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Edenburgh, April 13.

Several Dutch Men of War have been lately seen cruising to and fro at the Mouth of the River of Forth; and 'tis strongly reported, that three of our Captains, viz. Hamilton, Atkinson, and Brown, have had a sharp Dispute with the like number of Dutch-men, but of greater force; the Confirmation whereof, with their success, we expect hereafter.

Dublin, April 1. This day issued out a Proclamation from the Lord Lieutenant, his Grace the Duke of Ormond, and his Council, declaring and publishing His Majesty's Resolution and Declaration, upon the Advice of the Lords of His honourable Privy Council, for the taking off all Restraints upon the Exportation of all Commodities of the growth and manufacture of the Kingdom of Ireland, taking care, that nothing be done therein for Trade to or with His Majesty's foreign Plantations, further or otherwise than the Laws allow, or in prejudice to His Majesty's Charter granted to the *Canary Company*: His Majesty having given Order to his Royal Highness, Lord High Admiral of England and Ireland, to enable and furnish the Lord Lieutenant, or other chief Governour or Governours of this Kingdom of Ireland, with such Passes or safe Conducts as may secure any of their Ships laden in any part of Ireland, to France, Holland, Denmark, and Norway, and to any part of the World in Amity with his Majesty, where a free Trade shall be permitted, in their going thither and return, and like Passes or safe Conducts to secure any ship or ships bound from any of the said places or Counties, to Ireland, in their going or return thence, except to His Majesty's foreign Plantations or to the parts within the Charter of the *Canary Company*.

Considering likewise that the Importation of Linen and Woollen Manufactures, and Stockings, and Glover, and other Commodities out of Scotland into Ireland, exhausts great sums of money yearly from hence, and may be a great hindrance and interruption to the Manufactures of this Kingdom; All persons whatsoever, and particularly all Masters and Owners of any Ship, Birque, Boat, or other Vessel, are strictly charged and commanded, that they nor any of them presume not after the Tenth of May next, to Import from any part of Scotland into any part of this Kingdom, any Linen or Woollen Manufactures, or any Stockings or Gloves, or other Commodities whatsoever: His Majesty's Customs, Collectors, Controllers, Searchers, and Waiters of all and every the Ports of this Kingdom, and the several Creeks and members thereof, being strictly charged and commanded to make diligent search and inquiry upon the arrival of any Ship, &c. to make stay of all such prohibited Commodities, till further direction from the said Lieutenant, or chief Governour or Governours to whom they are to send speedy advertisement of such stay made by them, and to apprehend, or cause to be apprehended not only the Master of such Vessel, &c. wherein such Commodities shall be found, but also any person or persons owning the same, or with whom they shall be found, and to convey them to one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, next adjoining to the place of their apprehension, to be examined, with the proofs of their contempt contrary to this Proclamation: The Justices, if they find cause, to commit such persons offending to the next *Sine-Gaol* to the place of their apprehension, there to continue till they shall have put in good and sufficient security before such Justice of Peace, with bondsmen to appear personally before the Lord Lieute-

nant, or other chief Governour or Governours of the Kingdom, &c. within Ten days after such Security given, the Justice to send their Examinations to the Clerk of the Council, as will more largely appear by the Proclamation in self.

Erstford, April 5. The Bishop of Metz is lately arrived here in Post from Vienna, and has had several Conferences with his Highness the Elector of *Magence*, intending in few days to pass from hence for *Cologne*. The Affairs of this City are in a quiet posture, and in all probability like to continue so, there being a right understanding preserved between our Elector and the Elector of *Saxe*, notwithstanding all endeavours to the contrary.

The Swedes Resident still continues in the Court of the Elector of *Saxony*, and the Resident from France here, where our Elector, as 'tis believed, intends to continue, till some result be known of the proceeding of the Assembly at *Brunswick*.

The Affairs between the Swedes and the City of Bremen are still in the dark. By a Letter from a Swedes Minister to this Court, we are told, that his Majesty of Swedenland had given Order to General *Wrangell* to take such care in the Quartering of his Souldiers, that the Country might not receive any prejudice or dissatisfaction from them.

From Poland we are newly advised, That the Queen there continues dangerously ill, with little hopes of recovery; that the King had not yet so well recovered his health, as to adventure into the Air, but was forced to hold a Council in his Anti Chamber, where he expressed himself much satisfied with the late Treaty with the *Muscovites*, and gave particular thanks to the Commissioners that were intrusted with it, promising them speedy satisfaction for their Expences, and industry in that great work.

