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Portsmouth, Febr. 28.

Yesterday was held a Council of War aboard the *War-Spight*, at *Spithead*, where the Captains of the two Fire-ships that differed the *St. Patrick*, were again brought to their Tryal, and Captain *Seely* that was present at the Engagement, but inteposed not, was found to have been much wanting to his duty, and accordingly condemned to be shot to death; the Tryal of the other Captain referred to another Meeting.

The same day the *Bristol* Frigate arrived here, having in cruising on the Coasts of *France*, chased aboard two Merchant Ships, one *French*, the other *Diach*, but the Country taking the Alarm, and coming in to their assistance, secured them from further damage.

Minehead, Febr. 26. This last week were apprehended in this Country, at *Stokegursf*, nine persons well horsed and armed, suspected as Highway-men, two of them upon Examination confessing a Designe laid by them to have robbed the house of one *Mrs. Cuttrel*, where they hoped to meet with an easie purchase of great Booty, and are since committed to the Goal at *Ilchester*, in order to their Tryal the next Assizes at *Taunton* Castle.

Dantzick, Febr. 19. Our latest Letters from *Warsaw* inform us of the removal of the King to *Cracow*; where he intends to continue for some time, endeavoring to appease the disorders of his own Country, and put them into a posture to defend themselves against the Enemy, who every day are augmenting their numbers; and threatening their farther advance into the body of *Poland*. Some of the Polish Companies were forced to seek their safety in *Misczajbow*, whither they were pursued by the *Tartars* and *Cossacks*, and the Town thrice assaulted by them, but were each time beaten off with great slaughter, and forced to quit the place. They fell afterwards upon the City of *Bar*, commanded by one *Prior*, a Captain of Horse, who so stoutly defended it, that besides a great number of his enemies killed upon the place, he took 400 prisoners, but finding his stores too little for the number of people in the Town, he was constrained to save anely the principal Officers, giving up the rest to the mercy of his Soldiers, who immediately cur them in pieces.

The King hath ordered all his forces to be drawn together, which with a considerable number of the Nobility, are already marched as far as *Reuschleberg*. The lesser Nobility and Gentry of the *Palatines*, are also resolved to raise an Army to be commanded by a General of their own choosing.

From *Breslaw* we are informed, that the body of *Lubomirski* is there embalmed. His Lady arriving three days after his death, hath taken order for the transporting his Body to be buried in his own Country near *Cracow*.

The Queen of *Poland* is lately fallen into a dangerous distemp; in which, for three hours, she lay speechless; but is since somewhat better, but the danger not yet past.

Vienna, Febr. 20. The Estates of the *Lower Austria* having considered of the late Propositions made to them by his Imperial Majesty, have resolved to supply him with the sum of 300000 Rixdollars, and to maintain some thousands of Soldiers upon their own expences for the Emperors service. And it is belyied the States of the *Upper Austria*, with the Provinces of *Tyrol*, *Styria*, *Carinthia*, and *Crain*; as also the Kingdom of *Bohemia*, together with *Silesia* and *Moravia*, will be easily induced to follow their example by their free offers of proportionable supplies.

The Affairs of *Poland* take up the thoughts of this Court,

the great Council being frequently deliberating about the fittest means of assisting them; in order whereunto, Ten Regiments are designed to be speedily commanded to the Frontiers of *Silesia* towards *Poland*; and order is taken for the new clothing them at *Breslaw*.

We are also advised, that the King of *Poland* has desired the assistance of the *Swedes*, which he intends to recompence with the giving up one half of *Lythuania* to that King, and to prevent the design of the enemy, who (his sister) may enter into *Poland* by that Country, His Highness the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, with the Estates of *Poland*, *Frusia*, *Lythuania*, and *Curland*, are entered into a League for their Mutual Defence and Assistance, and to oppose the enemy, if he make any attempts to pass through any parts of their jurisdiction.

The States of the *Lower Hungary* are assembled at *Neus-fos*, to examine their grievances: Those of the *Upper Hungary* seem unwilling to make their appearance there, and dissatisfied with their procedure, which administers cause of jealousy, that they have some private design on foot, having no manifest cause of disgust given them.

A Monk lately arriving here from *Constantinople*, informs us, that upon the Addresses made to the Sultan by the Ambassadors from the *Cossacks*, they were very favorably heard, and answered; the Grand Signior not onely granting them his protection, but promising to assist them against what force soever, with the whole power of his Empire: And immediately gave order to the Dukes of *Wallachia* and *Moldavia*, to send him a particular of what forces they were able to bring into the field.

