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*Mittau in Courland, Jan. 27.*

**T**He Governor of *Livonia* hath sent an Envoy hither, to desire our Duke to grant the Suedih Troops passage through his Territories; which he hath excused, telling the said Envoy, that besides such permission would be to the prejudice of the Neutrality which he has with the Elector of *Brandenburg*, he cannot come to any resolution herein without consulting the King of *Poland*, whose Vassal he is; concluding, that if the Suedes did pretend to open their passage through his said Countreys by force, he must make use of force on his side to oppose them; but after all, we do not really believe that the said Troops are yet in a readines to march; their General Count *Best Horne* is very much indisposed, which will doubtless retard it,

*Dantzicke, Febr. 20.* The King of *Poland* before his departure from hence, came to a determination in several matters of great importance relating to this City, and commanded, that all the Soldiers which are at present in this City, or in the Fort of *Weylschunde*, shall be disbanded; that the Magistrates shall at no time raise any without the leave of his Majesty; that for the future this City shall not have power to execute to death any Polish Nobleman, convicted of Murther, without his Majesties consent; that a Burgher may appeal from any Sentence given by the Magistrates, to *Warsaw*; that the Senate shall be composed of half Roman Catholicks, and half Lutherans; that certain expressions in their Psalm Book, offensive to the Roman Church, shall be taken out; that another Church shall be given to the Roman Catholicks, with permission to build a third. If these points are executed, the authority and independency which this City hath hitherto enjoyed, will be very much impaired.

*Vienna, Febr. 20.* Their Imperial Majesties are expected here on Wednesday next from *Neustadt*; but the Duke of *Lorraine* will continue there with his Queen 8 or 10 days longer; after which they go for *Insprucke*, where they will keep their Court. In *Hungary* the prisoners taken on both sides are again treated with great cruelty, five of the Rebels having been lately empaled by order of General *Cobs*; and in return they served five or six Imperial Soldiers, whom they took, in the same manner.

*Hamburg, Febr. 25.* They write as well from *Copenhagen* as from *Pomeron*, that the King of *Denmark* and the Elector of *Brandenburg*, are making preparations to attack the Isle of *Rugen* once more, in which, if they succeed, they promise themselves to be quickly Masters of *Stralsund* and *Gripswaldt*, the only places which remain to the Crown of *Sueden* in *Southern*. Levies are making in all these parts for the service of the Princes of *Lunenburg*, though we do not hear of any assistance those Princes will send to the King of *Denmark*. It is said as if some Prin-

ces were forming a third Party in the Empire, in order to the procuring a Peace, among which the Elector of *Saxony* and the Duke of *Hanover* are particularly named. We cannot as yet give any credit to what is said of the march of the Suedes Army in *Livonia*, which has been so often said, and so often contradicted again, that we cannot easily believe what is at present reported concerning it, till we receive an account of it from some good hand.

*Ditto, March 1.* The Letters we receive from *Pomeron* do all inform us of the great preparations which the Elector of *Brandenburg* is making at *Stettin* for the attacking the Isle of *Rugen*, which Count *Coningmarke* will, it's thought, be hardly able to defend against the united Forces of the King of *Denmark*, and the Elector of *Brandenburg*. The Ministers of the Princes concerned in the Conquest of the Dutchy of *Bremen*, have had several meetings here; but hitherto have not been able to come to any agreement about their partition. Our Letters from *Copenhagen* bring us nothing of importance; they say Levies were making in all the Danish Territories.

*Strasburg, Febr. 25,* Yesterday our Deputies, which our Magistrates had sent to pay their respects to the Most Christian King, returned hither from *Metz*, bringing with them large assurances of the friendship of the King, in case we observe our Neutrality for the future, which our Magistrates are considering how they shall be able to do, being fearful; lest by the breaking of it, they may expose their City to great inconveniencies, as well as danger. These Deputies tell us, that a great many pieces of Cannon had been taken out of the Arsenal at *Metz*, and sent down the *Moselle*, in order to stopp *Sirge*.

*Cologne, March 1.* On Saturday last was concluded the meeting of the States of the Country of *Fuliers*, who have given to their Duke 32000 Crowns. They have likewise resolved to send Deputies to *Maastricht*, to agree with the Intendant of *Maastricht* about the next years Contributions.