Venice, April 8. We are still allarm'd with the Turkish Preparations both by Sea and Land, for the carrying on their Design upon *Candia*; all parts of the Empire being concerned, either for the fitting up of Vessels, levying of Men, or furnishing out Provisions for that Service. *Morca*, and especially *Salonicha*, being full of Souldiers, who wait for the opportunity to transport themselves. In the mean time they are in great want of Victuals at *Canea*, and all other places in that Island; which forces their men to shift their Quarters, and frequently their Party; the Grand Visier being unwilling to relieve them out of his publick Stores, till he have first formed his Siege, and set down with his Army before the Town.

The Marquess *Ville* having not met with Captain General *Morofini* at *Zant*, as he expected, is gone for *Cephalonia*, to take in some Souldiers and Provisions, which he intends to send away with all expedition to *Candia*. Our Fleet is still about *Paros*, from whence fresh Squadrons are continually relieving one another, and cruising to hinder the Enemies relief of *Canea*; they meet frequently with good Prizes; particularly, the Provéditeur *Barbaro*, in his way from *Candia*, lighted on two considerable Vessels, laden with Provisions and several Commodities of good value.

We are here hastning out another Convoy with Provisions and other Necessaries for our Fleet. The two great Ships building in the Arsenal, will be in few dayes launched.

Some few days since a Turkish Vessel fell into our hands laden with Wax and other good Merchandizes of *Albania*, to a considerable value, taken up at *Durazzo*, an unusual place for lading of Goods: The Captain and several other Turks taken in the Ship, inform us, That the Turks intend to set up a Sale of Trade in that place, for the advantage

tage of *Albania*, and that the design has been already proposed to the Grand Seignior; and in all probability may be effected.

Some Letters from *Aleppo* tell us of some diversion the *Turks* are like to finde in *Mesopotamia*, where 40000 Men have taken *Aimes* under the Command of a stout person and an able Soulaier, the Son to a Cheriff there, who has been already encouraged with some success, having taken in several places of strength, out of which they have forced the Turkish Garrisons.

Vienna, April 12. The Abbot *Protosmochi*, Envoyé from His Majesty of *Poland*, continues still his address and application to this Court for succours, but has not yet received any passive answer from his Imperial Majesty; but 'tis generally believed, he will in the end receive the satisfaction he desires: 'Tis said, he has Orders to make his Applications likewise to the Diet at *Ratisbon*, where the States of the Empire still continue their Assembly.

Our Letters from *Transylvania* and *Walachia* seem to persuade us, that neither the *Turks* or *Tatars* intend any invasion upon *Poland*; but of their future intention we may be able to guess further by a Courier, whose return is expected here from the Ottoman Court.

This Court is grown of late very thin by the departure of the Princes of *Lorain* and *Sulzbach*, with the Marquesses of *Durlach* and *Baden*, and the Bishop of *Mez*, with several other persons of quality, all of them being returned to their particular Residences and Charges.

All our Military Officers are by the late Order from the Council of War, repairing to their respective Commands, where they are to put their Militia into such a posture, as to be ready to march upon the first Orders.

Hague, April 24. The Motion made some time since by *De Wisse* in the Assembly of the States General, for the sending only two Plenipotentiaries to the Treaty in the behalf of all the Provinces, with some other Proposals, that as 'twas thought might have given obstruction to the desired work, were absolutely rejected and thrown by. The several Provinces are since proceeding to the Nomination of their Deputies. On Friday last it was agreed by the States here, that the Heer *Beveringh* should be sent as Plenipotentiary from hence, to assist at the Treaty; and an Express was dispatched to him, to acquaint him with their Nomination. Monsieur *Courtin* is every day expected with the same Character from *France*. The King of *Denmark* hath sent full power to the Heers *Clingenbergh* and *Charinius*, for the same purpose. The first being Resident Extraordinary, the other Ordinary, from that Court.

From *Rotterdam* they tell us, that the Vessels lying before the *Briel*, are to be paid off, and 'tis believed, will be speedily ready to put to Sea. The Men of War at *Helvoetsluis*, lie all of them upon the Stream, whither *De Ruyter*, *Van Neff*, and *Liefde*, with other Captains, are gone, to see them equipped.

Vice-Admiral *Tromp* was some time since at *Rotterdam* in much Gallantry, being lately married to *Madam Holmont*, a rich Widow of *Amsterdam*. The Burgers and Sea-men at his appearance in the Streets, following him with their Acclamations, and thronging after him, with *Vive Le Tromp*, which is ill referred both here and in other places.

