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A Proclamation relating to the Articles concluded between His Majesty, and the Government of *Algiers*.

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**W** Hereas by the late Articles of Peace concluded between His Majesty, and the Government of *Algiers*, His Majesty out of His Royal Care of the Persons and Estates of His Subjects, did agree and provide, That none of his Subjects employed or trading in any *English* Ship or Vessel, should for the future be taken and sold as Slaves, or his or their Goods made Prize by any of the Subjects of the said Government of *Algiers*; And also, that any of His Majesties Subjects going in Foreign Ships, as Passengers onely, and having Authentick Passports testifying the same, should have the like freedom for their Persons and Goods aboard such Foreign Ships: And whereas His Majesty is informed, that divers of His Subjects, contrary to the effect and true meaning of the said Treaty, do take upon them to colour and conceal the Ships of Foreigners, with whom the said Government of *Algier* is in War, and to that end do either wholly Navigate the Ships of such Foreigners, or otherwise serve in the same as Mariners or Soldiers: Which way of proceeding, as it doth for the present administer just cause of Complaint from the said Government of *Algier*, so will it in a short time (if not prevented) endanger the Security intended by the said Articles for the Ships, Persons and Estates of His Majesties Subjects: His Majesty doth therefore by this His Royal Proclamation, strictly forbid all His Subjects, that they do not for the future Navigate the Ships or Vessels of any Foreigners in War with the said Government, nor presume to serve in the same either as Mariners or Soldiers. And His Majesty doth hereby further Declare, That if any Offenders, contrary to this His Royal Proclamation, shall be taken, His Majesty will not require any Release of their Persons or Estates from the said Government of *Algier*; But that they must expect to be excluded (as they were intended) out of the benefit of the said Articles; His Majesty also strictly charging such persons as shall hereafter go as Passengers in Foreign Ships or Vessels, to take care that they have Passports with them, signed by His Majesties proper Ministers in *England*, or His Ministers or Consuls abroad, expressing the Names of their Persons, and the Contents and Qualities of their Goods, at their Perils.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall*, this Two and twentieth day of *December* 1675. In the Seven and twentieth year of Our Reign.

A Proclamation touching Passes and Sea-briefs.

CHARLES R.

**H**IS Majesty having taken into His Royal Consideration the manifold Evils arising from the Liberty taken by His Subjects Trading into the *Mediterranean* Sea, of employing the Passes or Sea-briefs granted for the securing the Ships and Vessels of His Subjects, to the Protecting and Securing Foreign Ships and Vessels; to His Majesties great dishonour, the offence of his Allies, and the prejudice of the Trade and Navigation of this Kingdom, Is Graciously pleased by this His Royal Proclamation, (with the Advice of His Privy Council) to Publish and Declare, That no Pass or Sea-brief whatsoever, which bears Date before or since the First day of *January* last, shall remain in force any longer than until the First day of *May* next coming; His Majesty having been pleased to Direct, That other Passes in the Form now established, shall upon demand, and without Charge, be delivered forth by the Secretary of the Admiralty of *England* for the time being, to the Parties Interested therein, upon Security by them given, for delivering their former Passes within Six Moneths after their receiving such new ones. And His Majesty doth also further Declare, That no Pass or Sea-brief hereafter to be raised, (saving where the Ships to which the said Passes shall be so granted,

shall be bound to *Guiny*, or the *East* or *West Indies*, and so express to be in the Body of the said Pass) shall remain in force longer than for the space of one entire Year from the day of the Date thereof; And that all Passes and Sea-briefs from henceforth to be granted to the Ships and Vessels of His Majesties Subjects Trading in the *Mediterranean* Sea, shall be Printed and Indented in the same Form wherein they were heretofore Issued by His Royal Highness, *James* Duke of *Tork*, when Lord High Admiral of *England*, with the Day, Moneth and Year of their respective Dates expressed therein, in words at length, and not in figures; And that such Passes or Sea-briefs as shall be produced after the said First day of *May* next, in any other Form, shall be Deemed, and are hereby Declared void, and of none effect: And His said Majesty doth strictly Charge and Command all persons concerned, to take notice of His Royal Pleasure herein Declared, and to yield all due Obedience thereunto, at their Perils.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall*, the Two and twentieth day of *December* 1675. In the Seven and twentieth year of Our Reign.

