

Francfort, March 30. At present all the discourse is of the preparations that are everywhere making for the Campaign. We are assured, that the Duke of *Lorraine*, who made yesterday with his Queen his publick Entry into *Insprucke*, will be very suddenly in these parts, and that the Imperial Army is appointed to Rendezvous about the middle of the next month in our Neighborhood. The Imperial Officers give out, that they shall have an Army in the Field this Summer capable to undertake actions of moment: they say farther, that the whole Army will not be employed in the Siege of *Friburg*, which it seems is positively resolv'd on, but only a part thereof under the command of Count *Capra*, or some other general Officer, while the Duke of *Lorraine* with the main Army marches towards the *Saar*.

Strasbourg, April 1. The French are making a great Magazine at *Schlestadt*, and bring great store of Provisions thither from *Burgundy*. From *Brissac* they write, that the *Sieur Monclar* has received orders to draw all the French Troops that are in these parts together, and with them to pass the *Rhine*, and to post himself near *Friburg*, to observe the motions of the Imperialists, who, it's said, will besiege that place at the opening of the Campaign. On the other side the Imperial Troops which were quartered in *Suabia* are likewise marching, in order to their drawing together into a Body.

Cologne, April 1. The Duke of *Neuburg* has put off his intended journey to *Vienna* till the 16 instant. On Wednesday last several Deputies were sent from *Fuliers* to *Maastricht*, to agree with the Intendant there the matter of Contributions. Tomorrow the Baron de *Landzee* the Imperial Minister goes hence on his way to *Munster*, to endeavor to compose the difference arisen in *Oostfrizeland* between the Princess Regent and the States of that Country.

Mentz, April 3. The Imperial Troops are marching from several parts towards *Worms*, where is appointed the general Rendezvous of the Army the 13 instant; General *Cobs* who is to command the Imperial Infantry is already arrived there, and the Duke of *Lorraine* is expected there in few days.

Amsterdam, April 6. The Letters we receive from *France*, give an account of a Rencontre which had happened in the Channel between six French Men of War commanded by the Chevalier *Chasteau Renaud*, and the Dutch Squadron going for the *Mediterranean* under Admiral *Evertzen*; but we believe it was not that Squadron, but a Fleet of Merchantmen designed for *Spain* and *Portugal*, under the Convoy of three Men of War, the French were engaged with; for that the said Squadron, commanded by the *Sieur Evertzen*, sailed from the *Isle of Wight* on the 9th of the last month. We have likewise reason to disbelieve what the said Letters say of the great damage sustained by some of the Dutch ships in that Rencontre; for if it had been so, we should have heard from *England* that they had put into some of the Ports of that Kingdom to repair them. From *Germany* we have an account, that the Imperial Forces are making haste into the Field; that the Duke of *Lorraine* was every day expected at *Wormes*, and that the general Rendezvous of the Army is appointed about the middle of the next month.

Hague, April 8. In our last we told you that the Deputies which were sent by the States of *Holland*, to attend the Prince of *Orange* in the Camp, were returned; they brought back an answer from

his Highness upon the Points they were ordered to propose to him, very much to the satisfaction of the States, who will separate to morrow or next day, and adjourn their Assembly for some days. The Deputies of the Admiralties are here, in order to the adjusting the Equipage of certain Men of War designed to cruise in the North Sea this Summer, for the securing our Commerce. As yet we hear nothing of certainty concerning the Equipage of the Squadron for the *Baltick*, though the Danish Minister presses it extremely. A Danish Officer having the leave of this State to raise 7 or 800 Seamen for the service of the King his Master, was some days since disturbed at *Amsterdam* in the execution of his orders, by a Rabble of Women, who complained that their Husbands and Relations already in the service of the King of *Denmark*, were not punctually paid. Of which the Danish Minister has complained to the States, and desired that care may be taken to prevent the like for the future. The 6th instant her Highness the Princess of *Orange*, returned hither from *Antwerp*. Two Fluytes and a Man of War which were sent with Provisions to *Tobago*, and arrived there after the French had been there, and razed the Forts, and destroyed all, are returned, arriving two days since in the *Texel*.

Brussels, April 8. The advices we receive from several parts of *Italy*, that the French have abandoned *Sicily*; that the Marechal de la *Feuillade* having embarked on the French Men of War and Gallies, not only his Soldiers and such other French as were there, but likewise several persons Natives of *Sicily* with their Families, was sailed with them for *France*, and that the City of *Messina* had put it self into the hands of the Spaniards, occasions much rejoicing here; and the more, for that the Crown of *Spain* will now be able, to apply it self with more vigor for the carrying on the War on this side. We are now again quiet in these Countreys, and shall in all appearance continue so till about the middle or latter end of the next month, when the French tell us their King will begin his second Campaign. The Prince of *Orange* continues at his quarters at *Boome*, using all endeavors possible to put his Army into a condition to be able to make head against the Enemy. His Highness, as we are informed, has not at present above 20000 men with him, not thinking it fit to draw his Troops from *Mons* and other places where they are in Garrison. The Letters we receive from the *Rhine* say, that the French make great preparations on that side, and that it is said the King will come in person into those parts.

Paris, April 9. The King and the whole Court is at present at *St. Germain*. In *Flanders* there passes at present not any thing worth writing. From *Germany* we are informed, that the Imperialists are preparing for the Siege of *Friburg*; but we believe they will find the place in so much a better condition than when they left it, that they will not find the taking it now so easie a work as perhaps they imagine. The news we have from *Italy* is, that the Marechal de la *Feuillade* had quitted *Messina* as well as the Castles and Places which the French possessed in *Sicily*. We are in expectation of receiving the particulars of this matter, which as yet we want.

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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 *Newick* in *Marshfield* in the County of *Lancaster*, (besides that of the first of *August*) the 6th, 7th, and 8th of *May*, 1674. 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.