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Edenburgh, April 2.

WE hear of several Prizes that are sending up to Leith, taken by our Privateers; the names and lading not yet told us.

Yesterday several prisoners of the *Whiggs*, betwixt the relieving of the Guards, broke out of prison through a Stone-Wall into an adjacent Church, and from thence made their escapes.

Hull, April 5. Yesterday a small Privateer of this Town, called the *Success*, Captain *Hill* Commander, being off of *Humber*, fell in with three Dutch Capers, viz. A *Pink* of eight Guns, a *Sloop* of two, and a *Galliot* of four or six Guns, whom he stoutly engaged for two hours; and though much over powered, made his retreat into *Humber*, where bringing his Vessel near the shore, he so well plied them with his broad-side, that they were forced to quit him, and with considerable damage to return again to Sea. Captain *Hill* is safe in *Humber*, and intends again for Sea with the first fair wind, the damage he received in this dispute being but little.

The third instant, nine of the prisoners taken in the Privateer by Captain *Coleman*, made their escapes by night; some of them put to Sea in a small Ship-Boat they found at *Hessell*, and 'tis believed may have recovered some of the Capers.

Angier, Febr. 10. This place continues still in the same good condition as formerly, and receives no small advantages by our Privateers, which are grown very formidable to our Enemies; *Gayland* has been till of late successful in the reduction of his Country to Obedience, conceiving very fair hopes of restoring himself in his former Splendor, onely *Tybian* and *Alcafer* standing out against him, the latter of which places he lately attempted with all the force he was able to make, with a considerable party of the *Arabes* that came in to his assistance, but there being arrived that morning a considerable supply from *Fesse*, the Garrison in *Alcafer*, made so strong and unexpected a sally upon him, that he was forced to a retreat, which the *Arabes* perceiving, quitted his party, and joyning with *Tassalets's*, charged to home upon *Gayland*, that he was forced, with much loss and disorder, to quit the Field, himself hurt in two places. Since which, by an Express from him, we are assured, that he is yet in a good posture, his Brother, who was supposed to be lost, being safely arrived in *Arzilla*; and that he intends so soon as the Rains are over, to draw again into the Field, and once more to dispute his fortune.

Rome, March 26. On Saturday last in the Evening, His Holiness fell again into a fit, which continued so violent on him, that the Cardinal Nephew thought it not convenient to leave him that Night. The next day, though Sunday, the *Datary* was kept open, and several businesses dispatcht. That day in the Afternoon, His Holiness finding some intermission from his pains, appeared somewhat more cheerful, and sending for the General of the *Augustines*, had some discourse with him.

Cardinal *D'Este*, upon the News of the Popes late dangerous infirmity, upon pretence of Devotion, is arrived at our Lady of *Loretta*, where he expects farther information. The Comestable *Colonna*, after four years absence from this place, having (it seems) received some light disgusts from *Chigi* is again returned hither with his Family, and the Duke of *Nevers* his Brother in Law, and all the arts imaginable, are used to reconcile him to that Family, which will not (as is believed) prove a business of much difficulty, if His Holiness continue any considerable time longer; which

both his Kindred and Physicians much doubt, expecting some sudden accident may snatch him away. He wholly layes aside business, which occasions *Pasquin* to pronounce a Vacancy in the *Chair*, though the Pope be living. The Popes Kindred have removed most of their goods of value out of the Palace, and the Ambassadors and Cardinals according to their several Interests, have frequent meetings in order to their future Conclave; the consideration whereof fills this Town, persons flocking hither from all parts, to be present at the expected change. In the mean time His Holiness Buildings are hastened forwards with all manner of diligence and expedition, especially that of *St. Peter*, which they hope in little time to finish, and to fix his Arms upon the Buildings; being unwilling it should be left to be perfected by another, and His Holiness deprived of the glory of the entire Work.

The Duke *D'Albuquerque*, Viceroy of *Sicily*, past by these Seas with the Gallies of that Island, and two others, belonging to the Squadron of the Duke *di Turfi*; at *Civita Vecchia* they made some little stay, to take in fresh Victuals, and pursued again their course towards *Palermo*.

From *Naples* they tell us that all the New raised Forces of the Kingdom, with about 250 others, are drawn into the Arsenal, and lie ready to embark in three Dutch bottoms, laden with Corn for *Spain*.

Vienna, March 27. The Polish Ambassadors still continues in this Court, negotiating the Affairs of his Master, pressing hard for Succors, which are not yet publicly granted him; and much care will be taken at present, to preserve the Peace between the two Empires, and establish the Trade that is already so well advanced between us.