*Charleville, Febr. 25.* The 24th instant the Count *de Marnat* invested the Castle of *Charlevoix*, yesterday other Troops arrived there from *Flanders*; and this day two Battalions of Foot that were quartered here, are marched thither; the French King is expected here about Thursday next; it is said he intends for *Flanders*; what his designs are we cannot yet learn, for they are very secret.

*Hague, March 5.* In our last we gave you an account, that the Prince of *Orange*, upon the advice he had received of the motions of the Enemy, parted from hence on Tuesday last in the evening, having before sent orders to Count *Waldack* to march immediately with his Troops towards *Hasselt*; for that according to the account his Highness received, it seemed the design of the French was upon *Namur* and

**And Charlemont.** This afternoon comes in the Post from *Flanders* and *Brabant*, they give us different accounts of the motions of the Enemy; those from *Brussels* say, that the grols of the French Forces were march'd towards the *Meuse*; but from *Antwerp* they write, that the Enemy was come before *Ghent*, and had besieged it: certain it is, that a considerable party of French Horse and Foot under the command of the Baron *de Quincy*, had pass'd the *Schelde*, and was post'd at *Lokeren* in the Country of *Waes*. In a day or two we may expect to have a more particular, as well as a certain information of what the Enemy does. This morning early march'd from hence the Foot-guards towards *Brabant*. We believe his Highness is by this time with the Army. The Deputies of the respective Admiralties are still here.

**Brussels, March 3.** The French alarm us on all sides, every hour some Express or other arrives here, sent by the Governor of some place, to give his Excellency an account of the motions of the Enemy, and the apprehension he has of being besieged. This morning we have notice, that the French have shewn themselves with a Body of 4 or 5000 Horse near *Alost* and *Grammont*, a party of which is come to the Abby of *Affligem*, three Leagues from hence, where they burnt all the Corn and Forage. They have broken down all the Bridges on the *Dender*, so that there cannot come any Wagons hither from *Ghent*. From the *Meuse* we have advice, that the French are drawing together about *Charlemont*, and that according to all appearance they will besiege that Castle, and perhaps *Namur* at the same time, Count *Waldeck* has received orders from the Prince of *Orange* to march with the Troops under his command towards *Hasselt*. We have advice at this instant, that the 5000 French Horse abovementioned, being commanded by the Baron *de Quincy*, are march'd towards the *Schelde*, having laid a Bridge over that River at *Quarebbe*, between *Ghent* and *Dendermonde*.

**Namur, March 1.** This afternoon 4000 French Horse, and some Foot, appeared near this City; our Governor sent out several parties, who skirmish'd with them; they have, we hear, laid a Bridge over the *Sambre* near the Abby *Florette*. Just now we have advice, that the Marquis *de Choiseul* is coming this way with 4000 Horse, and 2000 Foot; so that we are expecting a Siege. It is reported that *Charlemont* is already besieged.

**Antwerp, March 3.** We are here in much disorder, occasion'd by the account we receive from the Country people that are fled hither, that a Body of French have pass'd the *Schelde*, and are come into the Country of *Waes*, seeming to have a design upon *Ghent*. We have several uncertain reports here, the one, that *Ghent* is formally besieged, and that the French had already made an Assault upon the Cittadel; this is certain, that we have heard great shooting these two days. We are told that the Duke *de Villa-Hermosa* was the last night at *Dendermond*, and that the French King is come into *Flanders*.

**Ditto.** The first instant the French shew'd themselves in the Neighborhood of *Ghent*, and pass'd the *Schelde* at *Melle* and *Mirinskerke*. The Messenger that pass'd between this City and *Ghent*, came from thence yesterday morning about 10 a clock, he says, that all the way he came he heard great shooting. This day great numbers of people are fled hither from the Country of *Waes*, they say the French have besieged *Ghent*, and that they have rais'd two or three Batteries; if so,

we must expect the next news will be that it is surrendred to them.

