

perhaps that might be cause sufficient) as the protection of the Kings Person and Interest against the Factions at home; who, though we cannot hear, that they have as yet dared to propose the deposing of the King, (as was some days since reported here) yet have certainly no good design in hand, and are not to be trusted so far. About the latter end of this Month, the King intends to go hence for *Samoset*, where he will leave the Queen, and so proceed to the place above mentioned, appointed for the general Rendezvous.

Rome, July 2. On Tuesday last dyed at *Marino*, not far from hence, the Cardinal *Francois Mansini*, in the 66 year of his Age, and the 15 of his Cardinalate, to which he was promoted by *Alexander VII.* by whose death, besides the second place in the Sacred Colledge, are become voyd, several of the most considerable Benefices, and Dignities of this Court. After all the endeavors that have been made use of for accommodating with the Duke of *Savoy* the matter concerning the reception of Signior *Durazzo*, as Nuncio at his Court, his Holiness finding that the Duke continued in the same resolution as formerly; hath, as is said, declared, that he will not meddle any farther in this affair, but leave it to his Successor to reconcile it; so that it is probable there will not be sent any Nuncio to that Court, during this Pontificate; in the mean time Signior *Durazzo* is made Vice-Legat of *Avignon*, to recompence him for the loss of that other employment which was intended him.

Hambrough, July 18. From *Copenhagen* they write, that the Baron *de Bloemendael* was arrived there on the part of the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, and had had Audience of that King; and at the same time we are told, that the Sieur *Kanstein* is sent by his said Electoral Highness to the Dukes of *Lunenburgh*, on the like errand. From *Warsaw* our last Letters tell us, that the King had received assurances from most of the Nobility of *Lithuania* and great *Poland*, that they would assist his Majesty to the last extremity; that his Majesty had resolved to assemble all the Nobility of the Kingdom, and to hold a Dyet in the Field, as hath been often heretofore practised on extraordinary occasions; It is said here, that the Popes Nuncio at *Warsaw*, hath by order from his Holiness excommunicated the Archbishop of *Gnesne*, for his continued practices against the King, and his having endeavored to call in the Turks, for the better carrying on his designs, &c.

Rotterdam, July 24. By several passengers arrived here from *Friesland*, we are told of the great Allarm the loss of *Cooerden* had given the Inhabitants there, the news of which seemed the more to surprize them, because of the great opinion they had of the strength of the place, and their confidence thereupon, that it would have held out, at least for some considerable time; however, to palliate the matter, we are told that the Enemy lost above 1000 Men before it, and in truth it may be well thought, that so considerable a place, must needs have cost the lives of some Men; We hear that the Bishop of *Munster* continues his progress into *Friesland*, and that he hath lately taken there a small place, though of great consequence to a very strong Town near it; Here hath been a report as if the said Bishops Forces had Besieged *Groeningen*, and of a Conspiracy that had been discovered for the putting the Town into his hands, but without any great certainty. From the *Hague* they still continue to flatter us with hopes of a speedy assistance from the Empire, and that the Sieur *Pelnitz* lately arrived there on the part of the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, hath assured the States, that the Troops of the said Elector, his

Master, would in a very short time be in a posture to begin their march towards these Countreys; but we have been so long fed with promises as well in this, as in other matters, that we almost begin to despair to see them made good to us. It is said that several persons of note have been lately made prisoners at the *Hague*, by the Prince of *Orange's* order, for having as we are told, betrayed the State by their malicious Councils, to satisfy their own private interests, &c. or as others say, for conspiring the death of his Highness; And from *Dort* they write, That the Burghers had on the same account seized the *Rumari van Putten*, brother to the Pensionary *de Witt*, and sent him Prisoner to the *Hague*, to be there proceeded against according to his demerit; but, the truth hereof a little time will discover: At *Schedam*, as in all other places, the People are very Tumultuous, having some days since assaulted the House of the Heer *Pessell* their Burgermaster, which they took occasion to plunder, and very much hurt the Burgermaster. We hear not of any Action of the French, since the taking of *Bommel* and *Crevecoeur*, and those other place near *Hertogenbosch*.

Dover, July 22. Yesterday was taken three English Colliers by two Dutch Privateers off of the *Goodwin Sands*, and an other out of *Margat Road*.

Deale, July 23. Our *East-India* and *Straits Fleet*, being the richest that have been known for several years, are passed through the *Downes*, for the River of *Thames*.

Harwich, July 23. By the *Parquet-Boat* arrived here from the *Brill*, we have an account of the great disorder that place is still in; That there are several Privateers sitting out there besides those already abroad; and that the Dutch Fleet is returned to their old station at the *Weilings*. Count *Horne* in the *Constant Warwick* hath brought in here four considerable Merchantmen, which it is thought will all prove good Prizes.

Whitehal, July 22. This day his Excellency the Earl of *Essex*, Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*, (having taken leave of His Majesty the night before) began his journey towards that Kingdom, being attended with an Equipage agreeable to the Dignity of that employment, and accompanied out of Town by the Lord Arch Bishop of *Canterbury*, the Duke of *Ormond*, and many others of the principal Nobility, and Persons of quality, in a numerous Train of Coaches. His Majesty hath been pleased to confer the Honour of Knighthood upon *Henry Ford, Esq;* Secretary to his Excellency; as likewise on *Capt. John Edgworth*, having been presented to His Majesty by the Right Honourable the Earl of *Arlington*.

Hague, July 24. To-morrow 4 or 5 principal Officers will be Sentenced to Death, and accordingly Executed in the Army. The Heer *de Groot*, late Ambassador in *France*, is privately Retired, none knows whither. We are told that the Auxiliary Troops are on their March. The French have again summoned *Garcum*, but it is said, received for Answer, That they would defend themselves to the last.

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Whereas divers Persons, who presumed in contempt of His Majesties Authority, and the Laws of this Kingdom, to Stamp, Coyne, exchange and distribute Farthings, Half-pence, and Pence of Brass and Copper, have by His Majesties Command been taken into Custody, in order to a severe Prosecution against them; But upon their humble submission, and promise not to offend in that kind for the future, His Majesty hath been Graciously pleased to remit their Offences. To the end none hereafter may through ignorance, incur the danger and penalties that attend such practices; These are to give Notice, That it is His Majesties Pleasure, that no Person or Persons do for the future Make, Coyne, Exchange or Use any other Farthings or Tokens, than such as are Coyned in His Majesties Mint, His Majesty having given directions, for the speedy making a considerable quantity of Farthings, to be made current for exchange of Men ys, by His Proclamation now preparing for that purpose.