Our late Advices from *Transylvania*, confirm to us the quiet posture of Affairs in those parts, and that they may continue so for the future; there is to be some speedy care taken, to create and preserve a right understanding between *Abassi* and *Ragotski*.

Yesterday, Her Imperial Majesty, according to her resolution, changed her Spanish habit, and appeared in the Dress of this Countrey.

His Holiness *Nuncio* in this Court, being by a Courier informed of his promotion to the Cardinalship, rewarded him with 200 Ducats; and 'tis said, that the New Cardinal of *Salzburgh*, intends in testimony of his gratitude, to go with all speed to *Rome*, with a Train of near upon 300 persons, to return thanks to His Holiness, for the honour done him in this promotion.

The Emperor being assured that the Empress is certainly with child, hath dispatcht a Courier to *Spain* with the News, and 'tis said, she is now three Moneths gone.

'Tis discours'd, that His Imperial Majesty has some design to go suddenly for *Ratisbonne*, to take an account of the proceedings of the Assembly, and to put an end to it with all possible satisfaction to the Members thereof.

From *Berlin* we are informed, that the Marquess of *Brandenburgh*, being resolved upon the point of taking possession of the County and Castle of *Dracheim*, has in order thereunto, sent forwards a flying Party, under the Command of the Colonel of his Regiment of Guards, with order, to force the place to obedience, should it stand upon its Defence.

From *Poland*, we are assured, that his Majesty had been lately much indisposed, for which he was under a course of Physick, and was conveyed from the Palace into the Suburbs, that by his nearness, the Diet might the more easily proceed in their Affairs, and the Members thereof upon all occasi-

ons the more conveniently apply themselves to him. The Queen is not yet fully recovered, whose distemper has been so violent, that the Doctors have been forced to order that no business should be discours'd of to her, till she had recover'd more strength.

The Change of Chief General of the Forces, is not yet dispos'd of: those of the French interest move hard for *Sobieski*, but the Nobility oppose it, as inconsistent with their Laws, that the same person should be both General and Marshal of their Kingdom.

Prince *Demetrius* has gain'd no small esteem amongst all persons, both for his Conduct and Valour, as also for his Fidelity to his Prince, and is one of those worthy persons that has been propos'd to succeed in the place of *Lubomirski* but 'tis generally believed that if *Sobieski* obtain the Charge of Grand General, one of the Lesser Generalships may be confer'd on this Prince.

Legorn, March 28. By a Vessel of this place arriv'd from *Tunis*, we are advis'd that ten of their Corsayres were going out to cruise, and that they were fitting up twelve Brigantines, that would be speedily ready to go to Sea. Three of their Corsayres passing towards the *Levant*, lighted on a *Maltese* Corsayre, which they made prize; and have since taken a Bark of the same place laden with Wines, with one French Vessel passing for *Puglia* to lade Oils, and that they sold the men they took aboard them, into *Modene* and *Corone*.

They tell us also, that some dayes since, a *Chiaus* arriv'd there, sent thither by the Grand Visier, to demand Goods and Money left there by two Kings, the predecessors to the King now reigning, and possessed of them, with some other Wealth left there by a late Bassa; to whom they return'd for answer, that they had been in that Kingdom at great Expences in fortifying the Countrey, and in levying and paying off their Soldiers, which they were oblig'd to entertain for their defence against the Christians: but they were resolv'd after their Feast to return him to the Grand Visier, with two of the principal Ministers of their *Douana*, and three of their Gallies, to give the Visier farther satisfaction, which if he would not receive, they had order'd their Ministers to pass forwards, and to inform the Grand Seignior of the whole business.

Genova, March 30. We are daily confirm'd by Letters from *Adrianople*, of the good success of our Ambassador in the Court, in his Negotiation with that Court, in Relation to our Trade, to his and our great satisfaction; by vertue whereof, all our Vessels have a free liberty of trading with them in any parts of their Dominions, with permission to carry out the Flag of this Republick. Our last Letters from *Millan* inform us, that the Governor *Don Lays pons de Leor*, had given Orders to all his Officers to compleat their Levies and fill up their Companies, and to have them in readines to embark the beginning of *April*; against which time several Vessels should lie ready to take them in, and transport them; and that he had dispos'd a Courier to *Madrid*, to give an Account to the Supreme Council there of the state of his Government, with what assistances were promis'd by the Catholick Swisse Cantons, in case of exigence.

