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Falmouth, Mart. 17.

THis day came in here two ships from Dover and one from Yarmouth, all of them bound for Bourdeaux; as also the *Fidelity of Southampton*, homewards bound from the *Canaries*: the *James of Dover* from *Nants*, laden with Wines and Brandy, putting in here, informs us that she came thence about three weeks since in company with about 60 sail of English and Dutch ships; that at her departure there was a great pretts for Seamen to be employed in the Fleet; to which service the people seem very backwards: those that were pressed taking all opportunities of escaping, and that near 50 of their Seamen would have come aboard them, to avoid employment in their Men of War.

Plymouth, Mart. 20. From *Pensance* we are informed that an *Offend* Man of War of twenty four Guns, hath lately leised and brought in thither a French Man of War of eight Guns, belonging to *St. Malo's*. The *Roc-buck* one of his Majesty's Frigates is here in Port, the *Deptford* Ketch newly put to Sea to joyn *Sir Thomas Allen*. Several ships intending for *New-found-land*, *Barbado's*, *New-England*, and other places, that could not be ready to sail with the last Fleet, may to morrow put to sea; if the wind prove favourable.

A Vessel of *Aspom* intending for *Milford* to lade Coals, was lately met by a *Caravel* of six Guns, with white Colours; but suppos'd an *Offender*, who took out of the *Master's Chest* 30 *l.* in Money and Goods from him and his Company to the like value.

Sir Thomas Allen with his Squadron continues still cruising towards the *Lizard*, and was the 14th instant met by a great Fleet of ships, in two or three Divisions, bound with a fair wind; some for the *West*, some for the *East Indies*, and others for the *Streights*. The 16th he met with *Captain Van Nessel*, Comander of the *Ulrich*, bound for *Smirna*, and with him another Man of War and 16 or 17 small Merchants for *Spain* and *Portugal*.

The 17th in the morning *Sir Edward Sprage* in the *Revenge*, and with him the *Diamond* and *Milford*, came up with *Sir Thomas Allen*; the *Francis* being also following from *Portsmouth*, where several other ships will be suddenly in readiness for the same employment.

Madrid, Mar. 10. The *Marquis de Grana* being lately arrived in much speed from *Vienna*, has communicated to the Queen Regent and Council the business for which he was employ'd, and has received his dispatches, and may return with much speed to give an account to the Emperour, and Princes of the Empire, of the resolution of the Court of *Spain*.

The peace between this Crown and that of *Portugal* has been proclaimed here, and in several other places of this Kingdom with the usual solemnities on such occasions, but every where entertain'd by the people with much joy testified by their hearty Acclamations, hoping by this means the ancient Trade and Commerce may again flourish, for the want whereof many persons have been reduced to great wants and necessities.

It is much talk'd that the Copper-money which has for some time past currant in this Kingdom shall be by publique Order called in, which much dissatisfies the poorer sort, in whose hands it most remains, and cannot without much difficulty pay it out for their necessary occasions.

Letters of the 26th past from *Cadix* inform us, that 4 of the Gallions which returned some time since from the *West-*

Indies, but were forced from their company, and put in a *Gibraltar*, are since safely arrived at *St. Lucar*. That the English *Smirna* ships were suppos'd to be upon their way from *Malaga* in their return homewards, that several *Algier* Corsairs were out at sea; and that the Dutch Vice-Admiral *Sweers* was ready to return again for *Holland* with four Men of War in his company, and near a dozen Merchant ships, and amongst them the *Isabella*, which was formerly brought in there upon pretence of being bound for *Portugal*; and another ship there arrested upon suspicion of being laden with Money and Merchandize upon the French Account.

Don Juan has been lately in a high distemper, for which his Physicians thought fit to let him four times blood, but is now well recovered; and ('tis confidently said) holds his resolution to begin his Journey the 15th instant for the *Netherlands*, his men lying ready for transportation, and a considerable Convoy to attend him.

The King, with the Queen Regent his Mother, are intended presently after *Easter* to go to *Aranches*; where they may continue for some time.

Some numbers of our forces are ere this arrived on the Frontiers in *Catalonia*, so that we hope on that side to have a considerable force there to oppose the French designs; in case the Treaty take not its desired effect.

