

Countries; and that in order to the raising the said Sum, a stop had been put to the payment of all Penfions, till the arrival of the *New-Spain Fleet*, which was impatiently expected. The same Letters add, That *Don Juan of Austria* is sent for to Court: This is certain, that all the publick dispatches which arrived by this last Ordinary, were signed by the King alone, they having before, since his entering into his Majority, been signed jointly by him and the Queen. The New Levies and Recruits that were intended, seem wholly laid aside, and in their stead we are assured that the Emperor will assist us with a Body of 8 or 9000 Men, who are to join with such Troops we can bring on foot, while the Prince of *Orange* acts separately with his Army. The 5th instant, our Governor, as we are told, received advice of a Battle that hath been fought on the 8th past, near the Fare of *Messina*, between the French, Spanish and Dutch Fleets, and of a great Victory obtained by the latter; of which we expect to hear the certain particulars, as well as of what is said of the Viceroy of *Sicily*, having taken a considerable Post from the French near *Messina*. Since the attempt of the Marschal *d'Esbrades* upon the Castle of *Heer*, the Hollanders are fortifying it with all diligence, there being a very great quantity of Corn in the place brought thither by the Countrey people.

Amsterdam, Febr. 7. The Account that is published here of the Battle that hath been fought between the French and Dutch Fleets, comes by Letters of the 14 past from *Naples*, viz. That on the 8th of *January*, the said Fleets engaged near *Stromboli* on the Coast of *Sicily*, that the Fight was very sharp for several hours, but that at last the French were worsted, 10 of their Ships taken, and three or four burnt, and that the rest fled to the Westward, *de Ruyter* being in pursuit of them; but there being other Letters which do not speak so amply, but only say, that there had been a very smart Engagement, and that it was generally reported that the Spaniards and Dutch had had the better, but that they knew not the certain particulars, we must expect to hear farther by our next. The same Letters from *Naples* add, That the Viceroy of *Sicily* had taken a Post of great importance held by 800 French near *Messina*, who had been all cut off.

Hague, Febr. 7. Here is this day in Town a great noise of a Victory gained by Lieutenant Admiral *de Ruyter* against the French Fleet on the Coast of *Sicily*, grounded chiefly upon the Letters which the Spanish Minister here is said to have received from the Viceroy of *Sicily*, from *Naples*, &c. The Letters from the Viceroy say, that the Fight was near *Lipari*; That the Spaniards and Dutch had the Victory, and were in pursuit of the French, without farther particulars as to the Fight: but add, that during the Engagement, several French Men of War that were at *Messina*, endeavouring to get out to assist their Party; to divert them, the Viceroy had fallen upon a Post near *Messina*, which the French had made their place of Arms, and taken it, putting to the Sword 6 or 700 French that were in Garrison there. The *Naples* Letters which are dated the 14, tell us, that a *Felucca* was arrived there, which gave an account, that nine of the French Ships were taken, and three or four burnt, and that *de Ruyter* was in pursuit of the rest; but these particulars are related with some uncertainty, so that we must expect till our next Letters to be fully informed. It is now confidently said, That the Agreement is concluded between the Allies for the setting out a Fleet of 40 Men of War this Summer, at a common charge, to be employed in the Baltick, of which the King of *Denmark* is to furnish 25, and this State 15, the latter to be commanded by the Heer *Van Tromp*. Our Troops continue to fortifie themselves in the Castle of *Heer* near *Tongres*, and several Troops are marching that way from *Gelderland*.

Paris, Febr. 8. We have not as yet any News of our Fleet bound for *Messina*, though for some dayes past here has been a report of their arrival there, but without ground. The King has, at length, given the Government of this City to the Duke *de Crequi*, elder Brother to the Marschal of that name. The first instant the King caused a review to be made of all the Troops of his Household, as well Horse as Foot. The Infantry was composed of the Regiments of French and Swiss Guards, drawn up in two Lines, four Battalions in each Line; the Cavalry consisted in the *Guards du Corps*, the *Genfildarmes*, the

Light Horse and the Musketeers having on their right six pieces of Cannon, and as many Morcar pieces. The King was very well pleased with the good condition they were all in, and sent them back to their several quarters. Here is a discourse as if our Ambassadors were recalled from *Charlevoix*.

Ditto. The Kings journey is now put off till the beginning of *April*, when, it is said, his Majesty will march at the head of a very great Army towards the *Spanish Netherlands*. We are told that a very vast Sum of Money has been provided, and lies ready for the defraying the expences of the several Armies this Summer. What was said in our last concerning the Duke *d'Enguieux* commanding in *Germany*, assisted by the Marschal *de Sclomberg*, and of *Rochefort*, is not certain, though it has been much discoursed at Court. We are in some impatience to hear from our Fleet designed for *Messina*.

Whitehall, Jan. 31. The 23d instant, their Highnesses the Lady Mary and the Lady Anne, were Confirmed in His Majesties Chappel here at Whitehall, by the Dean of the said Chappel.

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Whereas His Majesty by his Privy Seal, bearing date the 31 of *January* last, hath constituted and appointed *Ed: Seymour* and *Sam: Maydwell* Esquires, His Receivers General of all His Duties arising upon an Act of Parliament for Laying Impositions upon Proceedings at Law; These are therefore to give Notice to all Persons who are employed for Collecting the said Duties, That the said Receivers do keep their Office at Mr *William Burton's* house in *Two Crane Court* in *Fleet street*, where all Persons concerned are to take Notice, that they bring in the Monies that shall be by them received, with their Accounts, in their respective Offices, where the said Receivers will be to give dispatch from Nine to Twelve in the Forenoon, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and from Three to Six in the Afternoon, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, during the Term.

Mos Garrett, the Son of *Seib Garrett* Butcher, over against *St. Olaves Church* in *Southernk*, hath been lost ever since the 26 day of *January*, about seven of the Clock at night, supposed to be spirited away, or else drowned; he is between six and seven years old, brown hair, clear complexion, with a cast of one of his eyes, a sad coloured serge Suit, close at knees, with silver Buttons, a Fustian Frock over it, and without a Hat. If any one can give notice of this Child that he is alive, and bring him to his Father, he shall have Ten pounds Reward; and if otherwise found dead, he shall be honestly Rewarded.

A Bundle of Writings were lost in *London*, *Octob.* last, some of which were in Parchment, one dated in *Jan.* 1674: others, Copies of Deeds in Paper, and some other written Papers, one of which was the Copy of a Letter written about 20 years since. If any one will bring the said Writings to Mr *Henry Clarke* Scrivener in *Friday-street*, *London*, or make such a full discovery of them that they may be recovered, shall have five pounds, and not be questioned how they came by them.

Lost lately about *Guildhall*, *London*, a Bag with two Paper Books covered with Parchment; he that brings them to the Porter of *Furnivals-Inn-gate* in *Holborn*, or the Bookfeller there, shall be gratified to his content.