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Hamburg, Jan. 19.

THE Bilhop of *Opnabrug* now Duke of *Hannover*, arrived on Saturday last at *Hannover*, and has taken possession of that Dutchy. We are told that part of the Dutchy of *Bremen* will be restored to the *Suedes* on the 25 instant.

Cologne, Jan. 16. Our Magistrates have resolved to follow the example of the Circle of *Francia* in the matter of the *Monies*, and have appointed Commissioners to examine the *Monies* that are now current in the Empire. The States of this Diocess continue assembled, not having yet been able to find any way to raise the *Monies* required by our Elector for the maintenance of the Troops he thinks necessary to keep on foot, for repairing the Fortifications, &c. the Country being so extremely impoverished, that it can hardly contribute any thing. The Duke of *Mecklenburg* has complained to the Dyet at *Ratibonne*, that two *Brandenburg* Regiments have taken quarters in his Territories, and demanded the protection of the Empire against such an oppression, and that the Elector may be obliged to make reparation for the damages caused by his Troops.

Cologne, Jan. 19. Here is arrived an Envoy from the King of *Spain*, who has had Audience of our Elector. His business is to treat with his Electoral Highness about the Cession of *Dinant*, which *Spain* by the last Peace obliged it self to France to procure; to which his Electoral Highness has as yet only answered, *That he will consider of it.* Monsieur de la *Voyon*, the French Envoy, having understood what the Spanish Envoy had proposed, has by a Memorial desired his Electoral Highness not to consent to the said Cession, for that the King his Master would rather have *Charlemont*, which otherwise the Spaniards are to give the French in lieu of *Dinant*. Monsieur *Straetman* the Emperors Ambassador joins with the Spanish Envoy in this matter.

Brussels, Jan. 26. On Sunday last Count *Momburn*, Lieutenant-Governor of the French Conquests in these Provinces arrived here. The same day he had Audience of his Excellency, who caused the Council to assemble the next day, and to morrow Monsieur *Momburn* parts again from hence. We are told his Errand hither was, to let his Excellency know, that seeing the Elector of *Cologne* did not consent to the Cession of *Dinant*, that the French King expected *Charlemont* should be delivered up to him before the 25th of the next month, pursuant to the last Peace; which has put his Excellency into some perplexity, not being able to part with so important a place without particular orders from *Spain*, whither he has sent an Express, as likewise to the Elector of *Cologne* upon this occasion. The French Troops continue in *Chieure*. In *Germany* they make great Levies.

Hague, Jan. 25. To comply with your desires, I give you an account of what has passed here in

relation to the Alliance proposed by *France* to this State.

The Most Christian King having thought fit to oppose the making a Treaty of Guaranty of the Peace concluded at *Nimeguen*, which was the last year proposed by the King of *England* to the States General, has since offered the said States to enter into a Defensive Alliance with them, upon the foot of the Treaty of 1662. and in pursuance thereof, the Sieur d'*Avaux* the French Ambassador here, has by Memorials and all other endeavors pressed this same very earnestly; Mr. *Sydney* the King of *England*'s Envoy Extraordinary as zealously opposing it; who having likewise received Orders from the King his Master, to assure the States (which His Majesty had done Himself to their Ambassador at *London*) that He would not only punctually comply with what was stipulated and agreed in the Defensive Treaty made between *England* and *Holland*, the third of *March* 1678. but also stand by them to the uttermost, in case they should be attacked by *France*; the States did thereupon civilly refuse the said Alliance proposed to them by the French. But the Most Christian King having declared, *That he was not satisfied therewith*, his said Ambassador gave in a Memorial bearing date the 22 instant, wherein he tells the States, amongst other things, *That the King his Master had ordered him to stay some days longer to see what Conclusion this Affair would have, and that afterwards he would not have him say any thing more of it; That Monsieur Colbert had told their Ambassadors at Paris, That the King his Master wondered extremely to find all persons in Holland full of hopes (which their Letters had given them) that his Majesty would not depart from the execution of the Peace, and that if they did not enter into this Alliance with him, they should only suffer something in their Commerce, That the sense of what he had told them from the King his Master had been wrong delivered by them, and worse interpreted at the Hague; And that they might only consider, that what has happened within these eight or ten years, did arise from beginnings not so considerable as what may justly follow from His Majesty's dissatisfaction at the Conduict of the States; The day following, being the 23, Mr. *Sydney* also gave a Memorial to the States, wherein he tells them, *That as the King his Master lays nothing more to heart, then the good of this Commonwealth, so He presses them in nothing but what is most agreeable to their own Convenience and Interest; And therefore hopes that after those Assurances His Majesty has given them of His Friendship and Assistance, they will not make an Alliance, which His Majesty cannot look upon otherwise, then as designed against Him.* Minding them, *That the manner of the French pressing this Alliance seems to be in a strain too high to be used towards a Free State.* Whereupon the States of *Holland* came to an unanimous Resolution the 23 instant, not to accept of the Alliance which*

