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London, Jan. 28.

This day was published the following Order of the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen.

By the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the City of London.

Whereas an Indignity hath lately been offered to the Picture of his Royal Highness the Duke of York, in the Guild-Hall of the said City, which cannot be understood otherwise then an effect of Malice against his Person; The Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the said City, out of a just and due regard to the Honour of his Royal Highness, and their deep Resentment of that Insolent and Villanous Act (to be abhorred by every Good and Loyal Subject.) and being greatly concerned, and desirous to find out the Author thereof, do unanimously Publish and Declare, That if any Person or Persons know of, or can discover the Person who committed that Fact; the said Lord Mayor and Aldermen will not only kindly Receive, and Acknowledge his or their Discovery, as a most acceptable Service to the said City, but the Person or Persons that shall make the said Discovery, either to the Lord Mayor or the said Court, for as the Person be Apprehended and Convicted thereof, he or they shall thereupon receive a Reward of Five hundred pounds. Dated this 27th day of January, in the 33 year of His Majesties Reign.

WAGSTAFFE.

Brussels, Jan 23. Some days since arrived here an Officer from *Luxemburg*, who tell us, that that place continues to be very closely bloc'd up; and that the French had fallen upon 10 or 12 Spaniards, who went out to gather Wood, and had killed two of them. The Duke of *Norfoke* came hither this Evening from *Liege*, the difference between him and the Seneschal of *Hainault* being fairly composed. From *Dunkirk* we have an Account, that that Harbor has suffered very much by the late storms, which have cast up so much Sand, that the Harbor is almost choaked up with them. Monsieur *Christin* parted from hence this Morning for *Courtray*, having received Advice, that Monsieur *Pellerier* was gone thither from *Lille*, so that those Conferences will be renewed. We are expecting to hear from *France*, what Answer has been given to the Memorials of the *English* and *Dutch* Ministers. In the meantime the Prince of *Parma* omits nothing of his usual care for the putting these Provinces into a posture of Defence; and we are told his Highness is going to raise two Regiments of *Walloons*; and two Regiments more of *Horse*.

Brussels, Jan. 27. On Saturday last was the first Representation of the *Opera*; which was performed with great applause, and very much to his Highness's satisfaction. On Thursday the Duke and Dutches of *Norfolk*, parted from hence for *England*. The Baron *de Vique* is made a Count of the Empire, and Marquils of *Abbaville*.

Brussels, Jan. 30. The Storms have for some days past been so violent, with continual Rains, that they have occasioned great overflowings of the Waters, both in *Flanders* and this Province. There are three Villages drowned near *Dendermond*, and a great many more, both above and below *Antwerp*. The whole Countrey lies under Water between *Newport* and *Ostend*, which latter place had like on Monday last to have been swallowed up by the Sea, all the Outworks being beaten down, and two of the Bastions very much prejudiced. These Floods have stopt our Letters from *Germany*.

Antwerp, Jan. 30. There is a general cry in these Provinces, occasioned by the high Floods, which have done so much harm, that the Losses sustained thereby cannot be estimated; this City, through the overflowing of the River, stood several hours in Water, to the great prejudice of the Merchants, who could not secure their Cellars and Warehouses. The Forts of *Sillo*, *St. Mary*, and *St. Margarets*, were in great danger of yielding to the violence of the Waters, which were agitated with so great impetuosity, that the Dykes could no where resist them; but overflowing all the Low Countreys, they swept away whatever they met with. Many Houses, several whole Villages, and a great number of Cattle have been destroyed, and it is reckoned, that near 2000 persons have been Drowned; though several small Boats were sent from hence to save those that were got to the tops of their Houses, where they were ready to famish. This great Flood happened on Monday night last, and it is said that the Waters were now much higher, then in the great Flood 36 years ago. At *Ostend*, *Sas Van Ghent*, and other places, they have likewise suffered very much; and the Harbor of *Dunkirk* is almost choaked up with Sand.

Middleburg, Jan. 29. On Monday last we had a great Storm at *N. W.* which was followed that night with a Flood of Water, so violent, that it broke through our Dykes, and did a great deal of harm in many places. The streets here were covered with Water. At *Utrecht* it was worse, and the Town of *Amsterdam* had like to have been quite swallowed up, in the condition of the Countrey, people is most deplorable; and their Losses not to be expressed.

Hague, Jan. 30. The violent Storms we have of late had, and particularly on Monday last, have in many places of this Countrey occasioned such terrible inundations, that it is said the Sea has not been known in the Memory of Man. At *Rotterdam* and

and *Dort* most of the Streets were several Foot under Water, by which the Merchants sustained great damage in their Cellars and Warehouse, and in the neighborhood of these Towns, the Countrey-people have suffered very much. From *Katwyck* or *Zee, Ter Heyde, Wilhemstadt*, and many other places, we have most dismal relations of the sad effects of these great and violent Floods, which breaking through the Dykes, swept away with them, Men, Cattle, Houses, and even whole Villages: It is impossible at present to tell you the particulars of so general a Calamity; hereafter we may be informed of them. In the meantime, they that remember the great Floods that happened about 16 years ago assure us, that these were much more violent than those, and that the Waters were now much higher than at that time. His Highness, the Prince of *Orange* parted from hence this Morning for *Soest-dyke*.