*Naples*, *Decemb.* 3. Here are arrived five Dutch Men of War and four Tenders, part of Lieutenant-Admiral *de Ruyter*'s Squadron, being the same which we told you in our last were at *Cagliari* in *Sardegna*, and we may now expect here likewise Lieutenant-Admiral *de Ruyter* with the rest of his ships very suddenly. The Prince of *Montesarchio* is now at *Palermo*, not having at present with him half the number of ships he carried from hence, the rest having been lost or dispersed in bad weather. From *Messina* they write, That they begin again to have some want of Provisions, and that they are in great expectation of a supply from *France*. We seem here much troubled, that *Don Juan* of *Austria* has declined his journey to these parts being much disliked by the generality of the people.

*Florence*, *Decemb.* 10. The only news we have this week from *Naples*, is of the arrival there of nine Dutch ships of *de Ruyter*'s Squadron, under the command of a Vice-Admiral, they having parted from *de Ruyter* at *Cadix*, where he remained after them, to Convooy some Spanish ships to *Sardegna*.

*Francfort*, *Decemb.* 22. Our Letters from *France* giving us an account, that the Most Christian King is resolved to take a journey towards the *Rhine*, about the latter end of *February*, or the beginning of *March*, the Speculatives have raised much discourse thereupon, and make various conjectures concerning that Kings design, which some apprehend to be upon *Strasbourg*, others upon *Treves*, &c. Amidst of these Alarms, and the preparations the French make in *Alsacia*, the Magistrates of *Strasbourg* seem to look upon themselves to be particularly concerned, and therefore we are told that they have sent an Express to *Vienna*, to represent to the Emperor the danger that threatens them, and their own inability to defend themselves, in case they should be attacked by the French, and to desire care maybe taken of their security, which the Imperialists at the same time tell us, is very well provided for, they having a sufficient force at hand to oppose any attempt of the Enemy, and particularly that in case of need, General *Vermuller* can in few dayes draw a Body of 8000 Men together.

*Cologne*, *Decemb.* 24. From *Strasbourg* of the 20 Instant they write, That at *Schlestadt* there are 3500 French

French Soldiers, who, together with the Inhabitants and Boats, of the Neighborhood, work constantly on the Fortifications. The French of *Brisac* have finally set the whole Countrey of *Brisgovia* under Contributions. In our last we told you that 12 large Boats had been brought to *Brisac*, which the French had caused to be built near *Basse*, these it seems they of *Strasburg* apprehend the French intend to make use of, for the destroying their Bridge. The Marquis *de Grana* is now here, he hath demanded, that this City shall provide 2000 Sacks of Corn for the Emperors service, to which our Magistrates have only answered, that they must first consult the Commons in the matter.

From the Camp before *Wisnar*, Decemb. 16. The King of *Denmark*, having from several Prisoners received information, that Count *Coningmark* was with a strong Body of *Suedes* in and near *Malchin*, with intention to watch his opportunity to send some relief to the Besieged, commanded General *Arensdorf* to march out with nine Regiments of Horse, and two of Dragoons, making together about 3000 Men, besides 1000 *Brandenburghs*, under the command of the Count of *Homburg*, whom he was to join; his orders were to march towards the Enemy, and as opportunity offer'd, to attack them, or otherwise to have a watchful eye upon them, and to observe their motions: But the Enemy it seems having had an account of the march of our Troops, did not think fit to expect them, but separating themselves into several Bodies, retired, part through the Pass of *Demgarten*, and part through that of *Demmin* and *Tribnitz* (they having again fortified those Passes.) into *Pomeran*; General *Arensdorf* is at present at *Malchin*, where he will remain some days, to discover the Enemies farther intention and to keep them from taking their Winter-quarters in *Mecklenburg*, which it is said they much aim at, for that the Countrey of *Pomeran* is quite eaten up. As to the Siege, we cannot give you as yet the account you may probably expect of an Assault, the ill weather being the great obstacle; and serving at the same time to give the Besieged great encouragement, they believing we shall be after all forced to raise the Siege, which the King has resolv'd he will not do, whatever it cost.

*Lubeck*, Decemb. 18. We have Letters from the Danish Camp before *Wisnar*, of the 16 instant, which advise us, that the bad weather had hinder'd the making the general Assault that was intended on the 15 instant. Several wounded Soldiers have been brought hither from the said Camp. The *Suedes*, as we understand, have again taken possession of the Passes of *Demmin*, *Demgarten*, and *Ribnitz*. They demand of the City of *Rostock* the same Contributions they pay to the *Danes*.

