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Sunderland, April 22.

A Small Vessel of about 40 Tuns, is just now put in here, having yesterday been chased by some Dutch Ships, which we suppose to be the Squadron of *Van Gent* with his Convoy passing about to the Northwards.

Portsmouth, April 23. This Morning arrived Captain *Gable* with his Privateer, but without a prize. Cruising some few days since, towards the Islands near *St. Paul de Lys*, he met with four small Vessels of *Bretagne*, whom he chased, two of them ran ashore at the mouth of the Harbor of *Morlaix*, where they were cast away; the others got in and escaped, being defended by Guns from the shore, and by the Countrey people that came into their assistance. After which, he returned to *Guernsey*, where having refitted, he again stood for *St. Malo* and *S. Paul de Lys*, where he picked up a Man of War of four Guns, the next day he fell out with the Governour of *Ferjeys* Privateer, with whom he had a warm dispute, they both mistaking one the other, but perceiving their Errors, after the hurt of some few men; they mended their Rigging, and afterwards gave chase to a Fishing Merchant Man that came from *St. Malo*, in which the *Ferjeys* Privateer altering her course, the Fishing Man escaped. The twenty first instant, he discovered a Merchantman off the *Gaskets*, which he chased so closely, that the Merchant being in danger, to be taken or run ashore, either by choice or accident, blew up, and all her men, as well as the Ship perished.

Hull, April 24. The *Hampshire* hath taken a Sloop of one Gun and eighteen men, which has done much mischief upon these coasts in disturbing the Trade; and 'tis believed, the *Pearl* and *Little Victory*, have taken another Privateer upon the *Dogger*.

Lisbon, April 5. The Treaty so long negotiated between the two Crowns of *France* and *Portugal*, is at length concluded. Yesterday the 4th Instant, the Articles were signed; and the 7th *Don Francisco Ferreira* Rebelles, formerly designed Agent into *France*, is to go forwards with them. This League is to continue for 10 years, but the particulars of it not yet publicly known.

Vienna, April 14. Some few dayes since His Imperial Majesty commanded a Letter to be written to the Archbishop of *Grana*, to whom he has during the Vacancy committed the Administration of the Palatinate of *Hungary*, that he should repair to this Court with the Chancellor and Principall Persons of those States; to consult with him about the Affairs of that Kingdom, and the Coronation of the Emperors Queen of it, which the Emperour desires may be performed the next August.

The Civillies of the Viceroy of *Buda* to our Merchants sent in a Petition for the Establishment of Commerce, and highly encouraged them to prosecute that Affair. During that day there he showed them 15 Rixollers a day for their expenses, promising them all the assistance possible in settling their Trade, and to settle the friendship and affection between them and other Nations, in not taking of them above one per cent.

On Tuesday last the Emperour upon the Popes desire gave the Cardinal Cap to the Marquis *Spinola* the Nuncio, the Solemnity being performed with much Ceremony in the Church of the *Augustines*; which ended, the Prince de *Lobkowitz* treated his Eminency, with the Spanish Ambassadour and several Lords of the Council, at an excellent Din-

ner. That Evening, the Cardinal in testimony of the satisfaction he received in the Honour that day conferred on him, filled all the Windows of his House with Double Lights of White Wax, and proclaimed his Joy with the sound of Trumpets and Kettle Drums, which continued till Midnight.

Towards the end of this Moneth the Emperour intends to go from hence for *Luxenburgh*, where he will continue till *Whitsontide*.

By some Letters lately arrived here, we are told that the Archbishop of *Grana* is dead of an Apoplexy; which will put us upon new thoughts in relation to the *Palatinate*, and may a little alter the other Designs of the Emperour.

We are advised from *Nurembergh*, that the Marquis *de Pio* and Colonel *Dancowld*, who left this Court some Weeks since upon a Challenge, are both of them wounded in the Combate, but the former 'tis believed mortally. The Marquis *de Grana*, that was second to the Marquis *de Pio*, was arrested by the Emperours Order in his own House, but is this day released, for which he is gone to the Court, to make his acknowledgements to the Emperour.

The Regiments quartered in *Bohemia*, *Moravia*, and *Silesia*, have Orders sent them to march to the Frontiers of *Poland*.

