

*Smyrna, Dec. 9.* The four English General ships, viz. *The Royal Katharine, Sampson, &c.* are yet in Harbor, and in expectation of Convoy. A Jew is lately returned hither (born and bred in this place) from *Jerusalem*, who pretends to be the *Messias*; for which imposture, he was banished hence five or six years ago. He is about 35 years of age, and is grown to that credit, that no Jew dare open his mouth against him, for fear of the multitude, being revered and adored by the Chacams and chieft of the Jews. That which contributes much to this delusion, is a confederacy of about 30 persons, who take upon themselves the gift of Prophecy, and point at him as the *Messias*. Many strange feats they say he hath done, and that he hath promised in their Synagogue within a few days to raise a dead man from the Grave.

*Hague, Feb. 1.* How severe soever the Province of *Holland* hath been in prohibiting the Printing or Dispersing the Copies of the King of Great Britains late Letter by *Van Goch*; yet we finde some numbers of it, have been brought in, and vended here by a private hand, who, it is said, received them from *Cleve*. And since the people have looked into it, and seen the disposition of the King of England, to give a Peace upon just and reasonable terms, they cry out much against the Province of *Holland*, as an enemy to it, having endeavored to avowedly to stifle this Letter, by which alone they could be undeceived from the false opinion they were in of the King of Englands aversion to all terms of Peace and Accommodation.

*Amsterdam, Feb. 1.* We fear much the credit of the Generality will ere long fail; for they as well as the several particular Provinces, begin to call upon that of *Holland*, to support and fortifie their credit, which they of *Holland* have as plainly refused to do.

The *Brandenburgh* Envoyes press hard to be received in their new Character, but no answer is yet found for them. The *Sieur Beverling* hath found greater rubs in his first address at *Cleve* than were imagined. 1. The Elector demands restitution of the Tolls at *Genrep*. 2. A regulation of Quarterings and Musters through his Countreys. 3. He will offer a Model of an Agreement for the Bishop. 4. Instead of Twelve thousand he talks of but Ten thousand men.

All the hope *Isbrands* gives us from *Sweden*, after all our great brags, is, If we can obtain by the means of *France*, that they may but stand Neuters.

We cannot yet finde our Treaty with *Denmark* concluded, some parts remaining, it seems, yet unagreed, especially that of the extent of the Alliance.

*Paris, Febr. 6.* Since the War is declared, several places must be strengthened, and our Ports better provided. We find our neighbors arm, and must now look about us. If we look one way we finde *Naples* raising 1200 men, 4000 out of *sardinia*, 6000 out of *Flanders* and *Brabant*, and the King of *Spain* giving out Commissions and Money to that purpose, and sending 150 M. Crowns out of *Catalonia*, for the immediate fortifying of those places. If we look the other way, our Garisons seem too weak to receive such attacks as may well be expected; and to that purpose *Montsieur de Narvilles* sends for more Forces, and wonders there is any difficulty made of dispatching to him 6000 men, declaring, that he could not answer for the security of *Rochel*, *Brouage*, and the Isles of *Rhe* and *Oleron*, without such Supplies. *Montsieur de Beaufort* is to be hastned to Sea to joyn with the Dutch, and the Count de *Pivonne* to depart speedily with the Gallies, and all this hurry to hazard a Trade we have but newly begun, and amidst the Wars, can have but small hope to carry on to any purpose.

*Montsieur* is content'd, upon the Kings desire, to draw a Lot for a share of the Jewels the Queen Mother left him, which, they that know the passages, at that Queens death, and the Kings subscribing her Will, cannot but much wonder at, in this King.

*London, Febr. 1.* This day His Majesty, with his Royal Highness, arrived in perfect health from *Hampton-Court*, at His Palace at *White-Hall*, to the infinite Joy of this City, which they endeavored to manifest, by Bells and Bonfires, and such other expressions of publick rejoycing, as is easie to

imagine, for the return of a Blessing they had so long wished for.

