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Prague, Febr. 20.

THE Emperor intends to go and pass some time, after Easter, at one of his houses of Pleasure, and will take but few Attendants with him. The 13th Instant the Council of State and that of War was assembled, after which Orders were sent to the Governor of *Silesia* to draw several Companies out of each Regiment now in that Province, and to cause them to march this way; and at the same time Orders were sent to the Troops in *Moravia* and *Siria*, That they should put themselves in a readines to march, upon the first directions they should receive for that purpose.

Dantzick, Feb. 21. From *Warsaw* we have an account, That the Council of War, which had been assembled there in order to the taking a resolution concerning the intended War with the Turks, was separated without coming to any, they looking upon it as a matter of so great importance as that it ought to be left to the Dyct to resolve therein, which does not meet till *May*, by which it appears that the Roles are not very forward to engage themselves in a War against the Turks, which the *Moscovites* perceiving, it is probable they will endeavour to make a Peace for themselves.

Hamburg, Febr. 27. The present Duke of *Hannover* takes into his Service most of the Troops of his Brother Deceased, as well as those which the Duke of *Zell* has Disbanded. The Duke of *Holstein* is going to Fortifie *Kjeld* and *Fredrickstadt*, the one situate on the *Baltique*, and the other on the *Northern* Sea. It continues to be said, That *Stade* will be surrendered to the *Swedes* on the first of the next month,

Ratisbonne, Febr. 16. The Emperor having, by several Letters and Memorials, acquainted the States assembled here, That the French have in many particulars contravened the late Peace concluded at *Nimiguen*, viz: by

I. Continuing their Troops in the Empire.

II. Remaining possessed of places they ought to evacuate.

III. Requiring of Contributions.

IV. Obliging the 10 Towns of *Alsace* to take a new Oath, thereby pretending a Sovereignty over them, erecting a new Court of Appeals, and forbidding any Adress to be made to the Imperial Chamber at *Spire*.

V. Requiring an Oath from the Vassals and Nobles of *Alsace*.

VI. Setting up Pretentions upon the Vassals of *Metz*, *Toul*, and *Verdun*, as likewise upon other Imperial States and Countries.

VII. Confiscating the Rents and Revenues of the Chapter of *Strasbourg*.

VIII. Making new Fortifications at *Schlestadt* and *Hunningen*.

IX. Not restoring of *Monp-lgard*.

X. The Slighting of *Dacksburg*.

XI. The taking of *Homburg* and *Bitsch*.

XII. And making new Pretentions upon the City of *Strasbourg*.

The Dyct, after long deliberation, came to this resolution thereupon: That these proceedings of the French are directly contrary to the Treaties of *Westphalia* and *Nimeguen*; That therefore the Emperor shall be prayed by Letter or by Embassie in the name of himself and the Empire, to demand of the Most Christian King Reparation for the same, and that in the near time the French Ministers residing at the Imperial Court, and here shall be made acquainted with this resolution of the Dyct; and that it shall be represented to them, for what concerns the two first points, That the same are directly contrary to the 47th Article of the Treaty at *Nimeguen*; and the first, second, and fourth Articles of the Instrument afterwards Signed by the Ambassadors for the executing the said Treaty, which have been religiously observed by the Emperor; That the third point is contrary to the 30th Article of the said Treaty, and the 8th Article of the said Instruments: That for what concerns the 4th Point, it is known that the third Article of the Treaty of *Munster* says, That the County of the upper and lower *Alsace*, and the Lordship of *Arguenaw*, shall be yielded to France, with an express exception of the ten Imperial Towns; and their Rights and Priviledges, and that the French King should present no pretensions upon them; and that in pursuance of the Agreement made at *Nuremburg* 1650. *Arguenaw*, *Landaw*, and other of the said ten Towns were actually evacuated by the French without pretending them, and several years afterwards to any Sovereignty over the said Towns, on requiring any Oath of Fidelity from them: That afterwards in 1665, complaints were made to the Dyct, of the French setting up new pretentions, whereupon Arbitrators were chosen on the part of the Empire and of France, amicably to determine the same, who were several years employed in that work, which was put to an end by the French possessing themselves of the said Towns, even before the War: That the Treaty of *Nimeguen* confirms that of *Westphalia*, and consequently that the said Towns ought to be restored to the Rights and Priviledges which that Stipulated for them: That for the 5th and 6th points they likewise directly contravene the said Treaties: That as to the 7th they expect farther information in it: For the 8th That they cannot imagine what Rights the French have to Fortifie *Slechstadt*, considering what is abovesaid of those free Towns: For the 9th and 10th, the French have acted notoriously contrary to the *Westphalian* and *Nimeguen* Treaties. For the 11th, That *Homburg* belongs to the Count of *Nassaw*, as appears by the Treaty of *Qsnabrug*: That concerning *Bitsch* they expect farther information: And lastly, That they hope the King will not prejudice the City of *Strasbourg* in its Rights or Priviledges, and particularly in that of Fortifying *Kjeld*, so necessary for its security.

