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ON Friday last the States of *Holland* met, and after a short debate, resolved as follows.

THE States of *Holland* and *West Frisland* having reassumed the debate, of what the Deputies of the City of *Haerlem* had proposed, in their Assembly, on the 23 of January, of this instant year 1672. viz. Whether this State ought not to resolve, that after the death of the Prince of *Orange*, the Heirs-Males by his Highness in lawful Wedlock begotten, should inherit and succeed in the Stadholdership, and to the Command of Captain and Admiral General of *Holland* and *West Frisland*, and of Captain and Admiral General of the *United Netherlands*, as in the minutes of that day is more at large expressed: The Lords of the *Ridderschap*, and the Nobles, as likewise the Deputies of the several Cities, in the name, and on the part of the Burger-Masters and *Uroerschappen* of the said Cities, have unanimously declar'd, as by these presents their Lordships (the States of *Holland* and *West Frisland*, do declare, That having maturely considered the State and constitution of this Government, as, by Gods blessing, it was in former times under the most illustrious Princes of *Orange*, and particularly what has hapned these Twenty three, or twenty four years past, have found, That since the sad and unhappy year of 1650, this State has been afflicted with many calamities, both at home and abroad; That for as much as concerns the affairs abroad, it never had been without a War, or the apprehension of a War; That in the year 1653, a cruel War hapned between the Kingdom of *England*, and this State; which had very much shaken the foundation of it; That after that War was ended, we had hardly taken breath, when we were engaged in a new one with *Portugal*, in the year 1656, and afterwards in the years 1658. and 1659, this State fell again into an open War, on occasion of the Northern Affairs; That in the year 1664, a War hapned a new between His Majesty of *Great Britain*, and these Provinces, which was no longer ended, but we were presently overtaken by the present lamentable and unhappy War; and that between the times of these Foreign Wars, this State had been forced to suffer many Injuries from her Neighbors, by whom it was formerly very much respected: For what concerns the Affairs at home, that the Commonwealth has been perplexed with many Disorders and Disturbances; that from the year 1650, to the year 1660, many Members of this State had wholly taken off their eyes from the present Prince of *Orange*, the only Heir Male of that illustrious Family, whilst others with much zeal affirmed, that we ought not to neglect his Highness; That the King of *Great Britain* in the year 1660, invited to his Kingdoms by the Parliament, taking his journey thither through these Countreys, this State had promised His Majesty, as likewise the Princess Royal Dowager of *Orange*, to take care of the Education and Interests of his Highness, as sufficiently designing him to all the Dignities possessed in these Provinces by his illustrious Ancestors: That after the death of the Princess of *Orange*, this State began to cool again, and that affair was laid aside; That afterwards this State had taken again upon itself the Education of his Highness: And lastly, in the year 1671 and in the beginning of the year 1672, that great troubles and dissensions had risen about chusing his Highness to be Captain General over the Forces of this State by Land; That sad experience hath taught, that the said Dissensions had given occasion to the Enemies of this State, to insult every one over it any way, knowing, that we were thereby rendered incapable (the foundation of this Republick having been laid through the Unity of our forefathers, and so particularly blessed by God) to take care of our defence; and that the difference which did arise, concerning the chusing a Chief over the Forces of this State, and the diffidence we had by that means of each other, did retard and hold back the resolutions, which on the necessity to have been taken for the repelling a Foreign Power; that thus in disputes the time was spent, which above

all, we ought to have been careful of: That the said differences were the cause, that in the latter end of the said year 1672, when the King of *France* did sufficiently declare his intentions of making War upon this State, many months passed in deliberations about making his Highness Captain General, who ought then to have been employed in the raising of Men, and bringing the Troops of this State together for the common defence; by which means it hapned, that when in the year 1672, the said King of *France* attacked this State with his Arms, we were in the greatest danger of having been totally ruined and destroyed; that thereupon their Lordships had thought, that nothing could better be wished or hoped for, then that on the one side the occasion of these differences should be totally removed, that we might no more fall into the great misfortunes, we at present lie under; and that on the other side, might be acknowledged the great services performed by the illustrious Princes of *Orange*, for the preservation of this State: And accordingly the said Lords of the *Ridderschap*, and the Nobles, as likewise the Deputies of the several Towns, in the name, and on the part of the Burger-Masters, and *Uroerschappen* of the said Towns, have unanimously conferred, as their Lordships by these presents do confer on his Highness, and the Heirs-Males begotten, by his Highness in lawful marriage, the Stadholdership; and the command of Captain and Admiral General of, and over the said Provinces of *Holland* and *West Frisland*, with all the Dignities, Preheminencies, Prerogatives, Rights, and Privileges belonging hereunto, none excepted, in the same manner as the said Stadholdership, and Captain, and Admiral General of, and over the said Provinces, is at present possessed by his Highness: And accordingly, that after the death of his Highness, whom their Lordships pray Almighty God, to preserve and bless with many years, the said Stadholdership, and the said command of Captain and Admiral General of, and over the said Provinces of *Holland* and *West Frisland*, shall devolve and descend on the Heirs Males begotten by his Highness, in lawful Wedlock, with all the Dignities, Preheminencies, Prerogatives, Rights, and Privileges thereunto belonging, none excepted, in the same manner, as the same is at present possessed by his Highness: And farther, that the said Lords of the *Ridderschap*, and the Nobles, as likewise the Deputies of the several Towns, in the name, and on the part of the Burger-Masters, and *Uroerschappen* of the said Towns, do understand and think good, as their Lordships by these presents do understand and think good, that of this purpose, Letters shall be in due form dispatched, and given out for the use of his Highness, and his Heirs-Males by his Highness begotten in lawful Marriage, under the Great Seal of the *United Provinces*: That agrees with the said Resolution.