was proposed to them by France. Next day there was a Resumption of the Resolution, and then it was brought into the States General, who will without all doubt agree with the Province of Holland. There is a general satisfaction amongst all sorts of people, for the Friendship and Concern the King of England has expressed for the States, upon this occasion.

Bridgewater, Jan. 21. This Corporation has on occasion of the Petition, made the following Declaration, as we are assured most of all the Towns and Boroughs of this County are likewise doing.

A Declaration of the Mayor, Aldermen, Capital, and other Burgesses of the Borough of *Bridgewater* in the County of *Somerset* this 19 *Jan.*

1679.

W Hereas divers Petitions are now going about this County and Borough, some of which we have seen, in which we humbly conceive there are some things derogating to the Kings Prerogative. To which it is pretended, we, or some of us have set our hands, we whose names are hereunto subscribed, do disown that pretence, and do not approve of this way of proceeding, and do hereby declare against it.

At the Quarter-Sessions held for this County at *Wells*, a like Declaration was Signed by all the Justices, except four, and by all the Grand Jury, as we are told it will be by most of the Freeholders, and that to that end a County Court is called. At the said Sessions several Warrants were issued against the Promoters of the Petition, and an Indictment was found by the Grand Jury against one for Promoting the said Petition, contrary to His Majesties Proclamation, and procuring a persons hand to be set thereunto without his privity, which Indictment was found by the Grand Jury, and the Party has removed the same into the Court of *Kings Bench* by a *Certiorari*.

Oxford, Jan. 22. At the Sessions held here the last week, the Petition concerning the Parliament was Presented, but it was Rejected, and thrown out of Court.

Canterbury, Jan. 24. At the Quarter Sessions held here, the Grand Jury delivered a Petition about the Parliament at the latter end of the Sessions, which was Rejected by the Majority of the Justices

Whitehall, Jan. 22. This morning *Thomas Thorne Esquire*, accompanied by *Sir Walter St. Johns*, and *Sir Edward Hungerford* presented the *Wiltshire* Petition to the King in the name of that County. His Majesty was pleased to ask them, whether they had their Directions from the Grand Jury. *Mr. Thorne* answered No. His Majesty was pleased to Reply, Why say you then that you come from the County? You come from a Company of Loose and Dissatisfied People. Adding, What do you take Me to be? And what do you take your Seats to be? I admire Gentlemen of your Estates should animate People to Rebellion and Mutiny. You would not take it well I should meddle with your Affairs, and I desire you will not meddle with Mine, especially with a Matter that is so essential a part of my Prerogative

Whitehall, Jan. 23. This day *Sir Robert Baynington*, *Colonel Mylmay*, *Mr. Honeywood*, &c. Presented to His Majesty a Petition in the name of themselves and others, Inhabitants of the County of *Essex*, concerning the Parliament. His Majesty having took the Petition from them, was pleased to tell them, That He was extremely surprized to see them meddle with Matters, that so immediately concerned the Crown and Him, and that against the sense of the best and chiefest Men of the County; That His Majesty believed some of those that Signed the Petition might mean well, but that they were abused by those that did not. And His Majesty was pleased to add, That he was not willing to call to mind things past, yet that He could not but remember the Act of Oblivion, though not as some did. That these that had stood in need of that Act, would do well not to take such Courses as might need Another; And that He very well remembered *FOOT*. And so turned away.

