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Whitehall, May 25.

HIS Majesty has been pleased to cause His Royal Proclamation to be published, prohibiting His Subjects to take Commissions, set out Ships, or serve at Sea, against any Foreign Prince or State, in Amity with his Majesty, as follows:

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WHEREAS Complaints have been made to His Majesty by the Ministers of several Princes and States now in Amity with His Majesty, That divers of His Subjects have lately taken Commissions from some Princes and States now in Amity with His Majesty, to serve at Sea against others who are likewise His Majesties Allies; His Majesty, for the preservation and continuance of Friendship and Amity between him and his respective Allies, doth by this His Royal Proclamation (with the Advice of His Privy Council) strictly Prohibit and Forbid all His Subjects whatsoever, to take any Commission at sea from any Foreign Prince or State, against any other Foreign Prince or State now in Amity with His Majesty, their Vassals or Subjects, or by vertue or colour of any such Commission already taken, or hereafter to be taken, to set on fire, or employ any Ship or Vessel of War, or to serve as Mariners or Seamen in any Ship or Vessel which shall be employed against any Prince or State now in Amity with His Majesty, their Vassals or Subjects, during the present War. And all His Majesties Subjects are required to take Notice of this His Royal Command, and so conform themselves to the same, as they tender His Majesties high displeasure, and upon pain of being punished with the utmost severity of Law and Justice.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall, the 17th day of May, 1676. in the Eighth and twentieth year of Our Reign.

Naples, May 12. The only News we have at present to communicate from hence, is the death of Lieutenant Admiral de Ruyter, who dyed at *Siracusa*, the 30 past, of the wounds he received in the late Fight, regretted by all persons, and particular'y by this Court, who had a great confidence in his courage and prudent conduct. The Dutch and Spanish Fleets are still at *Siracusa*, and the French Fleet is believed to be returned to *Messina*. The French Gallies are arrived at *Civita Vecchia*. We are here a little alarmed at the News we have, that 400 *Banditti* are got together in a Body in *Calabria*. Five Gallies and several Barks are at length parted from hence, laden with Soldiers and Ammunition, for *Melazzo*. The three Spanish Men of War, who about three months since came in here to *Carcen*, are now almost ready to return to the Fleet, being to take in 1500 Foot, and to land them at *Melazzo*; and more Troops are still raising here.

Florence, May 19. Our Letters from several Parts give us an account, that the Lieutenant Admiral de Ruyter dyed at *Siracusa* the 30 past. The French Gallies are arrived at *Civita Vecchia*, and several Vessels that

failed from *Thoulon* with Provisions, are got safe to *Messina*. Queen *Christina* is on her departure from *Rome* towards *Germany*.

Genova, May 20. Lieutenant Admiral de Ruyter is dead of his wounds at *Siracusa*, and the French Fleet is said to be at Sea to join their Gallies; so that, unless reinforced, the Dutch and Spaniards will not be able to encounter them again at Sea. Five or six French Men of War are Cruising to the Westward of this place, we know not their design.

Copenhagen, May 23. Yesterday the King received Letters from Admiral *Fuelen*, giving an account, that besides *Gotland*, he had likewise taken the Island *Eusel*, by which means the Swedes will be extremely incommoded in their Trade and Navigation; and that he was sailing towards *Eulandt*, likewise to possess himself thereof. After the Holydays, our Army, consisting in 12000 Foot, and 8000 Horse, will certainly march; the discourse is, that the King will attempt *Schonen*, and that to that end all things necessary have been provided for the Transportation of the Troops which will be commanded under the King by the Duke of *Holslein Ploen*. Yesterday *Griffenfelt* was again brought to his Trial, he was permitted to give in his defence in writing, which will likewise be answered in writing, and then final Sentence will be pronounced.

Strasbourg, May 25. Within these two dayes the poor Country people, upon advice that the Armies are marching this way, are fled hither in great numbers. Yesterday the Duke of *Luxemburg* marched with his Forces from *Schlestadt*, having sent the Bakers before, and caused a great quantity of Bread to be provided at *Bensfelt*, and quartered that night at *Erstein*. This day he encamped at *Glockelsberg*, and to-morrow will continue his march to *Hochfeldt*, where part of the Garrison of *Haguenaw* and *Saverne* are appointed to join him. The Imperial Army at the same time advances from the Neighborhood of *Landaw* towards *Weissenburg* and *St. Remy*, so that we may expect very suddenly to hear of some Action. The *Lorrain* Troops continue their quarters near *Wilstet*.