*Pendennis, Jan. 29.* The late storm hath caused some Wrecks on the North Sea, one being cast away near *Padstow*, another near *Widmouth*.

*Newcastle, Jan. 30.* On Sunday last, three small Vessels came into this Harbor, two laden with Corn from *Lerwick* for this Port, the other from the same place for *France*; but since upon better information, hath altered that resolution. They did lie a long time in *Holy Island*, forced in thither by a *Holland* Man of War, whom they saw every day till Wednesday last, when they suppose he was driven off the Coasts without any purchase. Last night the most part of the laden Coal Barge let sail, the rest intend in this night, if the wind stand fair.

*Bridgewater, Jan. 30.* Just now we hear of two Barks cast away, coming from *Bristol* to this Port.

*Plymouth, Jan. 30.* The *Richmond* is gone again to Sea with some other Men of War, and Merchantmen in company. The *Adventure* is come in hither, having crackt his Main-Mast and Fore-Mast. A French ship of 40 or 50 Tuns is put into *St. Ives* in *Cornwall*, laden with Herrings. This Evening came in a Vessel laden with Canaries, bound for *Ostend*.

*Bristol, Jan. 31.* We have the news of a Dutch Caper cast away in this Channel, but have not yet the particulars. The *George Frezor* hath been in very great danger, being after many extremities, run ashore near *Padstow* in *Cornwall*; but she being already eased of her Guns, and other weighty parts of her burthen, there is hope of bringing her off next tide. The last week arrived two ships from *Guiney*, which touched at the *Barbadoes*, laden with Elephants Teeth, &c. for the account of the Royal Company, as is said. One from *Virginia* with Tobacco and Bever; and one from *New-England* with Fish. Two ships are this day come in from *Bordeaux* with Wine; one from *Ostend* with Hops, &c. And about seven from several Ports in *Ireland*.

*Lime, Jan. 31.* Yesterday arrived a small Vessel of this place, who being put into *Dartmouth* by the late stormes, brings news that a French Vessel laden with Linnen, arrived there from *Roscoe*, a place near *Morlaix* in *Britany*, and that he came thence but 3 daies since; which confidence we somewhat wonder at, after the Declaration of a War with England.

*Tork, Jan. 31.* Sir *Thomas Clifford* His Majesties Envoy Extraordinary to the Crowns of *Sweden* and *Denmark* landed at *Scarborough*, and came hither last night, intending to go Post hence for the Court this afternoon.

*Harwich, Febr. 1.* On Tuesday, about noon, the *Plymouth* receiving Orders to go for *Portsmouth*, let sail from *Oafely Bay*, and making towards the Downs, met with sixteen *Holland* Wen of War, of which two were Flag Ships. Two of the *Holland* Ships gave chase to the *Plymouth*, the other fourteen backing them, who when they found the *Plymouth* joyning with four other English Men of War there, being those Ships that returned from convoying our Merchant Men to *Hamburgh*, they durst not adventure an attack; but, after firing about twenty Guns at the *Plymouth*, sneak'd away in the night.

*Deal, Febr. 2.* Sir *Christopher Minnes* lies in the Downs with a Squadron of twenty five stout Ships, whither some other Ships are ordred to repair to him, so that, in a short time, we may expect a fair account of the Dutch, if they shall have the hardiness still to keep their station.

*White-Hall, Febr. 2.* This day the Lord Mayor, and the Sheriffs of the City of London, waited upon his Majesty, at *White-Hall*, with the Complements of the City, in a humble Welcom to his happy Return, after so long and melancholy an absence, and were very graciously received, His Majesty conferring the honor of Knighthood on Alderman *Robert Hanson*, and Alderman *William Hooker*, Sheriffs of that City.

Writs are issued forth under the Great Seal of England for readjourning the Term on Tuesday next, the sixth of this instant, from *Windsor*, to be held on Friday the ninth following at *Westminster*.