Simon van *Beestem*.

This their Resolution, they deputed several of their Body to go and communicate to his Highness, and at the same time to congratulate with his Highness thereupon; the next day, his Highness was likewise complimented by Deputations from the several Colledges, and by all the persons of quality about Town. This day the Heer *Odyk* arrived here from *Zeland*, the States of that Province being separated, and brings with him an Extract of the Resolution of those States, by which they confer the Stadholdership, and the command of Captain and Admiral General of that Province on his Highness.

Heirs, in the same manner, as is
 Deputies from the several Towns in *England*, to com-
 mune with the Emperor his Highness. The Town of *Dort*
 will by no means yield to *Paris*, in the honor of having
 first proposed the making the Prince Hereditary Stad-
 holder, &c. but have caused it to be inserted in the
 Register, that they, the Town of *Dort* had proposed it
 eighteen Months since; and therefore, that the Town
 of *Amsterdam* did but renew their Propositions. The Pro-
 vince of *Friesland* has consented to the extraordinary
 equipage of Eighty four Men of War, and other Frigates,
 and small Vessels proportionable.

Hague, Feb. 27. Yesterday the Prince of *Orange* was
 in the Assembly of the States of *Holland* and *West*
Friesland, and took his place there as first Noble. His
 Highness has been to thank the several Members of
 their respective Houses for their great kindness, and
 assistance to him, so fully manifested by their late Resolu-
 tion. We are told, that the States are about explain-
 ing their last Resolution, viz. That not only the Heirs
 begotten by His Highness in lawful Marriage, but
 his posterity, or even lawfully begotten, shall succeed
 in the Stadholdership; and the command of Captain
 and Admiral General, &c. From *Denmark* we have
 advice, that the Imperial Minister there, hath perfect-
 ed his Negotiation, and is on his return home. The
 Prince of *Orange* has nominated the Captains and other
 Officers to serve on Fleet this Summer.

Genoa, Feb. 21. This Senate seems at present very
 much perplexed, and incertain what resolution to take.
Don Antonio de Almeida, has lately had audience of
 the Senate, to whom he then made several proposi-
 tions on the part of the King of *Spain*: On the other
 side, the French continue to demand, That the Gunner
 which was some time since upon the French Gallies,
 be sent prisoner to *Marseilles*; so that however we
 comply or dissent, we shall not be able to avoid dis-
 pleasing one of the Crowns; and besides the trouble
 which we receive from our Affairs abroad, we are ready
 to be engaged in new disorders here at home, on occa-
 sion of the difference which is unhappily renewed be-
 tween the Senate and our Archbishop, in which our
 Governors have gone so far, that little wanted but
 they had banished the Inquisitor established here by the
 Pope. We raise men here, though underhand, that in
 case of the worst, we may be in a posture of defence.

Francfort, Jan. 30. We have advice, that a party
 of Imperial Cavalry is passed the *Rhine* at *Rheinfelden*,
 with express Orders, as is said, to march into the
Franch Comté, and in case they be opposed, to force
 their passage; and at the same time we hear, that the
Marquis de Vaubrun with the Troops under his com-
 mand, expects them at a very advantageous post; so that
 it is very probable these Parties may come to action.
 The old Duke of *Lorraine* raises what men he can in
 these parts, and it is said, that this next Campaigne he
 will in person command a Body of an Army in *Bur-
 gundy*. The Commissaries of *Saxony* do with great
 difficulty provide Victuals for their Troops, which con-
 tinue in their former Quarters.

