

for the Kings of England and of Spain, are preparing. They likewise are likewise making provision publicly to express their joy on this occasion. It is said, that some considerable Inhabitants of this place, had resolved to join together, in causing a Firework to be set off representing the two Brothers *de Witt*, who after having blazed some time, were at last to be dismembered; and, as it were, torn in pieces; but the Council of State having notice thereof strictly forbids the same. The Spanish Minister here, endeavors greatly to persuade this State, to continue the Equipage for this year, as was resolved before the conclusion of the Peace with England; that so they may be better able to oppose the French in the *Mediterranean*; and that the *Garisons* shall all their Provision, and ammunitions, being about quitting that place. Our Letters of the 27th of January tell us, That the Emperor *Charles*, being with the Emperor to conclude a Treaty of Peace with him; and that the Emperor's Army of 22000 Foot, and 8000 Horse towards the *Rhine*, is his command in chief by the Count de *Montecault*. Our Letters from *Strass* give us an account of the extraordinary preparations that are made there, and that his most Christian Majesty will be in the Field this Campaign; so though we are not to take any great notice of it, and it would be needless, that we with the assistance of our Allies shall be able to make us any way good. In the mean time, those that speak of some appearance of Peace; and that the most Christian King intended to restore all places taken during this War; but that this State cannot at present rest satisfied therewith; but these from only discourses, to which no great regard may be given.

Munster, March 9. On Monday last it was resolved by the States General, that the Equipage for this present year should consist of 66 Man of War, besides Fireships, and other Vessels; and that on this Fleet shall be embarked 9000 Land Soldiers under a distinct General. We have certain advice, That the *Mareschal d'Humores* is passed to *Grave* with 36 Troops of Horse, leaving us uncertain, whether this force be only for a Convoy to his person, or designed to march towards *France*, though we cannot think the French will leave their *Garisons* without Cavalry from *Cutenburgh*. Our Letters tell us, That the French Officer, who commands there, had demanded 6000 Guilders of the Inhabitants to save them from being plundered upon his marching out from thence. It is likewise said; That the French will quit *Tiel*, and we are willing to believe, that they will also leave several other places very suddenly; for that, if the Bishop of *Munster* has made his accord with the Emperor, as it is said he has, they will find it a difficult matter to supply themselves with provisions. We are told for certain, That the said Bishop hath sent a Gentleman to the States; to desire Passports for two Deputies, which he would send to the *Haghe*, to conclude a Treaty; That he offers to restore all, and to put things into the same state they were at the Treaty of *Cleves*; and that the Bishop has already refused passage to some Troops which the Elector of *Cologne* would have sent towards *Hildesheim*; and what makes us the more ready to believe, that the Bishop has made his Peace with the Emperor, is; That the Imperialists do not take any Quarters in his Territories. We are making great preparation for the celebrating the fourteenth Instant.

Paris, March 9. Yesterday *To Drum* was sung in the Church of *Notre Dame* for the taking of *Gray*, in the County of *Burgundy*: Of which, we have these par-

ticulars. That the Duke de *Navailles* having caused his Forces to besiege the place, the 25th past at night, the Trenches were opened, and the 27th at night our Troops gained the Counterforts, where they lodged; and the next day the *Garison* finding that our Troops prepared for a general Assault, began to fly, and that very day surrendered the place, on condition to march out to *Luxembourg*, though without Arms or Baggage, leaving only the Colonel *Maffioli*; who commanded the Spanish Cavalry in that Countrey, and was now chief Commander in the place; accordingly the Soldiers were all disarmed; and the Cavalry dismounted; and then marched out under a Convoy towards *Luxembourg*, according to the capitulation. Our Letters farther tell us, That the Duke de *Navailles* having some days refreshed his Soldiers at *Gray*, intended from thence to march into *Salsins*, and so to *Bejancon*; and it is said, that the King will send several Troops to reinforce the said Duke; and some add, That his Majesty will the beginning of the next Month march thither in person, to perform the Conquest of that Province. The *Sieur de la Penille*, ancient Colonel of *Monte*, made Governour of *Gray* upon the Surrender, which place 500 Switzer that were in *Garison* there, were excepted out of the Capitulation, and permitted with their arms to march home. Our last Letters from *Amsterdam* tell us, That the Cantons were very much concerned, to send our Troops into the *Strasburgh* Countrey. That the French Troops commanded by *de Roobert*, having received order from the *Palatinate* on the *Rhine*, had taken *Germerstein*, belonging to the Elector of *Rhineland*; that, as is said here contrary to his Majesty's promise, his Electoral Highness had entered into a new alliance with the Emperor; and that the *Pope's Nuncio*, having offered the mediation of his Holiness; in order to a general Peace, his Majesty has accepted thereof. Here is arriv'd an Extraordinary Envoy from *Poland*; to demand assistance against the *Turks*; and from hence he will pass into *England*.

Advertisements

A Sermon Preach'd before the Right Honourable Lord Major of the City of London, at St. Andrew's Church, Jan. 30. 1673. By Mr. Richard D. Chappell, in Ordinary to the said City. Printed by S. Oliver Seabrook, Sold by the Booksellers at the Angel in Cornhill, near the Royal Exchange.

The new invention for Sheathing, by Mr. W. ... with Lead and Lacker, having been used for these three years, with good success and approbation of any Builder, Merchant, or others, desirous to make use thereof, or would be further satisfied herein; let them repair to the persons employed by the undertakers in the management of this work, viz. To Mr. Thomas Ruffel at the Jerkeys Office in the *East India* House, or to the said Mr. Ruffel, or Mr. Francis Dracet, every Tuesday and Thursday, from Twelve to One a Clock at Mr. Garretts Coffee-house; and afterwards the same days in the *West India* Walk upon the *Exchange*, and they may receive satisfaction, that this way of Sheathing is much more cheap and practicable than any way hitherto used.

A Lad of Eleven years of age, whose name is Richard ... Page to the Lord Herbert, clothed in a sad coloured Suit with Black and Red Points, and a Brown Perriwig, whose right Foot is lame and swelled, went out from my Lord Herberts on Saturday last in the Evening, and has not since been heard of. If any can bring notice of him, to the said Lords house in High *Northampton*, shall have Five pounds.

His Majesty having been graciously pleased, lately to Grant a new Charter to the ancient Borough of *Uxbridge* in the County of *Montgomery*, hath thereby, not only confirmed (amongst other Privileges) all their ancient Markets, and Fairs, on the several days, and times heretofore then held and used; but also granted unto them one other new Fair to be held on the Thirteenth day of *May* yearly, forever. Whereof all persons concerned may take notice.