Venice, Febr. 23. Our late Letters from *Candia* inform us of the arrival of our Convoy, under the Command of *Semitecolo*; and that twelve Gallies laden with Bisket and other Provisions, were by the Admiral of our Fleet, which is riding at *Paros*, sent into *Candia*, our Squadrons successively cruising to intercept the provisions designed for the succors of the *Turks*, and to engage seven Corsayres of *Tripoly* that are plying near *Sapientza*, if they have the courage to attend them.

The *G* and *Visier* continues still at *Retimo*, much indisposed and unable to keep the Field in person, but has given order for the strengthening of *Candia*, and raising a Battery near the *Lazaret*, to hinder the passage of our Ships for the relief of the City, against which our Forces have with some success cast up a strong Fort, to beat them from the place, and hinder the Enemy from making any nearer approaches. The *Visier* has received fresh Commands from the *Sultan*, to employ all his Endeavours for the gaining of the *Metropolis*, and is making extraordinary preparations against *Spring*, giving out they intend vigorously the reduction of *Dalmatia*, as well as *Candia*. The *Visier* has been much dissatisfied with the former proceeding of the *Bassa* of *Canea* and *Candia Nuova*, whose heads he has taken off, under pretence that they were wanting in their duties the last Summer, and has proceeded with the like severity against several other Officers, whom he has also put to death for examples to others: He has always with him the *Agas* of the *Janisaries* in quality of paymaster to the Army, with great sums of money to be expended in this War, whose Counsel and Advice much sways him in all his actions of any Importance. In the mean time, the Senate here is frequently consulting about the most effectual ways and methods of carrying on the War for the defence of our Territories against the common Enemy, towards which they have earnestly solicited all the Neighbouring Princes, and are much satisfied with the great A-

instances lent by his Holiness, and the Encouragements given by him to other Princes, to follow his example in so pious a work, of such high Concernment to the common Interest of Christendom.

Legorn, Febr. 21. This week arrived here two French Ships from *Smyrna*, advising us that the *Genova* Ambassadour was parted from *Constantinople*, intending for *Adri-nople*, there to desire an Audience from the Grand Seignior, which from the Civilians already shewn them, they guess will not be a matter of much difficulty to obtain.

Here is also come in another French Barque from *Scanderoon*, and a French Tartan likewise from *Smyrna* in twenty days: By Letters from those parts, we are advised that satisfaction has been required of the French, for the loss of Provisions put aboard, ten of their Ships which fell some time since into the hands of the *Venitians*, and were, as the *Turks* apprehend, too easily given up, without opposition. The French have petitioned the Grand Seignior to remit somewhat of the rigour of their Demands, but have received no answer that pleases them, but are referred back again to the Grand Visier, from whom they expect but little favour.

The *Sr. Bartholomew* a Vessel formerly taken by the *Malteses*, is again restored, and returned to *Constantinople*, but has left behind her above half her Goods of a very considerable value, for which they will be obliged to make full satisfaction. They likewise tell us of the great preparations made in all parts of the *Turks* Dominion, for the assistance of the Grand Visier in *Candia*, where several Ships and Gallies are arrived from *Tripoli*, *Tunis*, and *Algier*, to tender their Service: but they also assure us, that in an attempt made by the *Turks* upon the City of *Candia*, to give them a diversion, the better to secure a Party of theirs employed in the casting up a Trench, they were so warmly entertained by the Besieged, that they were forc'd to leave their Designe in much disorder, with the loss of 600 of their Men.

Hamburg, Feb. 25. The City of *Bremen* is not yet satisfied with the Ratification of the Treaty with the *Sweedes*, but hope that such effectual means may be used by the Mediation and Interposition of the Assembly at *Ratisbon*, and that other at *Heildesheim*, that no alterations may be made in their first Agreement: To which purpose they have sent their Deputies to both places, to press their Concernments, and have dispatched other to *Strat*, to insist upon the Ratification, in confidence whereof they were induc'd to dismiss 22 or 1500 of their Soldiers.

From *Cassell* we are informed, that the Treaty of a Marriage between the Prince Royal of *Denmark*, and the Princess of *Hesse-Cassell*, continues in the same posture as formerly; but an Ambassadour is suddenly expected from that Court, upon whose arrival some issue will be put to that Affair: but we are assured that the Duke *Regert de Holstein Gottorf*, is married to the Princess Royal of *Denmark*.