Hague, Feb. 5. All the Provinces having now sent their resolutions to the States General, concerning the French Alliance, it was expected they would,

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this morning, have given an Answer to the several Memorials presented by the French Ambassador on this subject, but some other affair intervening, they have deferred it till some other day of this week. The States of *Holland* not being yet fully agreed about the suppression of some impositions, and augmentation of others, the Deputies intend to go home to consult their Principals once more in this matter, and to that end will Adjourn next Thursday to the 15th of this month. The Bishop of *Strasburg* is gone to confer with the Bishop of *Munster*, to whom *France* offers a considerable Sum of money, in case he will promise to remain Neuter in all occasions that may happen, with an assurance that his Countreys shall be freed from quartering of Souldiers, and from the trouble of their marching through them. On Sunday last *Don Belthazar de Fuen Mayor*, Envoy Extraordinary from *Spain*, arrived here, and the next day went privately to wait upon the Prince, and afterwards visited Mr. *Sidney*. He will not till his Audience of the States General till his Equipage be ready, which will be about a Fortnight hence. The Prince of *Orange* will go out of Town presently after the Adjournment of the States of *Holland*, but whether he will go as far as *Flanders*, to visit the Garisons there, as he once intended, is not known.

Turro, Febr. 26. On Saturday last a Vessel called the *Peace of Amsterdam*, homeward bound from the *West-Indies*, which had touched at *Nants*, and taken in there some Wine and Brandy, was cast away near this place, all the men being saved; and yesterday another Dutch Vessel bound for *Bourdeaux* was likewise lost, all the men except two saved.

Plimouth, Feb. 27. Yesterday came into this Port His Majesties Ships the *Swallow*, *Phoenix*, and *Norwich*, being Convoy to the *Canary Fleet*, which is past by for the *Downs*.

Deal, Feb. 29. There are now in the *Downs* the *Leopard*, the *Forefight*, the *Ruby*, and the *Soldadoes* with about 30 Sail of Merchant Ships bound for the *Streights* and other parts.

Portsmouth, Feb. 29. On Thursday in the afternoon the Souldiers in Garison here came all together at the Parade; and in the Evening were drawn upon the Line next the Platform in the presence of the Deputy Governor and all the Officers accompanied the Mayor and Aldermen, who there drank their Majesties and their Royal Highnesses Health, all the Guns of the Town, and those upon the Platform making several discharges, the Neighbouring Castles and the Ships in the Harbour answering them. After which the Mayor and his Brethren returned to the Town-Hall, where he very nobly entertained the Deputy Governor, Officers, &c. At night many Bonfires were made, and several houses adorned their Windows with a great many Lights; and the *Antelope Frigate*, which was in the Harbour, was adorned with 7 or 8 dozen of lights very curiously placed, which was pleasant to behold.