This afternoon a Petition was presented to His Majesty

from the Quarter-Sessions of *Berkshire*, by several Gentlemen of that County. His Majesty was pleased to say, to them, That they would agree this Matter over a Cup of Ale, when they met at *Windlor* though He would not meddle with His Business.

W Hereas after several Hearings of *Sir John James*, and *Mr. Lemuel Kingdon*, and their Partners, late Undertakers for the Payment of His Majesties Guards, Garisons, and Household before the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesties Treasury, it did appear to their Lordships, That several Tallies Struck upon the Excize, amounting to a very great Sum, were deposited in their hands, for the abovementioned Uses, and for which His Majesty hath otherwise sufficiently secured the said *Sir John James*, *Mr. Kingdon*, and their Partners, by Orders upon the present Tax. These are therefore to give Advertisment thereof, to the end that no person may receive Prejudice by accepting any Assignments of the said Tallies, or any part of them from the said *Sir John James*, and *Mr. Kingdon*, or Partners, for any Money, or as Security for any Money, there being a Bill now depending in His Majesties Court of Exchequer, against the said *Sir John James*, *Mr. Kingdon*, and their Partners on His Majesties behalf for the bringing of them to an Account, and for the delivery up of the said Tallies.

ALL Merchants and others who served Stores (or did any other Service) for the Navy on the Credit of the late *Poll Act*, and are yet unpaid, are desired forthwith by themselves or Assigns, to bring their Bills for such Stores or Service, to the Auditors appointed to State the said Debt, who will attend at the Navy Office on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from nine to Twelve in the Forenoon, to ascertain the said Debts.

Advertisements.

AN Information having been given to His Majesties Privy Council, against a certain Person, who was met the 23 Instant betwixt 8 and 9 a clock in the morning, near *Standford-Hill* in *Middlesex*, being in a gray Campaign Coat, girt with a Buff Belt, having a black Hat, blackish eye brows, a strong well set skin, ramboned Cheeks, his Hair black, wearing a lightish coloured Perriwig, mounted upon a bay Gelding, with a shorn Mane, and wounded by the Informant with a Pistol-shot, as he supposes in the Right shoulder, or Arm. Whoever shall give notice of the said Person, so that he be secured, shall have 10 l. Reward.

STolen the 16 instant, from the house of *Mrs. Wastell* of *Boulton* in *Torkshire*, these following things One silver Basin, a Ladle, a Salt and Tankard with these Coats of Arms, Two Coats impaled in silver, one a Bird, three White Scafs, between two Birds, one a Chiquart, a horse Carrant bridle, in the second end bend the Owls. One pair of Candlesticks, with Snuffers and Suffer-dish, marked with E. W. Five Tumblers marked with the above first Coat of Arms, Six Spoons, and five Trencher Salts, A little Chafin-dish marked E. W. a little Caudle-skillet, three Porringers, and six Saucers. If any of these things are offered to be Sold, Pawned, or Valued, you are desired to stop them, and send word to *Mr. Richard Bentley* at the Postoffice in *Russel-street*, *St. James-Garden*, and he or they shall have 10 l. Reward for their pains, if the considerable part of them be recovered, and if all, him or them shall receive 20 l. Reward, which the said *Mr. Bentley* shall immediately pay to the Discoverer or Discoverers.

A Gentleman took Coach at *Temple-bar* at Two of the Clock on Saturday the 24th of January, and went thence to *Shorris Gardens* at the upper end of *Drewry Lane*, and left a Bag of Money in the Coach, if the Coachman or any one else will bring the Money to *Mr. Bird* of *Oilmans* at the three *Sugar Loaves* without *Temple-bar*, they shall have Five pounds Reward.