Venice, Mart. 17. A Vessel lately arriving from *Zant*, is famous that the *Plague* rages still with much violence in the *Turks Army*, who had a design to have spread the infection amongst our people, to which end they had sent some of their infected Goods in the way to *Spina Longa*; which being over-greedily seized on by some persons, twelve of them in short time died of the Contagion; but by the provident care of our Officers, such speedy Order was taken, that no farther inconvenience followed.

Signior Molino, with a Squadron of our Ships is ordered to cruise about the Gulph of *Zant*, to convoy our Ships and secure them in their passage to and fro, and to defend them from the *Pyrats of Barbary*, who are out at Sea with three Squadrons: that of *Tripoly* had lately taken two prizes, one a Vessel belonging to this place, and another of *Genova*; and that our Admiral with twelve Gallies and two Gallies was lying about the *Archipelago*, to prevent the *Turks* in their intentions of putting Succors into *Canea*.

The Senate has lately sent their Orders to *Signior Fantier* Proveditor of the Three Isles, to be in readiness at *Zant*, to pass thence to the *Sultans Court*, for which purpose they are preparing instructions for him, which may be suddenly dispatch to him.

A Comet has lately appeared here to the North-East, lower than the Moon, the Tail of it much longer than that which appeared about three years since, but of less brightness; and is seen late in the Night.

From *Dalmatia* we are told that the Corsaires of *Dulcigna* begin to be again somewhat troublesome in those Seas, one of them being a Fleet well armed and manned, meeting with three Barks belonging to *Cantaro*, immediately engaged one of them; but the other two coming up to her assistance, forced him off from his design, and afterwards obliged him to run on shoar, the men getting off in their Shallop, but the Vessel became Prize to the three Barks.

Hamborough, Mart. 25. Our latest Letters from *Warsaw*, inform us that the Diet there being much dissatisfied that His Majesty would not be induced to consent to the dismission of Foreign Ministers and Ambassadors from the Court,

Court, or subscribe the Project proposed to him by the Deputies of the Countrey, or permit the Nobility to assemble themselves in the Field, to remedy the disorders of the Kingdom, and to put it into a posture of defence against the incursions and invasions of foreign forces; separated and broke up that Assembly, without entering into any farther debate upon any of the other concerns of the Nation: by which means the Army will be forced to keep to ether, expecting the success of the next Diet, which is to assemble towards the end of May; when the States of the Kingdom intend to appear in Arms in the Field, a Custom which has been unpractised for 60 years.

We hear of several Companies of *Sweetes* lately arrived in *Pomerania*, the old Army still continue their Quarters, as formerly in the Duchy of *Bremen*; nor is there as yet any discourse of their removal. The Count *William of Coningmark* is yet at *Staden*; but 'tis said that upon some Letters lately received by him, he has some intentions of making a journey into *France*.

From *Vienna* they tell us that the Leavies are still advancing, and that some Companies already begin to draw towards the *Netherlands*, that they expect earnestly the resolution of the Court of *Spain* in this juncture of affairs which they may in little time receive upon the return of the *Marquis de Grana*, as also the issue of the Negotiation for composing the differences between the two Crowns of *France* and *Spain*.

From *Moyence* they tell us that some persons are lately seized there, suspected to have had a design of setting fire to that City, and are under a strict examination.

Some disputes are lately risen between the Bishop of *Straßburg* and the Citizens of that place about the Cathedral and some other Churches which the said Bishop lays claim too. At *Ratisbonne* they are jealous lest the French may have too much influence upon that people, and have therefore dispatched a Courier to them to know their Resolutions, whether they stand most affected, to *France* or the Empire.

Hague, Mar. 30. These parts appear daily more and more in a martial posture, attending with much earnestness the success of their publique Ministers at the French Court. The *Lunenburg* forces may in little time begin their March for *Zutphen*, whither the Heer *Van Zuilenstein* Lieutenant General of the Foot, is ordered with several of the forces under his command, at which place they intend to form an Army of 2000 Horse and Foot. The Heer *Amerongen* went yesterday Envoyé Extraordinary to the Bishop of *Munster*, to demand leave for the safe passage of the *Lunenburg* forces through his Dominions, and to sound his intentions in relation to the present state of affairs, of which we may in few days have some account.

