

is likewise gone from *Bon*, to pay his respects to his Electoral Highness. The *Imperial* Troops that are lodged on the other side of the *Rhine*, continue in their Quarters; but those that are on this side, have all orders to march towards the *Meuse*, to strengthen the *Imperial* Forces in the Country of *Liege*.

Antwerp, March 21. The great preparations of the *French* against the approaching Campaign continue still, and we are certainly informed that all the Troops in the *French* Conquests designed for the Field, have orders to be ready to march by the 15 of the next month; and that his Most Christian Majesty is expected there in person before the end of the same month, so that in appearance these Countries will be made the seat of the War again this Summer. We expect several Regiments from *Holland*, in order to the Reinforcing our Frontier places; and a considerable quantity of Corn is already arrived here from thence, to be laid up for the use of the Armies at *Ipres*. The *French* are very desirous to set the Country of *Waes* under Contribution, which hath hitherto escaped the ruines and desolations of the War, and not been disturbed by the Enemy. Last night they came 1500 strong, having with them three small pieces of Cannon, to a place called *Westeren*, about half a league from this City, where by favor of certain Boats they found there; they passed the *Schelde*; the Country People, who were on the Watch, were soon dispersed by them. They burnt a very fine House, with several Barns and Out-houses belonging to it; but understanding the whole Country was alarmed, and begun to rise, they retired again: so that 600 Men that were sent out from hence, to join the Country People, came not till the Enemy was gone.

Hague, March 22. The 16 instant, the Deputies of the Provinces of *Gelderland* and *Overysse*, were introduced into the Assembly of the States General, and took their places there as formerly, for the first time since their return into the Union. The 16 of the next month is appointed to be a General Thanksgiving-day, for that it hath pleased God to restore the State, after several of its Members had been violently torn from it, to its former Union. Two days since was finished the state of the War for this next Summer, which 'tis not doubted but the Province of *Holland* will readily agree to, though the Provinces of *Gelderland*, *Overysse* and *Utrecht*, may, it is likely, make some difficulty in it; and the Deputies of the latter here, have already declared by order of their principals, that they are no way in a condition to furnish the part that is assigned them by the said state of the War. The States of *Holland* are at present assembled, at the opening of their Session the Raedt Pensionaris acquainted them, that his Highness being informed of several Corruptions that were practised in the obtaining of the Magistracy in the respective Towns, desired an Oath may for the future be taken by all persons upon their entering into the Magistracy, that they have neither given nor promised any monies for the obtaining of it.

Ditto. The six Regiments that this State has promised to send to the assistance of the *Spanish* Netherlands, are already on their march towards *Brabant*, whither (it is thought) his Highness will, presently after his return from *Cleves*, follow with the rest of his Troops, who have orders to be ready to march by the first of the next month. The Deputies of the Admiralties have finally resolved to fit out 40 Men of War, greatest part of which are designed to be employed in the *Baltique*, under the Command of Lieutenant Admiral de

Ruyter; and the rest in the *Mediterranean*, under Monsieur *Van Tromp*; these ships will be fitted out with so much diligence, that, it is thought, they will be ready to go to Sea about the latter end of the next month. The *Danish* Ambassador continues (as we are told) to assure this State, that the King his Master will make good the obligation of the Treaty between them, when ever he shall be called upon by the Allies, provided that the monies stipulated be punctually paid. And from *Stockholme* they write, that orders were given to all Merchant ships outward bound, to be careful how they put into any Port of *Denmark*, and this State. His Highness will be back here from *Cleve* on Sunday or Monday next at farthest.

Paris, March 23. His Majesty of *Great Britain* having, as Mediator, by his Ambassador here signified to the Most Christian King, that the States General and their Allies had agreed to *Nimeguen* for the place of Treaty, his Most Christian Majesty, after having caused the matter to be communicated to the Baron *Spar*, Ambassador Extraordinary at this Court from the Crown of *Sweden*, has declared his acceptance of the said place of *Nimeguen*, and his readiness to send his Ambassadors thither jointly with those of the King of *Sweden* his Allie, in order to the beginning the Negotiation there: However, that his Majesty first expects satisfaction in the preliminary points in question between his Majesty and the Emperor, viz. That Prince *William* of *Frisenburgh* be put into the hands of some Neutral Prince till the Conclusion of the Peace, and that the Monies seized at *Cologne* be restored. In the meantime we are assured, that his Majesty has nominated the Plenipotentiaries he designs on his part for this Treaty, and they are the Duke de *Vivry*, newly returned from the Court of *Bavaria*, Monsieur *Colbert* his late Ambassador in *England*, and the Sieur d'*Avoyne* likewise his Majesty's late Ambassador at *Venice*. The 16 instant, dyed *Francois Joseph de Lorraine*, Duke of *Guise*, the only Heir, and last of that Family, aged 4 years and six months, to the extraordinary affliction of the Dutchess his Mother, who hath been since visited by the King, Queen, and all the persons of the most eminent Quality, to condole with her, and to express the part they have in so great and just a grief, as well for the death of this young Prince, as that by it so illustrious a Family is become extinct.

Harwich, March 16. On Sunday last arrived here one of our Packet-boats from *Holland*, the Passengers that came over in it, tell us, That the 10 instant, a Dutch Man of War brought in to the *Bent* a French Caper of eight Guns belonging to *Dunkirk*: That the seventh, marched from the *Bent*, the Regiment of the Count de *Horne*, formerly Commanded by the Colonel *Alme*, which was to join with five other Regiments, and to march together for *Brabant*, to assist the Spaniards.

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A White short thick motley *Spaniel* Dog, but black about the Head, with a brass Collar about his Neck, and an iron Chain hanging at it, was lost between *St. Martin's* Lane, and *St. Giles's* in the Fields, upon Tuesday the second of this instant *March*, about eight a Clock in the morning. If any body have taken him up, or can give notice where he is, they are desired to bring word to *Esquire Griffin's* house in the *Palmerly*, and they shall have ten shillings for their courtesie.