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Falmouth, Febr. 18.

**Y**esterday came into this Port the *Providence* of *Hellston*, *William Rogers* Master, from *Bourdeaux*, from whence she came about 15 dayes since, in company of near 70 Sail, which are most of them, as is believed, past up the Channel; the Master sayes, that at *Bourdeaux* all the talk was of War, and that there did not remain, when he came away, three Ships at *Bourdeaux*. The same day arrived here the *John and William* of *Swansey* in seven dayes from *Nantes*, with sev raborther Vessels in her company.

*Penderney*, Febr. 18. The last week, the wind being for the most part at N. N. W. and S. W. few Ships came into this Harbor. On Monday last, in the afternoon, sailed the *Dutch* Man of War that had been some time in this Port, and, at the same time several other Ships bound for *France*, and some for *Ireland*. Yesterday came in several small Vessels.

*Dover*, Febr. 19. This morning, about Three of the Clock, arrived here the *Pacquet-Boat* from *Calais*, by whom we have no News, save only what hapned at Sea about three Leagues from *Calais*, betw a the said *Pacquet-Boat*, and a *Pyrate* or *Privateer*, belonging as is supposed, either to *Ostend* or *Dunkirk*. When the *Pacquet-Boat* came out of *Calais*, this Vessel lay under the shore, weighed, and gave them Chase; and being come up with the *Pacquet-Boat*, entered her, and threw several *Granadoes* into the Cabins where the Passengers were, which wounded several of them, besides others wounded with *Swords* and *Small-shot*, being most *English* Officers who were returning for *England*, the *Privateer* having plundered all they had, and taken about 300 *Pistols* in money left them. We are endeavoring to discover to what place she belongs.

*Portsmouth*, Febr. 21. Yesterday past through this Road a Squadron of *Dutch* Men of War consisting of nine Capital Ships, six Fireships, and several *Flinders*, commanded by the *Sieur de Ruyter*, whose Ship hapned to come aground upon the *Holpe*, a Sand that lies near the mouth of this Harbor, but is got off again; they expect several Men of War more from *Zealand* and *North-Holland*, the whole Squadron is to consist of 18 or 20 Men of War, to be commanded by the *Sieur Eversen*; their Rendezvous is appointed at *Cornet*. The 17 arrived here the *Phoenix* from *Farley*; and yesterday the *Francis* from the *Dornes*. The *Rupert*, *Agony* and *Hampshire* are at *Spithead*.

*Amsterdam*, Febr. 21. The Ambassador that is coming hither from the Grand Signor, has with him a very great Train, and Orders have been given to receive him with all the Honors and Respects due to his Character. The Imperial Court continues at *Newstadt*, and, as we understand, purposes to pass the *Carnaval* there. It is said that the Duke of *Lorraine* will about

the middle of the next month return to the Army, and perhaps sooner, if the motions of the Enemy require it.

*Genova*, Febr. 16. Not any Ships are arrived here this week, save a *Genouese* from *Evizza*, which touched at *Port Mabon*; the Patron reports, that an *English* Ship from *London*, bound for this Port or *Legorn*, was put in there, expecting Convoy, having been forced to put all her Lading ashore, to stop a Leak. Another *Genouese* arrived here from *Messina*, brings News, that the *Mareschal de la Feuillade* was arrived there, and that the seven *English* Ships which were carried to *Messina*, were sailed from thence for *Legorn*, the *French* having, as is said, paid them for the Goods they took out of them, as well as their Freight and Demurrage.

*Copenhagen*, Febr. 21. We are endeavouring here to make up the loss sustained at *Rugen*, and more particularly care is taken to have our Fleet very early at Sea, to hinder the *Suedes* from sending any reinforcement to Count *Contingmark*, who is reckoned to have at present a Body of 3 or 6000 men. Eight Men of War are ready to sail upon some important design, which we are apt to believe is meant upon *Rugen*, for that we hear the *Elector of Brandenburg* is likewise making preparations on his side, to join with us in the attacking it. We propose to have a very good Army in *Schonen* this Campaign, to be commanded by the Duke of *Holstein Ploen*, and to that purpose the Troops which were quartered in the Territories of the Duke of *Holstein*, are all ordered to march this way. The States of *Sueden* are assembled at *Helmstadt*, and the King is there, but we have not any account of what hath been transacted. Colonel *Swunzel* is arrived here from *Finland* and tomorrow he passes over to *Landseroon*.