Great preparations are also making for the other Rendezvous appointed near *Bregm*; Field Marshal *Wurtz* having given Orders for his Baggage to be in readiness with all things necessary for the Train of Artillery to attend them. His Regiment of 15 hundred foot will be speedily raised, he having already made choice of such Officers as he intends to employ in the respective commands under him, and will suddenly present their Names to the States for their approbation.

On Monday last in the morning, Vice Admiral *Van Ghent* departed hence for *Amsterdam*, to take care of the men of War which are there fitting up. Our Admiral de *Kuyter* has had several conferences with the States Deputies concerning the Maritime affairs, and on Wednesday last went hence to *Rotterdam*, accompanied by several principal Officers of the Fleet.

The Heer *Van Beverning* having full power and instructions to assist at the Treaty at *Aix la Chapelle*, under the Character of Plenipotentiary from the States-General, is preparing for his journey thither, and may in a day or two depart, having been informed that the Baron de *Bergeick* is gone thither from *Brussels* with the like power from the Court of *Spain*.

The States Deputies have lately had several conferences

with the Spanish Ambassador, and 'tis said are treating about the delivery of the Forts of *St. Donas*, *Isabelle*, &c. but as yet they are not come to a resolution in that point.

The Deputies formerly employ'd into *Friesland* and *Groninghen* are returned hither, and have given the States an account of their transactions in those parts.

Signior *Mosini*, Envoyé Extraordinary from the Republicque of *Venice* to the States, lately arriving here, had on Tuesday last his Audience, to which he was brought in the States Coach with four horses, in which he in the name of that Republicque, gave them a full account of the state of their affairs in *Candia*, and the necessity which obliged them to beg the assistance of all the Princes and States of the Christian world, concluding with a desire of speedy success for their defence, against that common and powerful Enemy.

Some few days since arrived here a Courier sent express from *Paris* to inform the States that His most Christian Majesty had again declared to our Minister there His Resolution to observe punctually his Royal Word given them to rest satisfied with the places he had taken during the last Summers War, before his late Conquests of *Franche Comte*, and although he intends about the beginning of *April* to take the Field with his Army, yet upon the happy conclusion of the Treaty now in hand, and sufficiently raised on the Spanish side by the 25 of *May* next ensuing, he shall be willing to give back again all such places as may fall into his power.

Amsterdam, Mar. 30. The *Fruir-trec*, a Merchant ship of considerable value in her return hither from *Messina* unfortunately fell foul upon a Venetian ship, and in little time sunk, of all her men only 7 escaping. From the *Texel* we are told that several *Svedes* bound for *St. Uves* in *Portugal* are for thence put to sea with ut Convoy; that a Fleet of 27 Merchant ships are also gone thence, for several Ports of *France*, and that the *Bilboa* Fleet is under sail going out, under the Convoy of Captain *Flores Flores*.

Plymouth, Mar. 22. Sir *Thomas Allen* with his Squadron still continue cruising off the *Lizard*, by whom passed yesterday some Holland ships in 10 days from *St. Martins*, informing that the French were making all preparations possible for the fitting up of their whole Fleet, which was believ'd they might get ready within a Month; many men being employ'd about them both at *Brest* and in the *Charante*, to whom about a month since were sent about 100 small vessels from *Bordeaux* laden with all sorts of Provisions necessary for their Fleet.

London, Mar. 25. Several Apprentices of this City, with whom some other idle persons joyned themselves, abusing the liberty given them these Holydayes, tumultuously got together, according to their former practices, to endeavour the pulling down of some houses of ill fame about the suburbs; but were upon the appearance of the Guards dispersed, and some of the number seized, and may in little time receive the just reward of their riotous and disorderly motions.

An Advertisement from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, March 23.

WHEREAS the Tallies struck heretofore upon the Farmers of his Majesties Customs, have used to be paid promiscuously, without any certain Order, the Lords Commissioners of His Majesties Treasury have lately by caused so many of the Tallies on the Customs unpaid, as have come to their know'edge, to be registred in a certain course in which they are to be paid; which Register is to be seen, either in Sir Robert Long's Office, or at the Custom-House; where all persons concerned may see the Course in which they are to be paid; and if any persons have Tallies unpaid, which are not in the said List, they are desired within 14 days from the date hereof, to shew their said Tally to Sir George Downing, that he may take notice thereof, to the end they may be put in a Course of payment after those already registred, least otherwise any new Charge upon the said Revenue exclude them.