Limez, March 1. Yesterday arrived here the *Unity and Prosperous* of this place from *Corke* in *Ireland*, from whence he came on Friday last: The Master says, that the *James Galley* and the *Swan* were arrived at *Kinsale*, where they were to take on Board four Companies for *Tangier*.

Whitehall, March 3. To morrow Sir *Palmer Fairborn*, Lieutenant Governor of *Tangier*, parts hence

for the *Downs*, where he will embark on the *Leopard Frigate*, which is to carry him to his Government.

Whitehall, March 3. His Majesty was this day pleased to Order in Council, That a Proclamation be prepared by Mr. Attorney General, declaring his Majesties firm resolution not to pardon any person who shall kill any one in a Luel, and that His Majesty will not endure any one to remain in His Court who shall presume to intercede in favour of such Person.

The Lady *Tempest*, Daughter to Sir *Thomas Gascoign*, who is accused of High Treason, in conspiring the Death of the King, &c. and hath had her Liberty upon Bail, was this Afternoon, by Order of the Board, committed to the *Gate-house*, in order to her Trial at the next Assizes at *York*, whither she, as likewise *Thomas Spring* and *Mery Priffick*, now in *Newgate*, are to be sent for that purpose.

WHereas at Michaelmas Sessions last the Justices for the County of Middlesex, to prevent the illegal Discharge of Prisoners for Debt, upon the Acts of Parliament, as being not worth ten Pounds, did commit the care of those matters to Sir *William Smith Baronet*, Sir *William Poultney Kt.*, *Thomas Robinson*, *James Dewy*, *Humphrey Wherley*, and *Thomas Harriot Esquires*, or any three of them, and whereas since that Information hath been given upon Oath to the said Justices, by several of the Prisoners themselves, that very many persons, long after the 29th of May 1678. were, for money, by *Faylors* and others pretending to be *Faylors*, certified to be then Prisoners, who in truth were never then nor since Prisoners at all, with intent to defraud their Creditors of their just Debts; These are therefore to give notice, That the said Justices, at the Sessions ending on Saturday last, did declare and publish that they looked upon the said Acts for poor Prisoners fully executed, and that they will proceed no farther in the Discharge of any more Prisoners thereupon, and all those that had given money to *Faylors* or others to be so unduly certified as aforesaid, should, upon discovery thereof to any of the above named Justices, be put into a method of having their money repaid them.

Advertisements.

A Sermon Preached Before the Right Honourable Sir *Robert Clayton*, Lord Mayor, and the Aldermen of the City of London, at Guild-Hall Chappell January 25. 1679. By *J. Goodman*, D. D. Sold by *R. Rylston*, Bookseller to His most Sacred Majesty, at the Angel in *Amen-Corner*.

A Tereel Gentle, an Intermewer, lost a Month since in *Staffordshire*, with Veneils Engraved (*Walter Fowler* of *St. Thomas* in the County of *Stafford Esq.*) Whoever gives Notice of this Hawke, shall have his Charges and be well rewarded. Or if brought to Mr. *Fowler* aforesaid, the person that have his Charges and forty shillings.

ON the 26th of Feb. last there was a Diamond Ring of a considerable value proffered to be pawned, and was stiped, and now continues in the hands of *Richard Gregory*, one of the Headburroughs of *St. Giles* in the *Fields*. Whoever tells the marks and pays the Charge may have the Ring.

STolen out of the Stable, of *Thomas Ireland Esq.* at *Abington* in *Shropshire*, the 27. of February last past, a Dark bay Gelding, above 15 hands high, a Star in his forehead, neatly mouthed, the greafe in his hind leggs, a seam on his farr hoof before, the sole of his foot being formerly taken out. Whoever gives notice of the said Gelding to Mr. *Jane Ashton*, at the *Apothecaries-Hall* in *Black-Fryars* London, or to Mr. *Ireland* aforesaid, shall have 40 shillings reward.