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Whitehall, April 6.

HIS Majesty has been pleased to cause His Proclamation to be issued for a General Fast.

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FOr the imploring a Blessing from Almighty God upon His Majesty and all His Dominions, and for the averting of those Judgments which our manifold Sins and Provocations have most justly deserved; The Kings Most Excellent Majesty hath thought fit, and doth hereby Command, That a General Fast, and Day of Solemn Humiliation be kept and observed throughout this His Majesties Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed And to the intent the same may be performed with all Decency and Order, His Majesty doth hereby Publish and Declare to all His loving Subjects, and doth strictly Charge and Command, That on Wednesday, being the Tenth day of April next, this Fast shall be Religiously observed and kept within the Cities of London and Westminster, and other Places within the Weekly Bills of Mortality; wherein His Majesty in His Royal Person, and with His Royal Family and Household, will give Example to the rest of His People; and that on Wednesday the Four and twentieth day of the said Month of April, the like be observed and kept throughout the rest of this His Majesties Kingdom of England, the Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed. And His Majesty doth most strictly Charge and Command all His loving Subjects, That they do with all Christian Reverence observe and perform the same, according to the Directions that shall be given in a Form of Prayer to be by Our Order and Command Published and Dispersed for that purpose, as they tender the Honour of Almighty God, and would avoid His just Wrath and Indignation against this Land, and upon Pain of receiving such Punishment as His Majesty may justly inflict upon such as shall contemn or neglect so Religious and necessary a Duty.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall, the Thirtieth day of March 1678. In the Thirtieth year of Our Reign.

Falmouth, April 1. The 28 past arrived here two Dutch Privateers, the one called the *Dolphin of Middleburg*, of 30 Guns, and 106 Men; and the other the *Black Eagle*, likewise of *Middleburg*, of 16 Guns; they came from the *Streights*, but have been Cruising this month in the Channel; they brought in with them a Prize, being a small Vessel, called the *Gift of God*, bound for *Rochelle*. This day they are gone out again to Cruise. Yesterday came in here the *Flying Dragon of Vlissing*, mounted with 4 Guns, with a French Prize, called the *Mary and Anne of St. Valery*, in Ballast, bound for *Rochelle*. This day arrived here the *Rebecca of Waymouth* from *Port Louis* in France; the Master reports, that there lay a Ship of 900 Tuns, very richly laden, bound for the *East-Indies*; but was afraid to go out, because of the appearance of a War with England.

Lyme, April 1. The *Francis and Little Rose* of this place, came in here yesterday from *Guernzey*; the Master tells us, that the Lord *Hatton*, Governor of that Isle, arrived on Friday last in the *Falcon* Frigate.

Flimouth, April 2. On Saturday last came into this Port the *Defiance*. Sir *Fohn Erny* Commander, and the *Centurion*, Captain *Carter* Commander, and yesterday sailed again with several Merchantmen under their Convoys bound for the *Streights*.

Deal, April 4. This Noon the *Greenwich* sailed out of the *Downes* for *Ostend*, having Soldiers on Board to be landed there.

Warsaw, March 24. The Palatine of *Culme*, Ambassador of this Crown at *Constantinople*, having not been able hitherto to obtain the Ratifications of the Treaty concluded the last year with the *Port*, but on the contrary meeting daily with new difficulties, gives us ground to apprehend, that the *Turks* seek an occasion of setting on foot a new quarrel with us; and so much the more, for that several Advices assure us, that the Grand Visier is endeavouring to determine by an amicable Composition the differences arisen between the *Port* and the *Moscovites* concerning the *Ukraine*; which it is probable he would not do but in design of renewing the War with this crown. We are told that the Emperor; by his Minister at our Court, hath complained of the assistance which is given to the *Hungarian* Rebels, contrary to the Amity and good Correspondence which is at present between the two Crowns.

Madrid, March 25. From *Cadiz* they write, That all the Effects of the *Hamburgers* had been Arrested there, because of an Affront which had been offered to the *Spanish* Ambassador at *Hamburg*. *Don Juan* of *Austria* applies all his care for the settling a Fond, which may be able to supply *Flanders*, *Catalonia*, *Sicily*, &c. for a vigorous carrying on the War. We have had here much discourse of a Peace, but we find it to have been without any ground, the last Letters we received from *France*, having given us an account of the progress of the *French* in those Countries.

Venice, March 26. The last week we had Letters from *Constantinople*, which say, that neither the Grand Signior, nor the Grand Visier, would go into the Field this Summer, for that there was a great likelihood that matters would be amicably composed with the *Moscovites*; That the Ambassador of that Crown had not yet been able to obtain the Ratifications of the late concluded Peace, the *Turks* demanding several places in the *Ukraine*, which the *Poles* understand were left to them by the said Treaty. From *Sicily* we have an account, that the Duke *de la Feuillade* having quitted *Messina*, and the several Forts and Castles there, was retired to *Augusta*, where, it was believed, he would make no stay, but return with his Troops to *France*.

Vienna, March 31. The Duke and Dutchess of *Neuburg* are expected here very suddenly, and preparation is making for their Reception. They will pass some short time at *Newstadt*. The Emperor has honoured

nounced Count *Montecuculi* with a new Title viz. that of Duke d' *Amalfi*. From Upper Hungary we have Advice, that several Troops, raised in Poland, were arrived there, to assist the Rebels, which we are unwilling to give credit to.

