

case, they will take refuge under the protection of the Turks.

*Ratisbonne, Febr. 16.* The News of the Peace being signed at *Nimeguen*, though all the Articles of it are not such, as were to have been wished, is very welcome to the Dyet, and to all People here, except to the Ministers of the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, and of the other Northern Allies, who intend in the next Session, to enter their Protests against the said Peace.

*Strasbourg, Febr. 17.* Yesterday arrived here a Courier with Letters from the Duke of *Lorraine*, to the Imperial Commander here, by which he is required to cease immediately all Hostilities against the French, in pursuance of an Article of the Treaty of Peace, signed the 5th instant at *Nimeguen*. And we are informed, that the *Marquis de Monclar* has sent like Orders to the French Officers in *Alsace*, so that now our Tears are over, and instead of them we expect the sweet effects of Peace; which will be the more delightful, after having suffered under so much misery and desolation, as this Country has done, during the War. The French, as we understand, are already preparing to quit *Alampelgard*; and at *Schleissbad* they have reformed a great many Soldiers. But they continue to require the Contributions, which, it seems, are to be paid till so many months after the Peace be ratified: And yesterday a small Party of French plundered some Countrey people who were coming hither with Forage.

*Brussels, Febr. 21.* We cannot yet tell, when the French will quit *Ghent*, which the Inhabitants of that City are in an impatient expectation of, because of the great burthen they at present lie under. The English Troops that have their quarters in this Province, were two days since on their march towards *Ostend*; but the weather changing to a Thaw, they have been hindered from continuing it, and have been forced to return to their quarters again. The *Marquis de los Balbases* is expected here in a day or two from *Nimeguen*, on his way to *Paris*, whither, as we have already told you, he goes to demand *Madamoiselle*, Daughter to the Duke of *Orleans*, in marriage for the King of *Spain*. The News at Court is, that the Princes of *Lunenburgh* have made their Peace with France and Sweden, and that the Bishop of *Munster* seemed inclin'd to follow their example; so that the King of Denmark, and the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, will then be left alone in the War.

*Diva, Febr. 24.* All matters between his Excellency and the *Maréchal d'Humieres*, relating to the Contributions, are now finally adjusted, and the City of *Ghent* will be evacuated on Monday next: in order whereunto the French Troops retired yesterday out of the Countrey of *Waes*, this day they leave the *Vieuxbourg* of *Ghent*, and to morrow *Alost*. Likewise to morrow Lieutenant General *Agurio* goes hence to meet the Spanish Troops, with which he is to take possession of *Ghent* on Monday morning. This day seven night *Courtray* will be also evacuated, and about the same time his Excellency will go to *Ghent*, to settle the Affairs of the Province of *Flanders*; and after his return hither, will be performed the Ceremony of his receiving the *Golden Fleece*, all the Knights of that Order in these Countries being come hither upon this occasion, except the Prince of *Chimay*, and the Duke of *Havre*, who will be here the next week. From *Vienna* they write, that the *Marquis de Grana* is designed Ambassador Extraordinary

from that Court to *Spain*. We are told from *Paris*, that the Most Christian King intends a progress in April next, to visit the Coasts of *Brittany*, *Normandy*, *Boulogne*, and from thence will go to *Dunkirk*, *Ipres*, and other his Conquests in *Flanders*.

*Bruges, Febr. 25.* It hath thawed for several days, so that our Rivers are open again, which have been shut up 11 weeks by the sharpest Frost that has been known in these Countries these 20 years. *Ghent* will be evacuated on Monday next; and yesterday marched from hence two Spanish Regiments of Foot, who are to be put into Garrison there. Yesterday the English Frigats sailed from *Ostend* for *Flissing*, to take in the English Troops that come from *Brabant*.

*Hague, Febr. 24.* The 22 instant the States of *Holland* met, and entered upon the debate of the matters before them. The Deputies of the respective Admiralties have been several dayes here in Town, and have been in Conference with the Deputies of the States. The *Sir Silvercroom*, the *Suedes* Minister, has given in a Memorial to the States, in which he presses them to conclude the Treaty which is depending between the King his Master, and this State.

*Falmouth, Febr. 13.* Yesterday came in here the *Elys* of *London*, *Christopher Smith* Master, from the *Bermudos*, bound, with Oranges, for *London*; the Master says, he came from thence on the 4th past, and that he left no Ships behind him, save such as belonged to the Island.

*Weymouth, Febr. 17.* This day came in here the *Benjamin*, *John Abbot* Master, and the *William*, *Christopher Omsley*, both of this place, from *Malaga*. They parted with their Convoy and the rest of their Company, and near the *Southern Cape* met a Flyboat of *St. Malo's*, Burthen about 200 Tuns, laden with Salt, bound home; she had lost all her Masts and her Boat, and had Six Foot Water in Hold, so that the French Master and his Company left her, and came on Board the *William*.

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