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Bridlington, March 12.

Yesterday at four in the Afternoon, the Fleet of Light Colliers, with their Convoys, set sail from hence for *Newcastle*, with a fair wind.

Harwich, March 15. The *True-love*, Captain *Peach* Commander, is fitting out to continue in his Station between *Ously-Bay* and *Tarmouth*, to look after some French Shallops that of late have appeared upon these Coasts.

Newcastle, March 13. The last night came safe into this Harbor, about eighty sail of Light Colliers, being convoyed by five of His Majesties Fregats; who having brought them in, immediately plied again to the Southward, to meet the other Fleet that were remaining in *Tarmouth* Roads.

Portsmouth, March 15. The *Drake* Fregat gave chase on Tuesday last to a French Privateer belonging to *Diepe*, with thirty Men and three Guns, but could not reach him; but the Expedition coming accidentally by, presently took him, and hath brought the Seamen and Captain prisoners to this place. The same day Col. *Norwood*, His Majesties Lieutenant-Governor of *Tangier*, with a fair wind, set sail for that Port, with several Ships of Provisions for the supply of that Garrison.

Pendennis, March 12. The *Elizabeth* Fregat sent into this Port a pretended Spaniard, who came from *St. Sebastien*, about thirty Tun, laden with Iron, Wine, Suet, and Pitch, and several Bales of Liccorish. They give out, they had been bound, if the wind held Northerly, for *Ostend*; if Southwardly, for *Ireland*. They met about thirty six Leagues South-west from the Lizard, with this supposed Prize; the *Elizabeth* had in her company the *Adventure* and *Sorlings* Fregats. Near the Lizard they saw the *Dartmouth* with nine or ten sail bound for *Ireland*.

Yesterday came into this Harbor, a ship belonging to *Lubeck*, the *Saint Nicholas*, of 100 Tun, 12 Men, but neither Guns nor Ballast, bound for *Rochel*; as also the *Saint Katherine*, belonging to *Riga*, 160 Tun, 16 Seamen, and 6 Guns, bound for *Portugal*.

Bremen, March 1. It is said, that the *Swedes* Propositions made to the City of *Bremen* consist in these following particulars.

1. That the City shall Renounce all protection in relation to the Roman Empire.
2. That they shall receive into the new Town a *Swedish* Garrison.
3. That those of the *Lutheran* Religion be Priviledged with two Churches.
4. That the Senate shall consist equally of both Religions, to which Articles, if they would consent, they were promised all Assistance for advancement of Trade, and what further benefit they could bring to them.

Munster, March 3. The number of the *Holland* Prisoners in this City is very great, and much care is taken for a sufficient allowance to be given them for their subsistence, all the Officers are at liberty to go up and down the Town, as they please. The Bishops Army (though reports have spoken otherwise) hath Provisions of all sorts in good plenty, and the Soldiers well-paid.

Hessen, Feb. 23. The Levies under the Baron of *Hessen* are still continued. The preparations of Waggon, Rowling bridges and other Instruments of Warr, which he intends to carry with him, are very great, but what design he entertains, is not yet known.

Stockholme, Feb. 21. The French Ambassador Extraordinary, Monsieur *Arnauld d'Andilly de Pomponne*, made his publique entry here the 14. He had Audience the 16, and a Conference with the Commissioners the 20. The

people appear much inclined to an Alliance with *England*. This Court is in Mourning, as well for the King of *Spain*, as for the Queen Mother of *France*. The general leaves through this whole Country, are eagerly prosecuted: some of the Province of *Upland* have already made their appearance here.

Hamburgh, March 3. Saturday last Sir *Christopher Minns* arrived at the Mouth of the *Elve*, where he cast Anchor with 15 good Men of Warr, and immediately after sent up Capt. *May*, to give advice to the *English* Resident of his arrival, which he had no sooner received, then he called an Assembly of the Merchant Adventurers to see what they were able to do in three or four daies time: When it was resolved to lade their ships with all speed imaginable, which is so well advanced, that we are not without hopes, of having them ready to pass under this Convey.

Warsovia, Feb. 26. Some daies since the Secretary to the Lord *Hankiewicz*, after many weeks Imprisonment was brought before the Lord Justice, where he received sentence to have his head cut off, for communicating the Kings Instructions sooner then he ought to have done, for a small reward, which is to be executed accordingly, no intercessions being permitted.

We have Letters from *Lithuania*, that a Courier from the great Duke of *Muscovy* is arrived at *Minisko*, who brings tidings, that the *Muscovite* Ambassadors with full power to make Peace with us, are taking their journey to come hither: upon which the Commissioners of *Lithuania* are parted to meet them there, expecting those from *Poland*, who are very slow in coming, so the no small trouble of those of *Lithuania*, who in their absence can effect nothing in relation to a Treaty; and besides, when they send, their number will be as is supposed greater then it ought to be.