Copenhagen, April 5. It is said here in Town, that the *Suedes* have made an Attack upon *Helmstadt*, but that they were repulsed with the loss of 2000 Men, which needs a confirmation. On Saturday last Major General *Baudissen* arrived here from *Hollstein*, and Major General *Degenfels* from *Norway*, by water. We continue our preparations here for the approaching Campaign with all possible application.

Hamburg, April 8. Count *Coningmarke* is returned with his Troops to *Straelzond*, and his Cavalry, for their better subsistence, is past over into the Isle of *Rugen*. The *Lunenburg* Troops had their quarters the 6th instant near *Malchun*, and the next day marched from thence to *Demmin*; it is said the *Brandenburghs* will join them in few dayes, and that then they will march directly to *Straelzond*, to endeavor to force the *Suedes* from thence. These at present fortifie *Demgarten*.

Strasbourg, April 7. Six thousand *French* are daily at work on the Fortifications of *Friburg*, which are at present very near finished; the place is provided with a good Garison with Provisions, and all things necessary. On Sunday last two Battalions of *Piedmont* and *Dauphiné* came to *Friburg*, the next day a Party of 160 Imperial Horse, and 30 Croats, met 8 Companies of *Turenne*, with a Convoy of 100 Horse, marching likewise thither; the *French* Horse presently gave ground, and left the Foot to shift for themselves, of which many were killed. The *Imperialists* took a Captain of Horse, and some others Prisoners. We are told, that all the *French* Troops which have had their quarters in *Burgundy*, are coming into these Parts, as also a considerable Detachment from *Flanders*.

Francofort, April 6. Here are several Imperial Officers in Town, who tell us, that their Troops are marching to their general Rendezvous, assigned near *Wormes*, the 15th of this month; that the Duke of *Lorraine* will be there by that time; that General *Cobs*, who is to have the first Command under the Duke, is at *Wormes* already, to give the necessary Orders; and that the Emperors Army this Campaign will be composed of near 40 000 Men.

Cologne, April 8. The Bishop of *Gurck*, the Emperors Ambassador and Plenipotentiary for the Treaty at *Nimeguen*, continues still here, in order to the disposing of matters in favor of the Duke of *Neuburg's* Son, who pretends to the Coadjutorship of this See. The Duke and Dutchess of *Neuburg* are preparing for their journey to *Vienna*, though it is said that the Duke may continue some time at *Neuburg*, whilst the Dutchess goes on to *Vienna*, to be present at the lying in of the Emperors daughter, which, we are told, is expected about the latter end of the next month.

Hague, April 12. The States of *Holland* are separated for 14 dayes, having before past a Resolution for the raising the 200th Penny before the first of *June*. The Deputies of the respective Admiralties have had several Conferences concerning the Equipage designed for the *North-Sea*; and though we do not learn that any final Resolution has been taken therein, yet it is said, that it is intended to consist of 30 Men of War, all mounted between 50 and 40

Guns. We do not as yet hear any thing of the Squadron designed for the *Baltick*. The Letters we have from the Army are of the 10th instant, then his Highness continued his quarters at *Boom*, between *Antwerp* and *Mechelen*, without any likelihood of removing very suddenly from thence. His Highness had given Orders to have all his Regiments complete by the first of *May*, about the middle of which month we are still told, that the *French* will begin their second Campaigne.

Bruges, April 9. Our Magistrates being extremely troubled for what had hapned to the *English* in the late Disorder here, have not only caused 13 or 14 persons, who were the chief Authors and Abettors of it, to be Apprehended, in order to an exemplary Punishment, but have made all the Reparation to the *English*, the thing is capable of: Those that were wounded, have had all care taken of them, in order to their Cure, and besides have had 30 Guilders given to each of them, with promise of allowing Pensions, or otherwise satisfying the Wives and Children of those that were killed, if they have any. Nor have the Magistrates been wanting to exprels how sensible they are of what they owe to the prudent and discreet Conduct of the Earl of *Middleton*, who commands the *English* here, on this occasion; of which the Marquis d' *Offera* having given the Duke de *Villa Hermosa*, Governor of these Provinces, an account, his Excellency hath written a Letter to his Lordship, to give him his Thanks, for having by his great care and prudence so much contributed towards the appeasing this Disorder, which might otherwise have had so ill consequences.

Advertisements.

Whereas the present Channel of the Spitts, between the Buxle 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 Buxle, will be forthwith removed about Two Miles more to the Westward, and there laid for a mark to the Old Spit-way; which is now become the better Channel, having at least Six Foot Water at Low-Water.

All Persons are desired to take Notice, That there is settled a safe and constant Conveiance of Letters and Pacquets by Post three times in every Week upon the usual Post-dayes to and from the City of London, and the Towns hereafter mentioned in the Counties of *Surrey* and *Suffex*, viz. *Epsam*, *Leathe head*, *Dorking*, *Gilford*, *Farnham*, *Godalming*, *Hastmore*, *Midhurst*, *Peperhamb*, *Horsbarn*, *Arundel*, *Sittingbourne*, *Shoreham*, *Brighton*, *Lewes*, and *Eastbourn*. So that a Correspondence may be had between all or any the said Places. And no Money is required, till the Letters are delivered; and then only such Rates, as are established by Act of Parliament.

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 *Marshfield* 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 afternoon, or Saturday morning, a Picture of a Lady in litle, in a black shagrine Case with two silver Clasps, with a Chrystal over the Picture. Whoever brings intelligence of it to Mr. *Bess*, next door to the *Cock* in *Bow-street*, *Green-garden*, shall have Forty shillings as a Reward.