Hague, Feb. 3. The late Storm and the Damage sustained by it, affords at present sufficient Matter to write of; it having been so violent, that above forty Polders (a Polder being a large extent of Land, inclosed by several Dykes,) are lost by it, at least for many years. The whole Province of *Zeland* except the Island of *Walcheren* lies under water, there being in most places nothing but the tops of the Steeples to be seen; the Sea having not only broke the Dykes, but past over them. The same calamity has befallen all the adjacent Countrey, as *Sluyce* in *Flanders*, *Sas Vas Ghent*, *Hulst*, *Sillo*, the Isle of *Cadant*, *Princeland*, *Williamstadt*, &c. And besides the loss of many thousand People and Cattle that have been Drowned; the Fortifications of those Places are thereby ruined. The Prince of *Orange* has sustained a very considerable Loss in his own Estate; and many Families that have been esteemed rich will be reduced to a low condition; and it is the opinion here, that this Countrey in general suffers more by this Inundation, than it did by all that happened during the late War; the Damages now sustained being incredible.

Marseilles, Jan. 17. This day arrived here a Vessel belonging to *Hamburg*, who touched at *Alicant*; the Master tells us, That two or three days after his departure from thence, he met off of *Cape St. Martins* with two *English* Frigats, having with them two *Algerine* Men of War, which they had taken a day or two before (the one mounted with about 30, the other with 25 Guns) after two hours Fight. We are informed that a Ship of the *Sieur de Quesne's* Squadron is arrived at *Toulon*, and that he brings an Account, that the *Sieur de Quesne* had made a Peace with the Commanders of the *Tripoline* men of War, whom he had kept blacked up at *Scio*; and that he was gone for *Tripoli* (having first had the French Slaves that were on board the said Ships put into his hands) to confirm the same. We have the more reason to believe that what the *Hamburger* reports is true, for that we heard before from *Alicant*, that the *Crown* and *Saphire* Frigats were sailed from thence, with Orders to cruise on those Coasts.

Marseilles, Jan. 27. In our last we gave you an account of the News we received by an *Hamburger*; since, two other Vessels are arrived from the coast of *Spain*, the Masters whereof report, that in their voyage thither they met with two *English* Frigats, who told them they had taken two *Algerine* Men

of War, besides those other two we advised you of in our last; so that there have been four taken since the beginning of this Month: God Grant our next Letters from the Westward may bring us the confirmation of this good success. The *Chevalier de Chastellan Renault* is gone to cruise with two men of War on the coast of *Argiers*. We are expecting here the *Kingfisher*, with between 4 or 500 Turkish Slaves, sold to this King to serve in his Gallies. The *Sieur du Quesne* has made a Peace with the *Teiponins*, of which the Ratifications are daily expected: and we are told that the *Sieur du Quesne* is gone with three men of War to *Constantinople*, to fetch home the French Ambassador. Orders are come from Court for the fitting out 16 Gallies; and at *Toulon* great preparations are making against the *Tripolines*.

Paris, Jan. 31. The Kings Declaration in the matter of the Regality, was verified in Parliament last Saturday; and the Deputies of the Clergy are now preparing a Letter, which they are to write to the Pope on this Subject. The Dauphiness's being with Child is now spoken of, as a thing that's certain. On the 28th Instant the *Heer Van Starenberg*, Ambassador from the States-General of the *United Provinces* had an Audience of the King, as *Mr. Savile*, Envoy Extraordinary from His Majesty of *Great Britain* had the day following. They presented Memorials to His Majesty, upon the present state of Affairs. From *Toulon* we have the confirmation of the *Sieur du Quesne's* having made a Peace with the *Tripolines*. And from *Marseilles* they write, that a *Hamburger* arrived there, reported, that he had met not far from *Alicant*, two *English* Frigats, with two *Algerine* Prizes, which they had taken some days before.

Deal, Jan. 26. Last night a Hoy of about 35 Tuns, being at an Anchor in the *Downs*, of a sudden, sunk down, the Men having hardly time to save themselves.

Portsmouth, Jan. 26. Tuesday in the Evening came to *Spithead*, the *Pearl* Frigate, Captain *Williams* Commander, from the Westward.

Advertisements.

A Sermon concerning the Excellency and Usefulness of the COMMON PRAYER Preached by *William Beveridge*, D. D. Rector of *St. Peters, Cornhill, London*. At the opening of the said Parish Church, 27th of November, 1681. The second Edition. Sold by *John Nodding*, adjoining to *St. Peters Alley* in *Cornhill*, and at the *Marriage* and *Anchor* upon *Piff Street-Hill* near *London Bridge*.

The History of the Rights of Princes in the disposing of Ecclesiastical Benefices and Church-Lands. Relating chiefly to the Pretensions of the Crown of France to the *REGALTY*; and the late Contests with the Court of Rome. To which is added a Collection of Letters written on that occasion, and of some other remarkable Papers put in an APPENDIX. By *Gilbert Burnet*, D. D. Sold by *Richard Cusworth*, at the *Rose and Crown* in *St. Pauls Church-yard*.

His Majesty hath been Graciously pleased by His Letters Patents, to Grant unto the Right Honourable *Francis Viscount Munsington*, and other Persons therein named, and their Heirs for ever, in Trust for the Borough or Town of *Munsington*, in the County of *Suffolk*, a Market for all kind of Cattle to be kept there upon Tuesday every Fortnight, and three Fairs in the year to be kept there; The First upon the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin *Mary*, The Second upon the Feast of *St. Margaret*, The Third upon the Feast of *S. Luke* the Apostle.