Dantzick, March 6. Here are great expectations, what issue the publique Affairs of *Poland* are like to have: They will not hear any thing of the Election of a new King, during the life of this. *Lubomirski* is to be restored by the Intercession of the States, with a Salvo to the Kings Authority. The Garrisons to be dismantled, and the Army paid.

Ostend, March 22. There is a Caper of 14 or 16 guns, hastening out in few dayes, and from *Calais* and *Diepe*, several small floops are cruising upon the Coast. They are making up *Mardike* with all the speed they can. The *Hollanders* are very busie in Equipping 70 or 80 ships, with store of Fire ships, which if they can get men, being a matter of no small difficulty, will be ready in *May*; part of it they intend, as is said, shall joyn with the *Danes*: They are beating up their Drums to man out four or five *East India* Men, which are like to fill sooner then the States Ships, but it is thought only a design to entrap Men for the ships of War.

Two daies since there came in here two Convoys, one of six, the other of ten Guns, with 32 small ships, and Billanders from *Zealand*: 15 for this place, the rest are for *Newport*, *Dunquerque*, and *Calais*.

Middlebourg, March 18. The States of *Zealand*, that have been long assembled here, are now dissolved, having not made any new resolution: The two great ships which lay so long in *England* under the notion of *Brandenbours*, are now unloading here: All the States Ships belonging to *Flushing* are brought into the Harbor to be cleaned. Admiral *Everts* is to go in the new ship built at *Flushing*.

The Colledge of the Admiralty at *Amsterdam* were inform'd by a Merchant of *Bergen* in *Norway*, that in his voyage thither, he met with Sir *Christopher Minns*, with fifteen stout Sail of ships upon the *Logger-Sands*, with a Ketch and a Galliot, which he supposed were going to the *Elve*, to

convey home the Merchant Ships, which, with two Men of War, are there lading; upon which information they consulted, whether the putting together all the ships that are ready in the *Texel*, might not be a proper way to hinder their return; but finding after all, that onely eight ships of War of their Colledge can be yet brought to Sea; or possibly twelve, if four of their ships, of the Winter Fleet, can be timely remanded; they despair of effecting their design, unless the Ships in the *Mæs* and *Weilengen* could forthwith be brought together into a Body, which is scarce possible, though the matter is yet in deliberation.

In the mean time they are labouring to take away the discontent of the Commonalty, who do not a little murmur that such considerable fleets should be daily upon their Coasts, even after their Winter Fleet was at Sea, yet no attempts made upon them; all this while wanting money, and means to furnish out their Fleet to action, which that service requires, and the season of the year so far advancing seems to call for: To this purpose, the States have required their Deputies for Maritime affaires to consult with the Colledge of the Admiralty, and to make reports accordingly; and the Admiralty of *Rotterdam* and *Zealand*, are to be written to, that without any loss of time, they send Deputies with full Instruction and Power, to consult upon this subject.

The Duke of *Lunenburgh* hath wrote to the States, declaring that the League intends to bring out all that Army into action towards the beginning of the next month, desiring the States to joyn 4000 foot, and 2000 horse with them.

Mague, March 19. We are frequent here in Consultation with the Sea Commanders, about our preparations for the Spring. In order to which, the Principal Officers have been in the first place put to take an Oath for the observation of that Rule and Form, that the Fleet shall by Order of the States be now put into.

The Sieur *Beverning* intends to part for *Cleve* in two days, where his business is as well to eye the Electors motion in this Overture of Accommodation with the Bishop, as to clear and conclude with him those other points yet remaining undetermined: between him and us; of which, we hope a good issue, though they are such as want not great difficulties, however we take them.

The Bishops forces are not yet warned at the late disgraces they suffered from ours on *Brabant* side. They have now freshly fallen into a small Village of ours, where finding the Sieur *Overbeck*, they spoiled and pillaged him to a considerable loss; however the States have ordered the Village to repair him, for not having rung the Bells; or by some other means, called out for more help.

Beverning hath received from the Council of State his Instructions for the Accommodation with *Munster*, which are no other then the terms heretofore declared to the Sieur *Friquet*; where he in the Emperors name made the like overture of Mediation, onely we our selves are not agreed upon the main. Some would eye the Bishop, out of hand, to quit our places; others think it an unreasonable demand, and would be glad it might be onely upon the Ratification of the Treaty aimed at.