Venice, April 15. Some few days since arrived here a Vessel from *Corfu*, aboard the which, were several passengers, and amongst them, some from our Fleet, but have been so long upon the way, that they bring little news with them, onely they tell us, that General *Morofini* had raised above a thousand able Soldiers at *Cephallonia*, whom he had sent aboard his Ships, and that a great number more would be speedily sent after him, and that he had laden one Ship with Bullets, and several others with other necessaries for the service of the Fleet: That the General was since arrived at *Zante*, where after some Conference with the Marquis *Ville*, they were both sailed thence for the *Armada*. The same passengers were some time in company with a *Felice*, passing to *Otranto* with Letters from the Fleet, which is since likewise come in here, and confirms to us the news we had of the Provost *Barbano*'s taking two considerable prizes with his single Galley in his passage to the Captain General, to whom he went to take his leave, by reason of his distemper, before his return home. That one of them had aboard her 120 Turkes, and the other good quantities of Provision, both intending to *Canea*. They assure us also, that a Turkish Galley was lately brought into the Fleet, surprised and carried off by the Christian Slaves that were aboard her; the manner thus.

Aboard this Galley, where were above 180 Turkes, with their Officers, there happened to be a Renegado Greek, who, it seems, repenting himself of his Apostacy, contrived this plot, for the freeing both of himself, and the Christian Slaves that were there condemned to the Galleys. He went down privately into the Hold of the Galley, where he bored several holes to let in the water; which when he had done, he ran up hastily upon the Deck, crying out to the Turkes, that the Vessel had sprung such Leaks, that it would inevitably be lost; whereupon the Turkes immediately made to a Rock that was near them, where they ran on shore, the Slaves taking the opportunity rowed off the Galley, and stopping the holes, brought her off to *Paros*, and presented it to the Captain General, who immediately sent out two Gallies well armed to the Rock, where they sailed upon all the Turkes, except onely five or six that were drowned, hoping to have saved themselves by swimming. The prisoners are all of them

them old Soldiers, and divers of them considerable persons.

We have not by this Felucca any news from *Candia*, which induces us to believe, that the *Turks* had not as yet formed any League before the Town.

General *Valiero* is now embarked, and his Gallies will be speedily ready to sail, as will also our Convoy for the Levant, under the command of *Daniel Morosini*, who goes Commissary to the *Armata*.

Ditto, April 22. Letters lately arrived from *Dalmatia*, assure us, that a great part of *Albania* has extremely suffered by a terrible Earthquake, which hapned to them on Holy Thursday last, which threw down a great many Houses in *Cattaro*, with a considerable part of the Wall towards the Sea, involving at the least 600 persons in the ruins: That *Budua* was wholly swallowed up, scarce any sign of it remaining, in which there perished likewise about 600 persons. Both these places under the jurisdiction of this Republick. And that *Du'igno* and *Castel Nuovo*, two places possess'd by the *Turks*, were both of them sunk, onely the Fort of the former, and a House of the latter preserved, wherein were kept some Slaves. Besides these, *Rhaguse* is more than half destroyed, with the death of 5 or 6000 of the Inhabitants.

Some *Haidukes* of *Cattaro* being then abroad upon a party to seek after prey, saw some Mountains in the Turkish Borders, that in the time of the Earthquake seemed to open, out of which issued out some fire with abundance of smook.

Paris, May 4. His Majesty hath ordered the General Rendezvous of his Army to be at *Cressy* upon *Serre*, not far distant from *Marles* and *Vervins*; himself intends the 8. h *Levant* for *Compeigne*, where after a weeks stay, he will leave the Queen, who is thought to be with child; and after a Weeks stay there to go to *Fountainbleau*, and about the end of this Month to be in person at the General Rendezvous.

His Majesty has made the Marshal *D'Almont*, General of a Flying Army, of about five or six thousand Foot and two thousand Horse in *Boulonnois*, and the Count *de la Feuillade*, now Duke of *Rozanois*, Lieutenant General, with a yearly Pension of 12000 Livres, besides the 100000 Livres given him before his Marriage.

The *Marquis de Crequi* is likewise to command another Army in *Alsacia*, who is also admitted to his former Charge of General of the Gallies, which 'tis believed will not this year go to Sea.

The Duke *de Noailles* is to command 4000 Foot and 2000 Horse upon the Frontiers of *Catalonia*, but with Orders, as have also the Forces intended for *Alsacia*, to keep themselves onely in a posture of defence.

A Spanish Vessel going from *S. Sebastian*, in view of *Brest*, was by Order from the Duke *de Beaufort*, chased by four of the nimblest Vessels of the Fleet sent out after her, to search her and seize on her Letters; but being not able to reach her, they returned to *Brest*, with some other Prizes they lighted on in their way.