*Ratisbonne*, Febr. 17. We are informed that the Assembly of the *Suisse Cantons* held at *Baden*, hath been very much disturbed by a Contest between the *Imperial* and *French* Ministers, concerning the Precedency in their Audiences; which the *French* would by no means yield to the *Imperialists*, for that he had the Quality of Ambassador, and the *Imperialists*, as he said, that only of Envoy; after much contention; this temperance was proposed and adopted, that both of them should defer their Audiences, and that if in that time the *Imperial* Minister obtained a new Commission with the character of Ambassador, he should then have the Precedency; without any offence to the *French*. It is said that the Negotiation of the Cardinal *d'Espre* at the Duke of *Bavaria's* Court has not had any great effect, that *Elector* being desirous to continue in the Neutrality, which he has observed during the War, but being by no means to be persuaded to become a Party in it, and consequently an Enemy to the Empire, of which he is so considerable a Member. The *Imperialists* say that the Emperor will have this approaching Campaign as considerable an Army in the Field, as he had the last; which

is much doubted, by those who know how much the Army was weakened the last Campaign, and that hitherto no considerable Levies have been made.

*Strasbourg, Febr. 21.* The apprehensions we were here in, of the Designs of the French upon this City, are now pretty well past, for we understand that the coming of the Marechal de Crequi to Brisack, was chiefly to amuse the Imperialists with an expectation of some sudden Action in these Parts, while their real designs seem to be towards the Moselle. The said Marechal, as we are certainly informed, is returned to Nancy, where our Letters tell us, the French King is likewise arrived. The Suisse Cantons have put off their meeting till the 7 instant, by which time the Express sent by the Imperial Minister to Vienna, to give the Emperor an account of the difference arisen between him and the French Ambassador about Precedence, is expected back. Lieutenant General Montclar was some dayes since with 3 or 4000 men in Brisack, and approached so near the Frontiers of the Swissers, that it gave them an Alarm, which however lasted not long, for the Sieur Montclar having understood it, presently retired with his Troops.

*Metz, Febr. 23.* The motions of the French do very much alarm us, though we cannot yet discover with any certainty against what places they are meant. All the discourse at present is, that Treves is one of those intended to be besieged, which we can hardly believe, but rather think that these reports are given out only to amuse us. However this we may rest assured of, that the Enemy will now very suddenly enter upon Action, and that where they are least expected. The Imperial Troops which are quartered in Suabia and Franconia, are ordered to march, and will be drawn into a Body, to serve in the exigency of affairs that require. We are now assured that the Duke of Lorraine will again command the Imperial Army this Campaign, what was said of General Montecuculi's coming into the Field, being with out ground; for, besides other considerations, his great Age will hardly permit him to undertake so great a Command.

*Cologne, Febr. 24.* Our Magistrates find themselves brought into a great difficulty, how to behave themselves in the matter of the 40000 Crowns demanded by the Duke of Neuburg, which it seems this City will be necessitated to pay at last, for the Emperor conceals himself in it, and expects this City should, without further delay, comply with his commands herein. Here are arrived 400 men, being Recruits for several Companies of the Duke of Neuburg, which have at present their quarters in the Dutchy of Friesland. The Marechal de Crequi being gone back from Brisack towards Nancy, the City of Strasbourg is very much at ease; and the more, for that the Deputies they sent to the Most Christian King, have assured them nothing will be attempted against them.