The Dispute continues between the States of *Holland*, and the Town of *Harlem*, for the arrears of its contribution upon the 200 penny, which is a considerable sum; and its believed, we must be forced to send a Deputation of the Nobles, and of five Towns, to incline them to a compliance, if yet that be sufficient to do it.

And after this example, other Members of *Holland* withhold their Quota's to several publick Taxes, to those of *Brandenburgh*, *Denmark*, and the present Equipage for Sea. The second we had hoped to have satisfied out of what is due to us from *France*; but we are plainly told there, they cannot at present finde the sum, and so the necessities of the *Dane*, which are very craving, return upon us again.

The Sieur *Bosman* hath had Audience here, to which he was conducted by the Agent *de Heyde*. His discourse was soft and gentle, pleading from the Innocence of a Neutrality; he touched a little upon his Masters Pretention of *Rbineberg*, and what endeavors he had used for a good Accommodation of this war which he still advised as the safest for our interests. All

which is referred to a Committee, who are to treat with him.

They persist here to press the Marquess *Castel Rodrigo* to declare in Writing upon the late complaints from hence, or otherwise, that they must take further resolutions here.

This morning the two *East-India* ships belonging to this City, came into this place.

Zurich, Feb. 28. The King sent formerly for the levying of several Regiments amongst the *Switzers*, but has failed of his expectation, the *Cantons* returning, that they expected first of all, the payment of all Arrears due to them; and that according to the Alliance formerly made with them, they should have the choice of Officers, and the King to pay them; when those things were observed, they would not fail in the performance of their promises to him.

The States of *Holland* having made them the same demand, viz. for the raising a Regiment of 3000 *Swisses*, received a downright refusal, in their Conference with the four *Cantons* of the Religion at *Arauw*.

The Elector of *Heidleburg* has been more kindly treated by the *Cantons* of *Zurich*, who have promised him what assistance they are able to give him, against the Bishop of *Mayence*, in case that quartel continue.

Paris, March 14. The King hath prohibited all persons upon pain of death without mercy, to speak any thing, or to discourse any wayes either of Peace, or Warr with *England*.

The Taxes in this Kingdome are very high and excessive, inso much that several Persons, Merchants and others, are come out of their Provinces, to Petition for an exemption, they having no rule in imposing, but use several pretexs to load them, according as the Officers see occasion: but though the Complaints be just and importunate, they have not yet thought themselves paid for their Voyage.

Downs: From aboard the *Fairfax*, March 16. On Saturday February 24. Sir *Christopher Minnes* came to an Anchor at the mouth of the *Elve*, intending in three or four days to have returned with his charge; but contrary winds forced him to a fortnights stay. After which, he set sail with several Ships well fraught with Naval Provisions, and is now in the *Downs*, having convoyed the Merchants safe to their Port. During his stay at *Cooks-Haven* in the *Elve*, he was complemented in the name of the Senate of *Hamburg*, by their Governor of *Rixbytle*, who at the same time made him a present of Wines.

On Monday the fifth instant, General *Wrangle* having notice of his stay, came from *Stoadt* thirty miles distant, to give him a visit; which Sir *Christopher* received as became him, entertained him and his company at an elegant dinner on board. The General was much taken, as well with the sight of his Ships, as the civility of his Treat, expressing great devotion to His Majesty, and a particular inclination and esteem for the English Nation. After which, taking his leave, being saluted by the whole Fleet, as an extraordinary respect to His Majesties Flag, he came with his Yacht under the Stern of the *Fairfax*, and fired four Guns; which Sir *Christopher* returned with twenty one from his own Ship, this being accompanied with a general shout and acclamation of the Seamen of the whole Fleet; which as it sent away the General infinitely satisfied, so there have not wanted on shore several reflections upon this complement of the Swedish General.

Falmouth, March 11. The 9 Instant arrived at *Mount-Bay*, the *Dolphin* of *London*, of 70 Tuns, laden with Tobacco, Sugars, and Indigo, Captain *Stamford* Commander, bound for this Harbor or *Plymouth*, by a stiff Easterly Wind forced in there. They came from *St. Christophers* the beginning of *January* last, and report that Island to be in a very good condition and posture. They have lately taken three Islands from the *Dutch*, viz. *Estacia*, *Sabia*, and *S. Martins*, being very ready and forward to action, and able to make 10000 Men, besides what the other Islands can help them with. The Privateers there are grown rich. As yet there have appeared no *Dutch* Capers upon those Coasts. This Vessel saw two Fleets by the way, but could not discover what they were.

The tenth here arrived a Prize with Wine and Salt, sent in by the *Elizabeth*.