**N. wport, March 4.** The French Troops having quit'ted their Post about *Ipres* the 27 past, are march'd towards *Ghent*, which place, it is said, they will attack. It is now four days since any Vessel, Post or Provilion came from *Orni* to *Bruges*, the Enemy having stop't the Letters from *Antwerp*, *Brussels*, and those Parts, as well as those from *Germany*, so that the Paquet-Boat is sent away for *England* onely with the Letters from *Bruges*, *Ostend*, *Ipres*, and this place. Just now we receive certain advice that *Ghent* is besieged by the French, and some say that they are Masters of it.

**Dover 24.** Last night arriv'd here the Paquet-Boat from *Calais*, and brought advice, that the French had drawn thir Forces together in *Flanders*, and were march'd towards *Ghent*.

**Ditto.** This morning arriv'd the Paquet-Boat from *N. wport*, but brings no Letters from *Brussels*, *Ghent*, *Antwerp*, or from any parts of *Germany* or *Italy*, they having been taken by the French, who, as they write from *N. wport*, which is confirm'd by the Passengers that came over in the said Paquet-Boat, have attack'd *Ghent*, the Capital City of the Province of *Flanders*; and some of the Passengers tell us, that before they came from *N. wport*, news was brought thither, that the said City had open'd its Gates to the French, and that the French King was expected there in person as on Friday or Saturday last.

**Falmouth, Febr. 21.** Yesterday came into this Port the *Francis* of *London*, with two or three Vessels more bound for *Virginia*. Here are likewise several Vessels bound for *France*, who know not whither they ought to proceed, considering the talk there is every where of War. This day arriv'd here the *America* of *New England*, laden with Tobacco from *Maryland*; the Master gives us not any News, things being at present quiet in those parts.

#### Advertisements.

✓ A Vindication of the Friendly Conference, between a Minister and a Parishioner of his inclining unto Quakerism, &c. from the Exceptions of *Thomas Ellwood* in his pretended Answer to the said Conference, By the same Author.

✓ A Compleat Treatise of Preternatural Tumors, both General and Particular, as they appear in Humane Body from Head to Foot. To which also are added many excellent modern Historical Observations. Composed and digested into this new method, by *J. B. Sworn* Chyrurgion in Ordinary to the Kings Most Excellent Majesty. With Sir *Thomas Browns* Commendatory Letter prefix'd to it, of *Norwich*. Both sold by *R. Clavel*, at the *Peacock* in *St. Pauls Church-yard*.

ON Monday *March 25. 1678* will be expos'd to Sale, the Library of *Doctor Thomas Manon*, by way of Auction, at his Houfe (as was) in *King-street, Covent Garden*. The Catalogues are ready to be distributed Gratis, at *Mr. Williams Coopers* at the *Pelican* in *Little Britain*.

**Elizabeth Norford**, about 26 years of age, of middle stature, pale faced, and full of freckles, round visaged, a broad forehead, in a blew spotted morning Gown, went away from her Mistis, on the 19 of this instant *February*, with three black Farren'dine Petticoats, one of white Tabb'y laced with three Laces of silver and black Silk, one Flowred sattin Petticoat, with some Scarfs laced and plain, a laced Crevat, with several other pieces of Linnen laced and plain, four black Hoods, one silver Spoon marked *M. A.* a Cover of a Cup, being silver gilt, weighing about 40 ounces, having a Pillar, and a high Spire carved, to take it up by on the top, and several other things. Whoever shall discover the said Person, and the said Things, at *Capt. Arnolds* in *St. Peters-street* in *Westminster*, shall have 3 l. Reward.

Lost on Thursday the 21 instant, in the night, near *Newbery*, off from the Racks, 24 yards of Cloth sad brown coloured, with orange and blue mixture. Whoever gives notice of the said Cloth to *Mr. William Walrand* in *Old Fish Street Hill* over against the Bell, or to *Mr. William Linb* in *Newbery*, shall have 40 s. Reward.

Lost from *Mr. Gage's* house in *Germain Street*, on Tuesday the 26 instant, a middle sized Fox-Hound Bitch, fine shaped, white, with some large black spots, her ears and tail cut. Whoever brings the said Bitch to *Mr. Gage's* house in *Germain Street* near *St. James's* shall have a Guiney Reward.