Mayence, Jan. 31. Our Elector has not yet given
 his Answer to the Imperial Minister here, who presses
 hard, That his Electoral Highness will declare himself
 in favor of the Emperor, which perplexes this Court
 very much; for as on the one side our Elector is unwill-
 ing to displeas the Emperor, so is he as loth to break
 with *France*, but would be glad to find our any exped-
 ient which may enable him to maintain a friendship
 with both. The Body of the Prince of *Simmeren*, was
 on Sunday last conveyed from *Creuznach*, where he

died, to *Simmeren*, to be interred there. The Sieur
de Gravelle, the French Minister, is still here, and some
 days since gave a very noble entertainment to our E-
 lector, and the principal persons of this Court.

Cologne, Febr. 6. Since the death of the Sieur *Fo-
 anetti*, the Emperor has appointed Don *Henriques de*
Streversdorff, to be his Commissary General at War.
 Our Letters from *Mayence* of the thirtieth past tell
 us, That the Troops of *Saxony* were arrived at *Bat-
 bach*. The Sieur *Bongars*, who heretofore was a Cap-
 tain of *Egypt* in the Service of our Elector, and now
 lately served under the Imperialists, having been dis-
 covered, that he had a design to kill Prince *William* of
Furtemberg, in revenge for that he had caused him
 to be hanged in effigie for his desertion; to which pur-
 pose he came hither, thinking himself secure, because
 of the Neutrality, hath been arrested here by order
 of our Magistrates, though at the same time he pre-
 tends to have Letters of recommendation from the
 Baron *d'Issola*. Thursday next the Baron *Spin*, one of
 the Swedish Mediators, intends to part hence for *Eng-
 land*, by the way of *Holland*, in Quality of Ambassa-
 sador Extraordinary. Yesterday Monsieur *Visscher* took
 upon him the Quality of his Imperial Majesties Am-
 bassador Extraordinary.

Brussels, Febr. 9. Yesterday our Governor Gen-
 eral parted hence, intending to ly that night at *Malines*,
 and this at *Antwerp*, where he will treat with several
 Merchants, about the remitting, as is said, of 300000
 Crowns from *Spain*. Here are arrived several Deputies
 from the Chapter of *Liege*; to complain of the great
 oppression they suffer from our Troops, and to desire
 they may by virtue of the Neutrality be eased of them.
 The Count *de Charignac* lies at present with a party of
 Imperial Cavalry in the Condrot, in the Bishoprick
 of *Liege*, and demands Contribution of those Inhabi-
 tants in the name of the Emperor. The Baron *d'Issola*
 remains still at *Liege*. From *Luxemburgh* they write,
 that the Duke of *Holslein* having been at *Montmedy*,
 to establish the Contributions there, was returned towards
Marche with the Troops under his command, where
 he has his Quarters. Our Letters from *Holland* con-
 tinue to tell us, That the French are about quitting of
Aernhem, and that they have already removed part of
 their Cannon. We know not certainly when his Excel-
 lency will return hither.

Advertisements.

Modes Inaudi Placita Generalia, The en-
 tiring Clerks Introduction: Being a collection of such Pre-
 cedents of Declarations, and other Pleadings with Pro-
 cess, as well Meine as judicial, as are generally used in
 every days practice; with notes and observations there-
 upon. By *William Brown*, Gent. Author of *Firmata Bux*
Placitanti. Sold by *George Dawes*, over against *Loucolns-
 Inn-Gate* in *Chancery-lane*.

Lost on Saturday the 31 of *January*, in the Afternoon,
 a black Seal Skin Jewel Case, and in it, the top and bot-
 tom part of a Jewel, the middle of it being a Ruf of Dia-
 monds; in both which were Fourteen large Diamonds, and
 many small Sparks about them set in Silver; and in the same
 Case, a Gentlemans Picture about the bigness of a Crown
 peece of Silver set in Gold; which were lost about the middle
 of *Chancery-lane*. If any one can give notice hereof to *Mr. Butler*
Goldsmith, at the Anchor in *Chancery-lane*, they shall have Five
 pounds for their reward.

DOur *Gideon Harvey* is removed out of *Fleetstreet*, into
Hastings-court, next house to the *Blow* and *Gilt* Balcony,
 in the new Brick Buildings.

Whereas one *Mr. Ralph Lawson* hath been absent from
 his usual abode, almost half a year last past, without
 the knowledge of any of his relations, where he is, very
 much to the prejudice of his Sister *Liston*; who for par-
 ticular reasons, doth desire to hear from him (if living)
 or if any other person else, can and shall give information
 of him, by Letter or otherwise, (living or dead) to my Lord
Stafford, shall be rewarded for their pains.