Paris, April 13. The Marquis *de Fuentes*, the Spanish Ambassador, has had his last Audience, and taken his leave of his Majesty, and is preparing for his departure, having been presented by his Majesty with his Picture set in Diamonds, and by her Majesty with a Ring, both of them of very considerable value.

All the Officers of his Catholick Majesty that are in *Flanders*, are by order from *Don Castel Rodrigo* to repair to *Brussels* about the 20th, in order to a General Rendezvous of all the Spanish Forces in that Province.

Colonel *Bathazar* who Commands 2000 Swisses, which the Cantons have sent to the relief of the City of *Genova*, has at his arrival there found the City well fortified, and abundantly stor'd with all sorts of warlike provisions, and proportionably victualled, to defend the place with a far greater number of men than they already have within the Town, at the least three yeare.

His Majesty has sent above 3000000000 from *Spain*, and the adjacent Towns to *Mexico*, to work there upon Camclots, *Flanders* Bouaquanes, and Dutch Cloth. Also Monsieur *Colbert* has sent into *Flanders*, and to several parts of *Germany*, to send out the most expert workmen for mining and making of Petards, to be employ'd in his Majesty's Service.

There are lately sent prisoners to the *Basilie*, a Priest and a Gentleman of *Normandy*, on some accusations of making and vending false money.

We are inform'd, That Monsieur *de la Roche Gasselere* is at the *Texel* with four Danish ships, and that he onely waits for a fair wind to sail from thence with them and the six vessels built there for his Majesty, which are perfectly compleated.

The 13th Instant, the Sieur *D'Isancourt*, Envoye for his Highness the Elector of *Mayerne*, had his Audience with the usual Ceremonies, where in the Name of his Master he returned thanks to his Majesty, for the Accommodation which by his Mediation was so happily perfected between his Master and his Highness the Elector Palatin.

The new rais'd Regiment of this City consisting of 3000 Men, will on Thursday next be ready to appear in the Field at a review in the Plain *d'Ouvilles*, where there will be drawn up 9000 Horse, and 13000 Foot, with 40 pieces of Cannon.

Yesterday his Majesty took a view of his Swisse Guards, which he augments with the addition of ten Companies, and intends that his French Guards shall be made up forty Companies.

Hague, April 13. The States having delivered to the Swedes Ministers their Letter to his Majesty of Great Britain, with a Pass-port for the Ambassadors, have desired to be acquainted with the day and place of their arrival, that order may be taken for their Reception, according to their Characters and Merit. They have in the mean while dispatcht their Officers to *Breda*, to take order for convenient Lodgings for all the Ambassadors and foreign Ministers that are to be present there; and have given order to all their ships upon the *Maes* to salute the English Ambassadors in their passage with all their Artillery.

The Deputies for the Admiralties have made their Complaints against the Merchants, who have not (it seems) furnisht them with the proportion of Seamen according to Order, whereupon the States have renew'd their Order, with further Injunctions, and have sent their Deputies to the Admiralties to press them to set out the Fleet with all imaginable diligence, especially 50 Sail of their Men of War to secure the Seas against the English Squadron.

We have even now received news of the raising of one *Peter Pillart* of *Luxemburgh*, passing in a Boat between *Antwerp* and *Brussels*, and that by an Order from the Marquis *de Castel Rodrigo*, who after many examinations and some threats, confess'd, That he had held intelligence with a considerable French Minister for the delivery of the City of *Luxemburgh* to the French, and the business so laid, that this *Pillart* having a house upon the Town-Ditch, should privily in the Night have taken in some French Companies that were to have seised on the Guards, and possessed themselves of the Town; the confirmation whereof, we may expect hereafter.

West-Cows, April 8. On Tuesday were brought in four Ships, bound from *Bordeaux* with Wines and Brandy, pretending to be of *Ostend*, *Bruges*, and *Hamburgh*: On Friday a Vessel of *Middleborough*, with Wines from *Bordeaux*, was sent into *Southampton*. On Saturday arriv'd here the *St. John*, a Privateer, with a supposed prize, but pretending to be of *Ostend*. This day arriv'd another Privateer, Captain *Bierne* Commander, with two Vessels, one of 200 Tuns, the other of 180 Tuns, laden with Salt from *Bourneuse*, both pretending to be bound for *Queensborough*; but 'tis believ'd will prove *Danes*.

Bristol, April 8. Here is lately arriv'd the Vessel laden with Guns for the *St. Davy*, to our great satisfaction, it having been blown about here, that she had run some hazard about the Lands end, which we are glad to see contradicted.