Bruxel, May 1. The States of *Holland* are now separated, having examined and taken Order for all Points necessary for the instruction of their Deputies, whom they are to send to *Breda*. The whole number of them for the Provinces, will be Eight in all, viz. one from each Province, and two from *Holland*; though much art has been used to persuade the lending onely of Three, in the Name of all the United Provinces. We are yet onely assured of the Nomination of Three of the intended Eight, viz. *Bevering* for *Holland*, *Justinus de Hubert* Pensionary of *Zeland*, for that Province, and *Ponckhaz* for *Frieze*.

From *Amsterdam* we are advised that the Great Ships are not yet fallen down to the *Texel*, being hindered for want of water, which has also detained those of *Friesland* and *North Holland*; but the Wind being changed, and the Rains falling, incline us to believe that impediment will be speedily taken off.

From the *Texel* we are assured that 15 or 16 of our Men of War, with four Fire-ships, set sail from thence, under the Command of Lieutenant Admiral *Van Gent*; and the next day were followed by three or four other Men of War,

with a Fleet of Merchants of 140 or 150 Sail, intending about by the North, bound some for the *Sound*, others for *France* and the *Streights*; that four or five Men of War continue still there, and 15 or 15 more at the *Hly*, expecting the arrival of the Great Ships.

We are also inform'd that 14 of our Men of War are fallen down the *Mars* to *Helvoetsluis*, well equipped and victualled for three Moneths; the Officers and most of the men to be employed in them, are already sent aboard, and that four or five Fire-ships were fitting up at *Rotterdam*, to be sent forwards with all expedition.

Bruges, May 3. The Sentence lately passed against *Peter Pillart*, for the plot contrived to have delivered up *Luxemburgh* to the French, was accordingly executed yesterday about eleven of the clock in the Market place of *Brussels*, though by the favor of the *Marquis* not with that rigour which the Sentence required; yet his punishment ended not with his person, his children being likewise condemned to banishment, his Goods to be confiscated, and his Houses both within and without the Walls of *Luxemburgh* to be pulled down to the ground, and on the place a Pillar erected with an Inscription to this effect. Here stood the House of *Peter Pillart*, who plotted to betray this Town to the King of France. 1667.

Cadix, April 3. Four days since Rere-Admiral *Kempthorn* with his Squadron, Captain *Elliot* in the *Revenge* and the *Constant Warwick*, with 22 Merchant Ships from *France* and *St. Lucars*, went towards the *Streights* Mouth, to meet the *Pembroke* Fregat, with 16 or 17 Sail more under his Convoy, who are supposed to be now past the *Strait Cape* on their way homewards.

Weymouth, April 24. On Monday night last arrived here the *Mary-Rose* from the *Streights*, who informs us of the good condition of our *Streights* Fleet, and the probability of their speedy arrival.

Yesterday we discovered Five and twenty Sail, which by their course we judged to be a part of the Convoy; but their standing off again to Sea before night, gives us some cause to doubt the contrary.

Portsmouth, April 25. Yesterday arrived here the *Mary-Rose* from *Weymouth*; and this morning we were in good distance off *St. Helens*, several Ships making in for this place, which we judge to be Rere-Admiral *Kempthorn's* Squadron, with the *Streights* Fleet under his Convoy.

Tarmonth, April 26. Yesterday were sent into this place three prizes, whereof one laden with Deal.

Albarough, April 27. On Thursday in the afternoon, a French Privateer of 10 or 12 Guns, chased a Vessel into this Bay, but being discovered by one of our Fregats, returned to Sea, and was pursued till it was dark. On Friday morning he appeared again plying to the Northwards, and was taken in *Sizewel Bay*; but such care is taken to secure these coasts, that we doubt not but some of our Fregats will speedily give a good account of him.

Whitehal, April 26. This day the Ambassador Extraordinary of *Sweden*, took leave of their Majesties in a solemn Audience in the Banqueting-house, which they were conducted in His Majesties Coach in the usual manner by the Right Honorable the Earl of *Carisle*, accompanied with Sir *Charles Cotterel*, Master of the Ceremonies, and attended with a numerous Train of Coaches, being in few days to depart hence for *Breda*, to assist at the Treaty.

These are to give notice, That the Committee for settling the Lands and Tenements belonging to the Chamber and Bidge of London, do sit at the Guildhal on Wednesdays, weekly in the Forenoon, to receive the Addresses of any their Tenants, whose Houses were burnt down or demolished in the late dismal Fire.

The Officers of the Receipts of His Majesty's Exchequer, in pursuit of the payment of Money lent on the late Act for 1250000 L. are now come to the payment of the 377th Order in Number as it stands Registered, and are proceeding to pay forward as the Money comes in for the Tax.