Spire, May 26. The 23 instant, as we told you in our last, the Imperial Army, under the command of the Duke of *Lorraine*, decamped, and marched to *Lungen Candel*, where it continued the 24 and 25, because of the Holydays. This morning the Army marched again to *Weissenburg*, and there expected to join the Imperial Troops that passed the *Rhine* at *Lauterburgh*, under the command of Prince *Pio*, what will then be farther done we as yet know not. The Imperial Regiment commanded by Colonel *Stadel*, is on its march, in order to strike its Post before *Philipsburgh* on the other side of the *Rhine*, where it is to continue, till relieved by the Troops of the *Circles*, and then is to go into Garrison at *Menitz*. The Imperialists have at present between 7 and 800 Men in the *Rhin Schantz*, and are fortifying it towards *Philipsburgh*, by which means that place will be wholly shut up on this side; and on the other side, the Marquis of *Baden Dourlach* is about raising several Bat-

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series near *Graben*. Two dayes since the said Marquis had a Conference with the Elector Palatine at *Manheim*, concerning as is believed, the actual foiming of the siege of *Philipsburgh*.

Francfort, May 27. Yesterday the Duke of *Newburg* passed by this place with a small at endance. We are assured from several hands, that the siege of *Philipsburgh* will now be taken in hand in good earnest, and in order to it, the Marquis of *Balen Dourlach*, General of the Forces of the Empire, hath written very pressingly to the Circles, whose Troops are yet wanting to hasten them, that no farther time may be lost. The Imperial Army marched the 23 instant, and is at present near *Weissenburg* on this side *Hagenau*; it was reported that their design was to besiege *Hagenau*, but now there is no more talk of it: and on the other hand its said, that the Duke of *Lorrain* is resolved not to spend time in the Siege of any place, but to march directly towards the Enemy, and fight them before they have got all their strength together.

Cologne, May 29. We have Letters from *Lorrain*, which say, That the Detachment sent by the Most Christian King from his Army in *Flanders*, to reinforce that in *Alsaria*, arrived the 21 instant in the Neighborhood of *Sedan*. From *Maastricht* we lear, That the Marschal d' *Estrates* is preparing for his journey to *Nimwegen*, being appointed by the King his Master, Head of the Embassy he sends thither in the room of the Duke de *Vitry*, who, by reason of his indisposition, cannot undertake that employment. The *Brandenburghs* have quitted *Dorsten*, after having pulled down the Gates, and demolished the Fortifications. It is confidently said, That the Troops of the Bishop of *Osnabrugh* will in few days arrive in this Neighborhood.

Hamburg, May 29. We have had this afternoon two different reports; the one, that the Confederates had taken the Fort of *Stade* on the *Swinge*; the other contradicting it, and assuring that the Fort was in the hands of the *Snedes* at three this afternoon, so that we must remain in an uncertainty till our next. Two dayes since arrived here an Envoy from the Czar of *Moskovy*, and this afternoon he parted hence on his way to *Holland*. Monsieur *Trelon* is arrived here from *Denmark*, where he was Ambassador on the part of the Most Christian King.

Brussels, June 2. On Saturday last, being the 30 past, our Army decamped, and marched nearer to *Alost*, to prevent the design the Enemy may have upon that place; the Prince of *Orange* took his quarters at *Weiss*, about half a League from *Alost* towards *Dendermond* and the Duke de *Villa Hermosa* his at *Stampon*, about a Musket shot on this side that Town, our Camp reaching from the Suburbs of *Alost* to those of *Dendermond*. The Spaniards, who have the Right Wing and are nearest the Enemy, have fortified their Camp. The French Army, continues on the other side of the *Dendre*, in the same quarters we told you in our last, the King being himself lodged not far from *Ninoven*. Several Bridges have been laid by the French over the River, and their Parties pass it frequently, some of them have been so bold as to appear near this City. For yesterday six Squadrons of the Enemies Horse were at *Dielegem* Abby, and as many at *Dullebeche*. On Sunday last, the French Intendant sent strict orders to all the Bourgs and Villages hereabout, ordering them to send to the French Camp at *Ninoven*, several Head of Cattle, according as they are Taxed, which should be abated them out of their Contributions. *Hall* is Taxed at 150 Cows, and 200 Sheep. We are assured that on Sunday in the evening the Marschal de *Crequi* marched from the Army with a Detachment towards *Lorrain*. A considerable Body of the Garisons of *Cambray* and *Valenciennes*, hath made an incursion into *Picardy*, having been as far as *Roye* and *Nesle*, and burnt several Villages, and returning with a very rich Booty, and a great many Hostages, for the payment of their Contributions. From *Venlo* they write, of the 31 past, that their Governor the Prince of *Iffengain* was gone from *Venlo*, to take a view of the *Duis*

and *Newburg* Troops that were drawn together there, which with some *Brandenburghs* that are to join them, will make a Body of 7 or 8000 Men. Their business will be to secure those Parts against the excursions of the French of *Maastricht*.