The Queen *Christina's* Royal Masquerade has been lately Danced here with infinite satisfaction, it was called *The Enchanted Palace of Armide*, in which the principal Actors were the Queen her self, the Princess *Charlotte de Saxe-Lauenberg*, Madam *La Landgrave*, Madam *La Connestable*, the Princess of *Mechlenberg*, the Countesses of *Brandenstern*, *Koningsmark*, and *Rantzow*, with several other great Ladies, amongst whom the *Feildheres* Daughter; with these Danced, the Countess *Wrangel*, *Koningsmark*, Marshall *Wurtz*, the *Landgrave*, and several other great Personages: All of them being the Evening before treated with an extraordinary Feast, and concluded the Mask with a Banquet of excellent Sweetmeats.

Frankfort, March 1. Yesterday the *Landgrave* of *Hessen Darmstadt* arrived here with his lately espoused Princess of *Saxe-Goten*, and went the next Morning for *Darmstadt*, where they were received with extraordinary Magnificence, ten Companies of the Citizens in Arms, and in excellent Order, being drawn up on both sides the way from the City-Gate to the Palace: Before the *Landgrave* marched the principal persons of the City on horse-back, led by the chief Magistrates, and followed by a hundred more of the Citizens, all

well mounted, with their Cornet; then came an hundred of the principal young men of the City richly clad; after them followed a Troop belonging to the *Landgrave*, then at a little distance ten Trumpeters with a Kettle Drum, followed by a great number of led Horses, with rich Embroidered Saddles and Furniture; then marched the Nobility very richly habited, immediately preceding the *Landgrave*, accompanied by his Brother, after whom followed the Princess alone, drawn in a rich Chariot, and attended by the Guards on horse-back, and followed with a great Train of Coaches. In the same order they were afterwards conducted out of the City, the Magistrates having first made them Presents of very considerable value.

Hague, March 9. This week the States of *Holland* met to consider of the raising the two hundred penny for the year 1668, which 'tis said is also resolved. The Admiralties press hard for Moneys, and however the inclinations of the people tend to Peace, our preparations speak nothing but War; the King of *France* having promised that his Fleet shall be ready in a short time. Twelve of our Ships are ordered to the *Zee*, the Seamen are daily mustered, and 'tis said, we shall in short time have a considerable number of Ships ready to put out to Sea. *De Ruyter* continues still here to receive and give orders for the equipping of the Fleet.

From *Amsterdam* we are told, that *Monsieur de la Roche*, who commands a Squadron for the King of *France*, went thence on Friday last with 3 or 400 Soldiers for *Denmark*, where the two Ships called the *Great Dane*, and the *Fredrick*, built there for the French service, are supposed to be ready to sail, but want men, which they hope to be supplied with from *Hamburg*, *Lubeck*, and other places upon the Sea Coasts, he having orders to list what numbers he can for the service of his Fleet; and 'tis said, the King of *Denmark* is by agreement to furnish him with 300.

Prince *Maurice* of *Nassau* has lately made tryal of a Piece of Cannon, and a Mortar, to shoot Bars of Iron, intending them for the use of the Fleet, where they fancied they would make execution upon Masts and Rigging; but they were not found to answer his expectation.

WHEREAS *Jeremiah Snow*, late of *Lumbard-Street*, Goldsmith, now living in *Broad-Street*, did owe divers persons, Anno 1652. Eight thousand Three hundred pounds; Who at his desire did accept of 625 pounds in full, and gave him Discharges absolute which was occasioned by the failing of two French Merchants, who were at that time indebted to him, Three thousand Four hundred pounds, but never paid him a Fifth part, as by the Testimonials remaining with the Publick Notary it may appear) Since which time, it hath pleased God to bless his Endeavours with some small Estate; He therefore in gratitude and Justice, invites them to receive the full remainder of their Principal money, excepting such as by his Oath he shall affirm to have paid in part or in whole.

And he declares this Publication is not for vain-glory (Re-tribution in this kinde being indispensable) nor to get more Credit, but because his Friends have adjudg'd it conveniently necessary, that his Vindication might be as publick, as then was the Scandal.

I Am desired to publish this Advice, That such persons as have lent Moneys for His Majesties Service in the present War, upon the Credit of the late Act for 1250000 l. whose Orders are of the Numbers of 99, 100, and so forwards, to the number of 126. are to take notice, That there remains Money in Bank for them, at the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer, ready to pay both their Principal and Interest; And are therefore desired to cause their respective Orders and Tallies to be brought into the Exchequer, and to give their Acquittances that they may receive their Loanes and Interests according to the said Act: And that all persons whose Orders do in course succeed the aforesaid Numbers, shall be paid as fast as the Tax comes in upon the same Act, as they stand Registered in their course.