From *Amsterdam* they tell us, that the great Vessels cannot yet pass the *Pampus* for want of water, nor are like to do, while the Wind continues Eastward; and that the Ships at *Hoorne*, *Euchuyfen*, *Medenblick*, and *Briese*, are kept in upon the same account. About 12 or 13 of their Frigates lie ready to sail at the *Texel*, with a Fleet of about 60 Merchants, designed by the North for *Spain* and the *Streights*. The Vessels intended for the *East* and *West Indies*, will not go out till the Fleet be ready.

Falmouth, April 14. Yesterday Captain *Ware* Commander of a private Man of War, brought into *Scilly* two Prizes, one laden with Salt, the other with Wines and Brandies: We are assured that the Sickness is gotten much into the French Fleet, and that particularly out of one of their Ships, called the *Prince*, of 70 Guns, and 600 Men, have been taken out 300 persons, infected with the Plague.

Feal, April 18. This Afternoon arrived here two Ships from *Virginia*, one from *Barbadoes*, two from *Lisbon*, and about twelve West Country-men, under the Convoy of a Man of War.

Digto, April 20. Here is this day arrived an *Offender* from *Bilboa*, another of the same place from the *Groy* full of Souldiers bound homewards, they speak also of fourteen larger Vessels coming from the *Groy*, laden with Souldiers for *Flandere*.

Southwold, April 19. Here are now passing by this place a lusty Fleet of 300 Sail of Laden Colliers, with their Convoys, to the Southwards; which we suppose will speedily arrive safely in the *Thames*.

Dover, April 20. Here is this Afternoon arrived a small Shallop, a Privateer of 12 Tuns, and about 30 Men, *Peter Kenton* Commander; having at Sea met with two French Privateers, one of five, the other of two Guns; with whom he engaged for about two hours, board to board; and in the end forced them both to quit the Dispute, and with all the Sail they could make, to save themselves; after some fruitless pursuit, he returned hither; having only four men hurt in the fight.

Whitehal, April 20. His Majesty having been graciously pleased, according to his promise to the Two Houses of Parliament, at the close of the Last Session, to issue out his Commission under his Great Seal of England, to the Right Honourable *John Earl of Bridgewater*, *Oliver Earl of Bellingbrooke*, *Robert Earl of Aylesbury*, *Edward Viscount Conway*, *John Lord Lucas*, and *John Lord Crew*, Peers of this Realm; together with *Sir William Lowther*, *Sir Thomas Meares*, *Sir Humphry Winch*, *Sir Thomas Littleton*, *Sir William Thompson*, *Sir Thomas Osborne*, *Sir Thomas Gower*, *Coll. Sam. Sandys*, *Gyles Strangways*, *William Garway*, *Edward Boscowen*, and *John Jones*, Esqrs; being of the House of Commons; constituting them, or any five of them, whereof the Earl of *Bridgewater*, or one other of the Peers to be one; Commissioners for taking the Accounts of several sums of Moneys, which have been raised and assigned to His Majesty, during the present great and important Wars; to the end that His Majesty and his People may be satisfied that the same have been, and shall be, faithfully issued out and expended; viz. of the sum of 1477500 *li.* granted to His Majesty by a late Act, intituled, *An Act for granting a Royal Aid to the Kings Majesty, of Twenty four hundred, three-score and seventeen thousand, and five hundred pounds*; to be raised and levied in the space of Three years: and of the sum of 1250000 *li.* granted to His Majesty by a late Act, intituled, *An Act for granting the sum of 1250000 *li.* to the Kings Majesty, for his present farther supply*: As also for the 210000 *li.* granted to His Majesty for Three Months, at the Rate of 70000 *li.* a Month, by an Act intituled, *An Act for ordering the Forces in the several Counties of this Kingdom*; and of all such Moneys and Profits as have been made of Prizes, taken since the beginning of this present War; with all sums of Money and Provisions, and all other things whatsoever, which have been raised or assigned for or towards the setting forth to Sea the Navies or Ships of War; or other maintenance or management of this present War whatsoever: with full Power and Authority to call to account all Treasurers, Receivers, Paymasters, or other Agents or Persons whatsoever, their Heirs, Executors, and Administrators; for and concerning the said several sums, &c. and with such other and further Power and Authority, as may serve for the effectual and impartial execution of the said Commission.

On Wednesday last, being the 17th Instant, the said Commission was opened in the Inner Star-Chamber in *Westminster*; where were present, according to a Summons from the Right Honourable the Lords of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council, to them in that part directed; the Right Honourable the Earls of *Bridgewater* and *Aylesbury*, the Lords *Lucas* and *Crew*, together with *Sir William Lowther*, *Sir Humphry Winch*, *Sir Thomas Littleton*, *Sir Thomas Gower*, *Sir William Thompson*, *Giles Strangways*, *William Garway*, *John Jones*, &c.