Paris, June 2. The States having received a Letter from the King of *Denmark*, to acquaint them with the success of his arms in the taking of *Gotland*, an Island in the *Baltick*, with little or no loss on his part, they have resolved to return their Complement of Congratulation thereupon. All the news here in Town is, That the Confederates have taken the Fort of *Stade* on the *Swinge*, which comes from *Hamburg* by Letters of the 29 past, yet so as to leave room to doubt the truth of it. The Trumpet which was sent to *Maastricht* with the Passports for the French Ambassadors, is returned. According to our last Advices from *Flanders*, as well ours, as the French Army, lay in the Country of *Alost* near the Town of that name, only separated by the *Dendre*.

Paris, June 3. On Saturday last we received advice, That the Spaniards of *Cambray* and *Valenciennes* making together near 4000 Men, had fallen into *Picardy*, advancing as far as *Noyon*, *Roye*, and *Monsieur*, and making everywhere great ravage, besides the monies they obliged the Inhabitants to give them at the present, and other considerable Booty, they have carried away with them many Prisoners, and Hostages, from several places, for the security of the payment of the Contributions they have imposed upon them. The command of Captain of the Guard is given to the Marschal de *Lorge*, he paying 50000 Livres to Madam de *Rochefort*, in recompence of the Services of the late Marschal her husband. The Marschal de *Crequi* is made Governor of *Lorrain*, whither he will part accordingly very suddenly. The Marschals de la *Feuillade*, and de *Schomberg*, will remain with the King in *Flanders*, from whence we hear, That his Majesty continues with his Army in the Country of *Alost*. We are told, that our Fleet finding that the Enemies would need some considerable time to repair their Fleet, since the late Fight on the 22 past, is on its way to *Thouon*, in order to the taking in several Supplies for *Messina*, whither it will return again in few days. From *Alsace* we have Letters of the 25 past, which say, that the Imperial Army was come within two hours march of *Hagenau*, but that it was not believed they had any design upon that place, having no great Cannon with them, and besides the Duke of *Luxemburg* being on his march from *Sclafonds* towards them. The *Lorrain* Troops are lodged at *Wissler*, they have desired leave to pass the Bridge of *Strasbourg*, to join their Duke, which those Magistrates are said to refuse, resolving to maintain their Neutrality inviolable.

London, May 27. Yesterday about Four in the morning, broke out a most lamentable Fire in the Burrough of *Southwark*, and continued with much violence all that day, and part of the night following, notwithstanding all the care and endeavors that were used by his Grace the Duke of *Monmouth*, the Earl of *Craven*, and the Lord Mayor, to quench the same, as well by blowing up of Houses, as other ways. His Majesty, accompanied with his Royal Highness, in a tender Sense of this sad Calamity, being pleased to go Himself down to the Bridge Foot in His Barge, to give such orders His Majesty found fit for the putting a stop to it; which through the Mercy of God was finally effected, after that about 600 Houses had been burnt, and Blown up.

Advertisements.

A Small Picture of a Lady, of the bigness of half a Crown, drawn by Mr *Cooper*, dropt out of the Case between *Kings street*, *W. Westminster*, and the Stones end of *Southwark*, or between that and *Croyden*. Whoever gives notice of it to Mr *Crofts* a Jeweller in *Fisher-lane*, *London*, shall have 20 s. Reward.

Stolen out of a Close in *St Albans*, in the County of *Hertsford*, on Monday night May 22, a large brown bay Coach Gelding, fifteen hands and a half high, with a made Star in the forehead, saddle-spotted, and stringhalt on the near leg behind, sometimes used to carry a Sumpter. Whosoever shall give notice of him to Mr *Garrards* at the *P. lice* in *Fryday-street*, or to Mr. *Selwoge* at the *Lyon* at *St Albans*, shall be well rewarded.

Stolen or strayed upon the 20th instant, out of the Pasture grounds near *Namwich*, a black Nag between 13 and 14 hands high, hath all his paces, marked upon the near shoulder with a large M, and a Coronet over it. Whoever can discover the said Nag, is desired to give notice to the next Officer for the Excise, who is also hereby desired very well to reward the Discoverer, and he shall be thankfully repaid by *John Mayne*, or *Nathaniel Wood*, at the Excise Office in *Broad-street*, *London*.