*Hamburgh*, Decemb. 20. The *Danes* we hear are much concerned that *Wisnar* holds out so long and that they are oblig'd, amidst the rigors of the season, to carry on the Siege of a place so strong, and so well defended; for though they seem not to doubt but they shall be Masters of the place at last, yet it is feared the Army will be extremely harass'd and weaken'd, and not in a condition to take the Field again till late the next year, which may be of great prejudice to the affairs of the *Confederates*.

*Hague*, Decemb. 24. The late storms have again made some breaches in the Dikes about *North-Holland*, where it is said most of the plain Countrey lies under water. On Saturday last the States of *Holland* separated for 14 days, having resolv'd to raise twice the 200th Penny towards the defraying the extraordinary charges of the next year. We are told that the States have given leave to some of their Officers to go and serve the King of

*Denmark* in *Norway*, where it is said that King has Men enough, but wants good Commanders. Monsieur *Clingenberg*, Ambassador from the King of *Denmark*, hath lately given in a Memorial to the States General, in which he desires the Treaty of Neutrality concluded some time since with the Duke of *Hanover*, may be ratified by them and their Allies. The 22 instant was performed the Solemnity of the Interment of the late Princess Dowager of *Orange*, in the manner we told you in our last. The Letters from *Hamburgh* just now arrived, say, that the bad weather had hinder'd the *Danes* from making the Assault they had intended on the 15 instant. The *Danish* and *Lunenburgh* Troops increase daily in the Neighborhood of *Carelstar*, and seem, notwithstanding the season, resolv'd once more to attack that Fortrefs.

*Ditto*, Decemb. 27. The season seems to be the greatest Enemy the *Danes* before *Wisnar* have to combat with; we are assur'd that the Army is very much weaken'd, and the Soldiers very much out of case. And this day there comes a report from *Amsterdam*, that the King leaving the Siege to his Generals, was returning to *Copenhagen*. The 24 instant the Prince of *Orange* parted hence to his house at *Svestdike*, with intention to pass 8 or 10 days there.

*Swazey*, Decemb. 20. By a Vessel arriv'd here this morning, we have advice of the arrival of a Vessel of 60 Tuns belonging to *London*, and bound from *Lisbon* to *Bristol*, at *Watermouth*, having lost all her Cables and Anchors in the late storms; and of another ship likewise coming from *Lisbon*, and belonging to *London*, that was lost at Sea the last week, the Men that were on board her, having been saved by another Vessel that hapned to be near her. Several Casks of Tallow and Ruggs have been within these few days driven ashore about 10 miles from hence, which makes us fear some *Irish* Vessels hath been cast away thereabouts.

*Plimouth*, Decemb. 21. The winds for these eight days past have been very tempestuous; we have advice of a Vessel belonging to *Ostend*, laden with Chestnuts, being cast away on this Coast; and of another lost upon the Isle of *Silly*, the Men all drowned except four. We are likewise inform'd that several Wrecks have been seen floating at Sea near *Falmouth*.

*Tarmouth*, Decemb. 22. Notwithstanding the late high winds, we have not in the least suffer'd in our goods or ships, only a *Newcastle* ship riding at Anchor in our Road, the Master and four of his Men came ashore in their Boat, to get Carpenters here to help them in some work on Board; and having got two, towards evening returned towards their ship, but the wind blew so hard, that they could not fetch it, but were driven out to Sea, so that they are given for lost. Last night arriv'd here a *Pacquet-Boat* from *Holland*, the Passengers tell us of several ships that have been lost on these Coasts.

#### Advertisements.

Whereas Lieutenant-Colonel *Hemy Pilkington* hath dispersed several Papers in many Counties of this Kingdom in the nature of a Brief, pretending the same to be granted under the Great Seal, and dated the 20 of *June* last: These are to give Notice to all Ministers and others, That no such Brief hath pass'd the Great Seal, but the same is a Counterfeit Brief, and Forged.

Lost on Friday last, Decemb. 24. from the Earl of *Suffex's* Lodgings in the Privy-Garden at *Whitehall*, a small white *Spaniel* Bitch with Liver colour Ears and Spots, being something bare under the Throat, a very small Head with a white streak down the Forehead. Whoever can give notice of her, and bring her to the Countess of *Suffex* at *Whitehall*, shall have two Guinies Reward.