Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in Parliament Assembled, being passionately sensible of the Calamitous Condition of this Kingdom, not onely by reason of the War wherein it is at present involved, but many other intestine differences and divisions amongst Us, which are chiefly occasioned by the undermining contrivances of Popish Recusants, whose numbers and Insublicencies are greatly of late increased, and whose restless practices threaten a Subversion both of Church and State; all which

our sins have justly deserved: And being now Assembled in Parliament, as the great Council of this Our Kingdom, to consult of such means as they conceive fittest to redress the present Evils wherewith this Nation is furrounded; Have in the first place humbly besought Us, That by Our special Command, One or more days may be forthwith solemnly set apart, wherein both themselves and this Kingdom may by Fasting and Prayer seek a Reconciliation at the hands of Almighty God, and with humble and penitent hearts beseech him to heal the breaches of this Nation, and remove the evils it doth lie under, and to avert those miseries wherewith it is threatened, and continue the Mercies it doth yet enjoy, and that he will be graciously pleased to bestow his abundant Blessing upon Us and the present Parliament; that all their Councils and Consultations may tend to the Glory of God, and the Honor, Safety, and Prosperity of Us, and all Our People. Wherefore, and out of our own Religious disposition being thereto readily inclined, We have resolved, and hereby do Command a general and publick Fast to be kept throughout this whole Kingdom, in such manner as is hereafter directed, and prescribed. And to the end that Religious an Exercise may be performed with all Decency and Uniformity, We have resolved upon a Grave and Religious Form of solemnizing thereof: And do hereby strictly Charge and Command; That on Wednesday being the fourth of February next, this Fast be Religiously and Solemnly observed and celebrated, in the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, Burrough of *Southwark*, and other places within ten miles distance, wherein We in Our Royal Person, and with Our Royal Family and Household, will give example to the rest of Our People. And that on Wednesday the Eleventh day of February next, the like be kept, and duly observed throughout the rest of this whole Kingdom of *England*, and Dominion of *Wales*, and Town of *Berwick upon Tyne*. And for the more orderly Solemnizing thereof without confusion, We, by the advice of Our Reverend Bishops, have directed to be Composed, Printed, and Published, the Form of such Prayers, and publick Exhortations, as We think fit to be used in all Churches, and places at the times aforesaid, and have given charge to our Bishops, to disperse the same throughout the whole Kingdom; And We Require and Command all Preachers, to exhort their Congregations on the said respective days, to Mercy and Liberty to the Poor, in this time of Death and Scarcity; All which we do expressly Charge and Command, shall be Reverently and Decently performed by all Our loving Subjects, upon pain of Our high Displeasure, and such punishments as We can inflict upon all such as shall contemn or neglect to Religious Work.

† *Deak*, Jan. 18. We have now the confirmation that the Ship warented you in our last, was lost on the *Goodwin sands*, is the *Nightingal*, a Fifth Rate Fregat, who the day before had taken a Dutch Caper of 12 Guns, which at the same time was likewise lost; The Lieutenant of the *Nightingal*, with about 30 English Seamen, and as many Dutch, were saved by Boats that went off from *Margate*.

The Adventurers to *Gambja* will sell by the Candle on Friday the sixth of February by nine of the clock in the morning, a parcel of old GUNNY RED WOOD for Dying at the African House in Throckmorton street, London, which they will sell up by a Tan in a Lot, at Fifty pounds per Tuns, to advance Ten shillings each bidding, whereby all persons that have occasion thereof may be supplied, and they will sell no more then shall be then bought until the fourth of May next.

Advertisements.

Whereas in the last Gazette there was an Advertisement of a Robbery committed at the Widow *Byrtons* in *Essex*; This is to give notice, that the Reward for the discovering the persons guilty of the said Robbery, who are there described, shall be Ten pounds.

Those Gentlemen that have subscribed for encouragement to the Printing of the late Reverend Divine Mr. *Joseph Caryl* his Exposition, with Practical Observations upon the whole Book of *Job*, in Two Volumes, Folio, are desired to send in their Money for the first Volume, to *John Owen*, Esq; and Mr. *Alexander Mirrall*, Partners, in *Breadstreet*, London. The time appointed for the beginning of the Work being near, when it will go on. The Tables that are adjoynd to each Part in Quarto, will now more usefully be reduced into one Table, to each Volume in Folio, and the whole Work be Printed by the most correct Copies, and of a new Letter.