

say, that the French quitted it; others, that the Inhabitants took Arms against them, and opened their Gates to the Spaniards.

Paris, April 5. This night the King, Queen, and the whole Court, are expected at *St. Germain's*, where his Majesty will, as we are told, continue till about the middle of the next month, and then take the Field again. His Majesty, before he left *Flanders*, gave Orders for a Detachment of 12000 men, to march towards *Germany*, which is partly composed of the great and little *Genfardmerie*, which is the best part of the Troops of the Kings Household. Letters from *Marseilles* of the 26 past tell us, that the Patron of a Bark arrived there the day before from the *Levant*, reported, that designing to touch at *Messina*, and approaching near it, he understood that the whole City was in Arms; that the Town fired against the Forts which were guarded by the French, and the Forts against the Town; and that the latter fired three pieces of Cannon with Bullet at the said Bark, who thereupon made all the haste he could to get away. We have an account that the six French Men of War which Cruised in the Channel, under the Command of the *Chevalier de Chasseau Reynaut*, are come into Port, to repair the damages sustained in the late Engagement with the Dutch Squadron, commanded by the *Sieur Everixen*, which is much exceeded them in number.

Falmouth, March 25. Yesterday came into this Port a Dutch Capr, called the *Fohanna of Flushing*, mounted with 12 Guns, and 80 Men, Captain *Fagell* Commander, who tells us, that the 14 instant, 30 Leagues off of *Ushant*, he met with a French Ship of sixteen Guns, bound, as he believed, for the *West-Indies*, with whom he had a short dispute; but the weather being bad and tempestuous, they parted.

Pendennis, March 25. All the last week the weather hath been very stormy, most part at W.S.W. so that few Ships are come into this Port. On Saturday sailed from hence the French Vessel, that put in here, bound for *Newfoundland*.

Plymouth, March 26. Here is arrived a Dutch Man of War, called the *Prince of Orange*, mounted with 70 Guns, and a Fireship, being extremely disabled by the late Storm, in which they lost company of three Men of War more, and a Fleet of Merchantmen they had under their Convoy.

Bruges, April 6. The 3d instant happened here a great Disorder, of which the Occasion was thus:

A Procession coming out of *St. Salvadors Church*, and passing through the *Seene Street*, a Dutch Officer Rood in the way with his Hat on, upon which, a Burgher, who was one of the foremost in the Procession, bid him be Uncovered, the Officer answered, That he knew his time, the Holy Sacrament not being yet in sight, whereupon the Burgher strook the Officer with the Torch he had in his Hand over the Face, and the Officer drew his Sword, in a moment 500 Swords more were drawn, the Bishop in a Bright ran back to the Church, and the Alarm was given through the Town, That the English had wounded the Bishop, and killed three Capucins: The Burghers hereupon take Arms, and come together in the Market place, two or three English Soldiers are killed in the Streets, and others wounded. Some Spaniards are likewise killed and wounded. The Marquis d'Offen uses all endeavors to compose this disturbance, the English Officers, and particularly the Earl of *Middleton*, who commands the English here, does the like on their part; the Marquis de Belmar, a Spanish Colonel, had his Horse killed under him: But at length all is composed, and the truth of the first beginning of the Disorder appears. The Magistrates, to excuse their trouble for what had hapned, send the next day to excuse it to the Earl of *Middleton*, promise all the Satisfaction the thing is capable of, entertained the English Officers at Dinner, and Treat the Soldiers with 12 Barrels of Beer: And besides, caused the following Placquet to be published:

The Lords and Council of the City of *Bruges*, being fully informed, that the English Soldiers, at present within this Town, have not given the least occasion to the Commotions and Disorders which happened yesterday. And being desirous to take care, that they may be here with security, do charge and Command all Persons of what condition they may be, That they Treat the said Soldiers with all kindness and civility; And strictly forbid them to offend them in word or deed, in any manner whatsoever; and further forbid all Persons to take Arms, otherwise than upon the usual signs of Alarm; that is, upon the sounding the great Bell, upon pain of being punished as seditious, for an Example to others. Done April 4. 1678.

Legow, March 21. Just now arrived in this Road an English Pink, Robert Elphy Master, which came from *Messina* on Thursday morning last; the said Master tells us, That the French had wholly quitted the City of *Messina*, and the Parts thereabout, and that all the French Soldiers, and the People belonging to them, Embarked themselves (and what they had) on Board the French Ships and Gallies, and sailed from thence on Wednesday, the day before he came away, to *Augusta*, to take off their People likewise from thence; That they left the Inhabitants of *Messina* in possession of all the Guns and Ammunition in the Castles, and so departed quietly, carrying with them those that desired to leave the place. Immediately after the French were gone, the Inhabitants delivered themselves, City and Castle, into the hands of the Spaniards; That the Governor of *Reggio* came over, and took possession of the City, Castles, &c. that day, and returned to *Reggio* again. Before this Master came away, the Spanish Forces were coming in, and the French were out of sight. We are assured that the appearance of a War with *England*, and the News of a Squadron of English Ships coming into the *Mediterranean*, hath been the cause of their abandoning the Island in this manner.

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Whereas the present Channel of the Spitts, between the Buxie and Gunfleet Sands, is grown up, so as not to have more (in the best thereof) than Three Foot Water at Low-Water: These are to give Notice to all Persons concerned, Masters of Vessels, and others, using that Channel, that the Buoy for the said Channel, lying on the Buxie, will be forthwith removed about Two Miles more to the Westward, and there laid for a mark to the Old Spit-way; which so may become the better Channel, having at least Six Foot Water at Low-Water.

These are to give Notice for the more certain information of all such Persons that may be concerned, That (in pursuance of a Grant on that behalf) there will be a Fair held and kept at *Newton* in *Makenfield-free* in the County of *Lancaster*, (besides that of the first of August) the 6th, 7th, and 8th of May, 1678. and so successively every year upon the said dayes; the 6th day being for Oxen, and other Cattle; and the 7th and 8th for Horses, and several Commodities and Wares.

Lost on Friday the 29th of March last past, in the passage through the Royal Garden from *St. James's Park*, a little Beagle Dog Whelp, all white, except one black spot on the middle of his loins. Whoever will bring him to the Porter of the Gate of the above said passage, shall presently upon the place receive 10 s. for a Reward.