*Idem, Febr. 25.* The French Troops, consisting in between 2 or 3000 men, Horse and Foot, who appeared in our Neighborhood two or three days since, are at present quartered in the Villages of Weis and Duesheim, and as yet we do not hear anything of their removing. From *Maestricht* they write, that several Vessels were provided there, for which was to be embarked great quantities of all sorts of Military Provisions, we hear likewise that the Governor, the Sieur *Silva*, has summoned in a great many Boats, with what design we know not, though the general saying is, that the French will besiege *Namur*, and the

Letters we receive this morning from France seem to intimate the same.

*Hagen, March 1.* His Highness having received advice, that according to all appearance, the French design the Siege of *Namur*, his Highness is parted from hence this evening, attended by all the Officers that were here, for *Breda*, where he purposes to make no stay, but to go directly to the Army; which, it's said, is already marching towards *Hasselt*. This evening likewise arrived here the Earl of *Osborn*, who is to command the English, Scottish and Irish Troops in the Service of this State, in quality of Lieutenant-General. The States of Holland are separated till this day seven-night. An Express is arrived here with Letters from the Duke de *Vikna Hermosa*, to the Spanish Minister here *Don Emanuel de Lyra*. From Germany we have an account, that the Imperial Troops are marching together from their several quarters, to form an Army for the opposing the designs of the Enemy.

*Paris, Febr. 26.* The Letters we receive from Metz are of the 21 instant, they give us an account, that their Majesty and the whole Court were surprised there, but that the designs were kept so very secret, that no body could discover what they were. That the Troops marched towards *Namur* and *Chateaufort*; and that the Orders were never given out till after midnight, when all the Posts were gone. The Letters we receive from *Sedan* speak to the same effect. The Marechal de Crequi having been to visit *Brisack* and *Friburg*, and to give the necessary Orders, is returned to Nancy; but the Sieur de Montclar is drawing together a Body of 15000 men in *Alsace*. From *Brabant* we had advice by the last Post, that the Castle of *Wansee* was burnt down to the ground.

*Duis, March 2.* From *Lorraine* we have advice, that the King was gone from Metz to *Stenay*, and from thence intended to pass to *Sedan*, near which place his Troops are appointed to Rendezvous. It is said they will besiege the Castle of *Courlemont*, but we cannot believe his Majesty will think it worth of so inconsiderable a place worthy of his presence, and therefore without all doubt there is some more important design in hand. The Queen with the Ladies is returning hither. The Letters we receive from Germany, say, that the Imperial Troops had received Orders to march upon the first notice, and that the Elector of *Saxony* had made a Treaty with the Duke of *Hanover*, of which the Contents were not yet known.

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A Tawny Boy, aged about 18 years, with short red led hair, a brown cloth coat, and black hat, named John Smith, ran away from his Master Mr. John W at Kingston upon Thames. Whoever secures the said Boy, or gives notice of him either to Thomas Beaufou Carpenter at Kingston, or to John Beller in Philip-lane, London, shall be paid the charges, and have 40 s Reward.

Stolen the 30th instant, out of a Stable in Hampstead near London, a brown bay Mare about 14 hands, thorow neck, housed all Winter, in very good plight, a smooth skin, no white upon her. Also a white Fallow Nag, all his legs, full of gray hairs on his face, some saddle spots. Whoever secures the same, or either of them, and give notice to Mr. Thomas Hadd at the Queens head in Hampstead, or to Capt. Richard Cooper of Newgate, shall have three pounds Reward.

Stolen the 18th instant, out of the Stable of Mr. J. of Dean in Northamptonshire, an iron gray Nag with white mane and tail, about four years old, between 14 and 15 hands. Whoever gives notice of the said Nag, at Gardner's Coffee-house near the Royal Exchange, London, or Mr. Thomas Combs in Northampton, shall be very well rewarded.

A Little French Greyhound, blackish and white, short with a bold proportion of each ear, a long tail, was about the breast and feet, was lost on the 17 instant in Farnes Park at night. Whoever brings the said Greyhound to Mr. Richard Adams at the Three Crowns in Greatchurch-street, shall have 20 s Reward.