

Cologne, March 28. On Friday last Count *Kinsky*, one of the Imperial Ambassadors at *Nimeguen*, arrived here from thence, and passed yesterday again on his way for *Bonne*. The French Intendant at *Urdingben* has sent a Commissary hither, to treat with such as shall be appointed by our Elector, concerning the Contributions the French demand from this Diocesis. From *Ratisbonne* we have an account, that the Dyet has given its consent for the ratifying the Peace with *France*.

Wesel, March 25. The French are already possessed of part of the Country of *Cleves*, and of the Town of that name, where they have a strong Garrison; they have likewise put 300 men into *Buricke*, and by their approaching towards this place, give us reason to expect a Siege, which we are therefore preparing for the best we can.

Nimeguen, March 22. The Marquis de los *Babazces* is gone from hence on his way to *Brussels*, from whence he will continue his journey to *Paris*. The Count *Kinsky*, one of the Imperial Ambassadors, has likewise left this place, and is gone for *Vienna*. The French Ambassadors have given an answer to the Paper of the *Danes* and *Brandenburg* Ambassadors concerning the Cessation of Arms, which the Northern Princes have now accepted.

Hague, March 28. The Heer *Meynders*, who has been lately at *Paris* in quality of Envoy Extraordinary from the Elector of *Brandenburg*, is returned hither, without any success in his Commission; for it is said the French insist to have *Sueden* restored to all that Crown has lost in this War, which the Elector will rather hazard, than yield to. It is reported as a thing very certain, that the Elector of *Brandenburg* will restore *Schenckscans* to this State, and that several Conferences have lately been held here with the *Brandenburg* Minister concerning it. We have an account, that Monsieur *Calvo* is fallen into the Country of *Cleves*, and that he was on Friday last in the Town of *Cleves*, into which he has put 24 Companies of Foot, and 6 Troops of Horse.

Hague, March 28. It is said that Monsieur d' *Avaux* the French Ambassador, does declare, that the King his Master has not any design of employing his Arms against *Geneva*, *Genoux*, or any other part of *Italy*; and that the reports which have been spread abroad concerning it, are wholly groundless. The coming of the French into the Country of *Cleves*, has so far alarmed this State, as that they have resolved to send several Regiments to strengthen the Garrison of *Schenckscans*, which is a Post of great importance. From *Nimeguen* we have an account, that the French Ambassadors have agreed to a Cessation of Arms with the King of *Denmark* and the Elector of *Brandenburg*, to continue till the end of the next month; but those Princes would have it for a longer term. The French it seems are resolved to exact the Contributions they demand from the Mayery of *Bolduc*; and in case they are not pay'd, to execute the Country, which however they say they will do with all the moderation they can. We are every day expecting to hear that the Bishop of *Munster* hath concluded his Treaty with *France*.

Hague, March 31. Yesterday the Deputies of the States for foreign Affairs had a long Conference with Monsieur d' *Avaux*, concerning the matter of the Contributions, which, as our Letters from *France* tell us, the Most Christian King has absolute-

ly refused to refer to the Arbitrage of a third Party; it is hoped a way will after all be found out to compose the thing, by moderating the Sum demanded, and allowing a longer time for the payment of it. A complaint hath been made on the part of the Most Christian King, to this State, that Seamen are raised in this Country for the service of the King of *Denmark*, contrary to the Neutrality which this State is obliged to by the late Treaty of Peace; and at the same time the Danish Minister has likewise complained, that Seamen are raised for the service of *Sueden*. From *Nimeguen* we have an account, that the Peace between *France*, and *Sueden*, and the Bishop of *Munster*, was signed there on Wednesday last, and that Monsieur *Ducker*, the Minister of the Bishop of *Strasbourg*, was gone with the Treaty for *Paris*. The Letters add, that the *Brandenburg* Ambassador had consented to the Cessation of Arms proposed by the French, to last to the end of the next month; and it was believed the Ambassador of *Denmark* Monsieur *Hoeg*, would do the like.

Portsmouth, March 25. Yesterday in the afternoon the *Harwich* Sir *Robert Robinson* Comander, the *Dunkirke* Captain *Ashbey*, the *York* Captain *Storey*, the *Lyon* Captain *Williams*, and the *Larke* Captain *Trelawney*, set sail from the *Spithead* to the Westward to Cruise. There remain at *Spithead* the *Spritsure*, the *Staveren*, and the *Sarah* Fireship.

Deale, March 25. This forenoon the three *East India* Ships outward bound, sailed out of the *Downes* with several other Ships bound for *Tangier* and the *Streights*.

Whitehall, March 26. His Majesty having thought fit to dismiss the Earl of *Danby* from the Office of Lord High Treasurer of *England*; and the Lord *Latimer*, his Son, having this morning delivered the White Staff into His Majesties Hands; His Majesty has been pleased to appoint the Right Honorable the Earl of *Effex*, *Laurence Hyde* Esq; Sir *John Ernli*, Sir *Edward Deering*, and *Sidney Godolphin* Esq; Commissioners of His Majesties Treasury.

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