

continues) Fifteen Tun of Gold; in lieu whereof, the *Dixie* is to maintain Thirty Men of War in the *Sound*, to which, Eight or ten of the *Hollanders* are to be added, with some assistance of Land forces.

*Hambourg, Feb. 20.* The English Fleet is now secured, notwithstanding many difficulties they have been under since they came into this River, all are safe in the Harbor, and the Fregats riding in security.

*Warsovia, Feb. 13.* The Diet at *Warsovia* is by the Authority, Prudence, and Eloquence of the Great Chancellor peaceably concluded, notwithstanding the opposition of several discontented persons: The States of *Prussia* are met, divers of the Nobility agreed beforehand upon these Propositions. 1. That *Lubomirski* be pardoned and recalled. Yet so, that the Regal Authority be not injured; and upon condition that *Lubomirski* shall not call any persons to account for any thing past. 2. That Copper-moneys be called in. 3. That care be taken about quartering of souldiers, for the ease of the *Palatinates*, that have been much abused by their disorders. *Lubomirski* by his Letters to the *Palatinates*, desires the States to interpose for his Restauration.

It is discoursed here, that the King is resolved to resign the charge of the Kingdome, at the meeting of the Parliament, and retire himself to a private life, without taking farther care after the succession.

Some daies since arrived here an Envoye from the great *Czar* of *Muscov*, his Letters express a great desire the *Grand Zar* hath for a speedy Treaty, what reality there may be in his expressions, a little time will discover. There are likewise two Deputies of the *Cossacks* arrived here out of *Ukrania*, which have had Audience, and have proposed to his Majesty that several squadrons of the *Cossacks*, which hitherto have adhered to the *Muscovite*, were now resolved to leave the party, and follow the Interest of his Majesty, if they could on this side *Dnieper* obtain protection and maintenance, as others have had, which doubtless will be granted them.

*Hague, Feb. 26.* The English Fleet coming out in that strength they did, under *Sir Christopher Minns*, hath much broken our Measures, for we built upon it; that *Cornelius Evertse* with the Squadron he commanded before *Oslands*, would have been able to have cut off all intercourse between that Coast and *England*; and have kept the Channel open for us, at least as far as *Calais*, which we judged of that importance to us at present, that we strained hard to get that Squadron out to sea, which yet it seems did not think fit to stay till *Minns* came up.

Notwithstanding our Treaty concluded with *Brandenburgh*, that Elector reserves himself to mediate with the Bishop, and to that end, Messengers are mutually sent from *Cleve* and *Munster*, what the issue will be, is uncertain, but there is little appearance of success in that attempt; there being it seems but 14 daies allowed to make the experiment in: And yet on the other side, if the Warr with the Bishop continue but one yeare, such are the Termes on which we are forced to buy our Alliances, we must in all by this late Treaty, pay the Elector 19 Tun of Gold: whereas the French heretofore, while our Association with them subsisted, never paid this State more then eight. Besides 1500000 *Fleerins* to *Denmark*, and as much to *Lunenburgh*, and all this over and above our own Forces and Equipage by Land and Sea, Sums scarce to be reckoned, much less furnished, all Trade and Commerce having laine so long dead, of which is worse managed to lets.

The French Ambassador hath demanded that no new Commissions be granted, nor any alteration made in the French Companies, without Communication first with him: upon which *Ghent* is ordered to speak with the Ambassador.

*Rome, Feb. 13.* Cardinal *Franciotti* died this weeke, so that his Holyness hath now ten Caps void, three whereof are at the disposeure of the three Crownes. The Emperor hath named the Prince and Bishop of *Salzburgh*, The King of *Spain*, a Prelate of the family of *Benevides* as some say, and it is said, the French King will prefer the Duke of *Vendosme*.

*Amsterdam, March 4.* A party of the new Levies lately made on the Frontiers of *Flanders* and *Frabant*, for the service of the Bishop, having under the Colonel *Vandernat*, possessed themselves of the *Hcule Woude*, not far from *Bergen-op-zoom*; and from thence, threatening even the best of our Garrisons on that side; The Comte *Fritz de Nassau*, Governor of *Bergen-op-zoom*, very seasonably took his time, ere they had perfected their entrenchments, caused Captain *Pleffis Malaguet* to fall upon them so smartly, that a considerable number of them were taken prisoners, though the Colonel with near 900, made their way and escaped towards the Bishops Country. But fresh advices from *Over-Yssel* tell us, the Bishop hath had his revenge of us on that side; a party of his, having, it seems, totally defeated a considerable Body of ours at *Urieveeen*, whither they were drawn with an intention to have succored *Bourlang*; but the Bishops men cutting off the passage between them and the rest of our Army, so surrounded them in a Church, whither they were retired, that they were all killed or taken; and amongst the rest Colonel *Brassart*, who commanded the party, remained a prisoner. Improving this advantage, they fell upon *Shuytenberg*, a Stone-houle of good strength, which was forced to surrender after much loss on both sides.

The Princess *Mary of Oranges*, is preparing all things needful to goe towards the end of *April*, with the Princess Dowager for *Cleve*, where her marriage is to be solemnized with the Prince of *Simmeren*.

At last *Holland* hath agreed to choose Prince *Maurice* General at Land for this Summers Expedition, with the allowance of 1000 *Florins* by the week for his entertainment, and other incident expences to be defrayed.

*Lisbon, Jan. 26.* Mr. *Warren* hath made a Peace with the Governor of *Santia Cruce*, and weighing from thence, is gone from *Saphia* in order to his journey to *Morocco*.

*Plymouth, Feb. 25.* The *Saphire* after the Chase of the *Caper* that escaped, met with two *Holland* men of War, with whom he fought near half the day; one of them being of 42 Guns, the other of 36 both well manned, and had not towle weather come on, which made his lower tyre useless, he had doubtless given a good account of one or both. He lost in the dispute four men, whereof one was his Boat-swaine, and had six more hurt, he himself receiving several Contusions by splinters: The next day he took the French *Vessel*, of which you had an account by my last.

*Dover, March 1.* Captain *Pool*, Commander of the *Drake* Fregat, having sent in Five prizes hither the last week; Two days since met with a small French Vessel of 60 Tuns, which he forced on shore near *Bulloigne*; but going aboard to see what lading she had, he was assaulted from the shore, by the people, with Muskets and Stones, and what Weapons on the sudden they could meet with. But the Captain setting the Vessel on fire, got aboard the *Drake*, and firing a Broad-side or two, quickly dispersed the French, and is returned hither.

*Whitehal, March 3.*

It was yesterday Ordered by His Majesty in Council, That whatever Ship or Vessel shall take in her lading in any Port of *England* or *Wales*, or Town of *Berwick* upon *Tweed*, of any sorts of Goods or Merchandizes whatsoever, not prohibited by Law to be exported (The lading of the said Vessel, nor any part thereof, not consisting of Salt-Peter, Powder, Arms, Ammunition, Great Guns, Pitch, Tar, Hemp, Malts, Cordage, Clap-boards, or Pipe-staves) That such Ship or Vessel giving notice before her setting sail to the Chief Officer or Officers of the Custom-house, at such Port where she takes in her lading, of the Port or place to which she is first intended or designed, and taking a Pass from the said Chief Officers thither (which they are hereby authorized and required to Grant) shall not be molested or hindered in her Voyage thither, though such Port or place do belong unto, or be in the possession of any Prince or State in Enmity with His Majesty.

And thereof, all His Majesties Officers and Loving Subjects are required to take notice, and yield all due Obedience to it.

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