

Emperor by his farther detention will not occasion the breaking up of the Conferences here, which might otherwise, by the Blessing of God, restore so necessary a Peace to Christendom. In the mean time, the Ambassadors of England, as likewise those of France, are in expectation to receive their Orders suddenly to return home.

Brussels, March 27. On Friday night last was apprehended here a Citizen of this place, and committed close prisoner, for designing to betray the Fort *Monvere* into the hands of the French: He hath been put upon the torture, and confesses the whole design, which, as we are told, was laid thus. This person had declared himself to the Governor of the Fort, to be a Wine Merchant, and that he had a parcel of Wine as much as would lade twenty Waggons, which he desired to bring in without paying the custom; and therefore agreed with the Governor for a piece of Money to permit the said Waggons to pass in the night: About forty or fifty stout fellows well armed, though disguised in the habit of Carriers, and other Country people, were to accompany the Waggons, who coming to the Fort, were to cut the throats of the Garrison, and Governor there, and at the same time a Body of 4 or 5000 French Horse were to be ready at hand, to take possession of the Fort, and thence to march directly hither. This design was to have been executed on *Goodfriday* night, but was happily discovered some days before. Whether all these particulars may be believed for a certain truth, we cannot determine; but give you them as they are reported here. Colonel *Masselli* who commanded at *Gray*, is arriv'd here, and imputes the loss of the place to the *Swissers* that were in Garrison there, for that they refused to fight. The *Marschal d'Humieres* is returned to his Government of *Liste*, the *Marschal de Belfonds* is gone to command at *Maeffrichi*, the Count *d'Estrades* is to be Governor of *Wissel*, and the Count *de Lorge* Governor of *Nimwegen*. The French seem to have three places in their eye, which they design the object of their Arms at the opening of the Campaign, viz. *Namur, Mons, and Bruges*. This day his Excellency received advice from the *Hague*, That the Prince of *Orange* will, in few days, cause 25 Regiments to march hither, which are to be disposed into several Garrisons, and our old Regiments of *Spiriards, Italians, and Walloons*, are to be drawn into the Field.

Amsterdam, March 30. The Admiralty here hastens all they can the Equipage, and, we hope, our Fleet will be ready to sail the latter end of the next Moneth. Our last Letters from *Groningen* tell us, That the *Sieur Rubenhaus* was entred with the Forces under his command into *Munsterland*, and that he intended to join with several Imperial Troops commanded by *Major General sporke*, in order to the attempting something considerable upon the *Bishop of Munster*, who for several Moneths past has freed his Countreys from hostilities, by appearing desirous to make an accord with the Emperor, though at the same time he meant nothing less: The States have therefore now resolved, that they will not give ear to any further Propositions which may be made to them on the part of the said *Bishop*, till he hath first received an Imperial Garrison into his Capital City of *Munster*.

Hague, March 30. On Tuesday last the States of *Holland* were assembled, though it was only to confirm what they had done at their last Session, and particularly to take a final resolution, concerning the present of Two Millions to be made to the Prince of *Orange*; the thing passed without the least contradiction, and his Highness was himself in the Assembly of the States, to give them thanks. The States of this Province are now again separated, and will not meet till *June next*, 40-

less some extraordinary business happen. The Deputies of *Zealand* are returned home, having adjusted the affair concerning the uniting the Courts of Justice of the two Provinces: The said Deputies have consented that the state of the War for this present year, shall be augmented with 10000 Foot, and 24 Troops of Horse. The Waters being now clear of Ice, the Troops designed for *Flanders*, will in a day or two embark, the Vessels being already prepared for their transportation, The fifteenth of the next Moneth is appointed for the General Rendezvous of the Troops of this State; and the Prince of *Orange* pretends he will have in the Field Thirty two Regiments of Foot, each Regiment consisting of Twelve Companies, and 10000 Horse; not reckoning the Troops which are designed to be put out board the Fleet, which it is said will be 10000 Men. The *Velt Marshal Wurix* is made choice of to command these Troops in chief, and he hath accepted thereof, desiring in the mean time leave to make a step to *Hamburgh*, to look after his private affairs, which his Highness has granted him.

Harwich, March 27. We formerly told you of a Dutch *East India* Ship outward bound, who by stress of weather was forced on the Coast of *Scotland*, and that Captain *Wetwang* having notice thereof, went out in search of her: Captain *Wetwang* being come upon the Coast, found her there, and took her, and yesterday passed by this place with his prize, towards the River of *Thames*. The two Dutch Captains having by a small Vessel been set ashore here; the one commanded the Ship, and the other a Company of Soldiers designed to the *East Indies*; the said Captains are gone over in the Packet Boat for *Holland*, and report this Ship to be worth about 50000 *l. sterling*.

Whitchal, March 28. The twenty three instant, the Baron *Spar*, Ambassador Extraordinary of *Sweden*, arrived here from *Cologne*, by the way of *Holland*; his Excellency hath since had Audience of their Majesties; and their Royal Highnesses, having been conducted thereunto by *Sir Charles Cotterel*, Master of the Ceremonies, with the usual solemnity.

Advertisements.

VHereas *Richard Haiges* of *Salington*, in the County of *Sussex*, hath by his own industry discovered a way to cleanse a certain sort of Grass-Seed, properly called *Trefail*, but by some called *Nonsuch*, and by others *Hop-flower*, from its husk and course Grass, which before was very destructive to it, by which means it is much bettered and improved: So that Lands not worth Ten Groats per Acre, may be improved to Twenty or thirty shillings per Acre, being Sowed therewith.

These are to give notice to all Persons, That His Majesty hath been graciously pleased to confirm the Privilege of cleansing the said Seeds to the said *Rich. Haiges*, by His Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *England*, thereby prohibiting all other persons within this Realm, from making use of his invention, The same Seed to be sold at the *Cross-Keys* in *Lumbar-d-street*, with Bills of Direction, and not elsewhere in *London*.

Stolin March 19 from Mr. *Robert Graves*, Broker, (by a youth about 16 or 17 years of age, named *Emanuel Jenkensson*, with Brown thin Hair, he doth speak *Swede* and *Dutch*. He hath a new pair of *Ruffet-Shoes*, with *Silver Buckles*) the following particulars, viz. Ten *Guinies*, four pounds in *Silver*, four *Gold Rings*, two *Silver Cups*, six *Silver Spoons*, all marked with *R. I.* And a *Cane* with a *Silver-Head*, being engraven with a *Coat and Crest*, viz. Three *Talbots* passant, the *Crest* a *Phaenax* on a *Wreath*, with the name at length, *Robert Graves*, 1673. Also a *Silver Tobacco Box* marked *R. G.* with the date of the year. If any one can give notice to Mr. *Robert Graves*, or to Mr. *Roger Ford*, at the *Cock* in *Burching-lane*, they shall have forty shillings as a reward.

Lost on Tuesday the 24th of *March* instant, in the night betwixt the *Royal Exchange* and *Grays Inn*, a long Pocket Paper-Book, bound in *Vellom* (the owners name and habitation writ within the Book) being written in at both ends, several Accounts near three quarters out. Whoever brings the said Book to Mr. *Robert Hornes* Shop, a Bookseller, at the South Entrance of the *Royal Exchange*, shall have forty shillings reward.