

fill preparing for War, though sometimes we talk of Peace, the People cry out of their Taxes, and Trade is at a stand, though some Gallies come in sometimes with their Boats, but not to all parts, being terrified by nine *Algier* men; who lying on the Coasts, lately took three or four of them, and cutting in the Rivers, have done some considerable harm, and fetcht off some Men.

*Middleburgh, April 27.* Here is arrived a Ship from *Bourdeaux*, who tell the Ship called the *Rose Krane* in the Channel, having discovered two English frigates off of *St. Martins*, a French Caper lately brought in to *Flushing*, three *Flemish* Vessels coming from *England*, resolving for the future to fire all ships whatsoever, that they can meet with coming from thence. Our Preparations go on vigorously for the fitting out our Navy, but the great want of Seamen shews it self more and more: The five Men of War at *Helvoetsluyt*, which were intended to Sea in eight days, have not each of them above one hundred and fifty Men, which require four hundred, being Vessels of sixty and seventy Guns a piece, so likewise at *Rotterdam*, one of their best Ships of sixty Guns, has not yet got above thirty Men; and another of fifty Guns, after all the Art and Pains of the Captain, has not above one hundred and thirty on board, and most of them Boys. The reports that runs amongst us of twelve Turks Men of War in the Channel, keeps our Seamen from coming in, and extremely terrifies those we have, who are upon all opportunities running away; to which purpose, several perions are ordered in several places, to take an account of all the Seamen they can meet with, and to remand them to these ships.

Letters from *Bergen* in *Norway* tell us, of nine Ships that have been lost thereabouts in a months space, the Men for the most part saved, all of them from *Bourdeaux*, two belonging to *Hoorn*, two to *Sardam*, and three to *Frise*, and two others not known.

*Hague, April 30.* Notwithstanding the Peace with *Munster*, we are not yet free from apprehensions of new Troubles from without; insomuch that *Holland* hath proposed in the Assembly, That considering the Danger *Denmark* and the *Lower Saxony* were in, of sudden Distractions; and the reason there was, to fear the English might attempt some Invasion this Summer; that *Brandenburgh*, *Lunenburgh*, and our other Allies, might be effectually dealt with, to enter into some more ample Alliance of mutual Defence, in case of such accidents. Of which, a Project is framing, with design to propose it to our other Allies.

We yet fear what use may be made of the Troops disbanded by the Bishop; and therefore it is wished, that our Deputies had remained in *East-Frieze*, to have had an eye to that matter: But most of them being already returned hither, and the rest expected in few days with those of the Prince and States of *East-Frieze*, to end the old differences depending here, about the Affairs of that Province, this care will come too late.

The first acts of Tuition for our new Pupil, the Prince of *Orange*, will be only to look into the state of his Revenue, examine his Debts, regulate his Expences; and then it is not doubted, but they of *Hollana* will introduce him into some Military Employment, which may qualifie him for a place in the Council of State.

We begin to reflect a little upon the fair Inclination the King of *England* hath all along expressed for a just and honorable Peace, which we are sufficiently sensible, is the only Remedy for all our Misfortunes. And this the walled Provinces within Land, own openly and in terms; and the rest sufficiently confess by their silence in the motion; the People, univiersally in all, breathing nothing but Vows and Prayers for that good moment: But with what hopes, they yet see not.

In consequence of the Peace, the Troops that were in *Over-Yffel*, are called out into the Field, the better to facilitate the Evacuation of other places, which was to begin the 27 instant, which we with well over, being a principal point, and subject to prevarication.

The Bishop hath at last ratified the Treaty the 27 instant, so as his Secretary is expected here to exchange the Ratifica-

tion. In order to which, the States of *Holland*, of *Over-Yffel*, and *Gronninger*, are met next day.

*Beverning* is like to return to *Cleve*, to endeavor a stricter Alliance there, as *Harsleit* is to do at *Lunenburgh*. In the mean time we are jealous here, that the Duke of *Lunenburgh* and *Wirttemberg*, should pretend to govern Affairs in *Oeyn-freze*, during the Minority of the Prince.

All Diligence possible is used to get out our Fleet, but want of Money, and much more of Men, retards all. The Rendezvous is intended at the *Texel*, where are about 40 good Ships already mann'd, the rest yet wanting; and how long they may be so, is uncertain.

*Marshellien, April 20.* The Master of a Barque lately arrived from *Candia*, confirms to us a report which has been before blown about, of the great Misfortune of that valorous Knight of *Malta*, Chevalier d'*Hoquincourt*; telling us, that the Chevalier going out in the night, *March* the thirteenth, from the Isles of *Cassau*, near *Candia*, thinking to have doubled the Cape, fell in amongst the Rocks, and was forc'd (to avoid them) to run his Ship on ground; which was done with that violence, that his Ship was broken, above 60 of his Men, with himself, and Chevalier de *la Grille*, cast away; he, out too much Generosity, staying too long behind, endeavouring the safety of his Ship and Men, till he lost himself. This Relator tells us, he saw the remainder of the Wreck at *Malta*, with several Goods, which were saved by Monsieur de *Bouilly*.

*Harwich, April 26.* On Tuesday last the *Black-Eagle* arrived here, having conveyed the Ships, under his charge, to *Scotland*. The same day came in also the *Lilly*, who had a little before taken a prize; and having victualled, went out again this day as Convoy to some Ships, bound Southwardly. The *Rupert* is ready for Sail, having taken in her men.

*Deal, April 25.* Yesterday, in the afternoon, landed here the Lord *Berkley*, with about a dozen Gentlemen more from *St. Valery* in *France*; from which Port, went lately out about 16 sail of Merchants, with one Man of War Convoy, bound, as is said, for the *Caribees*.

*Ostend, May 4.* The Pacquet-Boat, that brought over the last Male, was surprized as soon as landed, and carried away out of *Newport* Harbor by some Frenchmen; who, seeing the Master in the streets, immediately got aboard two French Vessels, and so seized her. Here is now cruising before this Harbor, in the Road, a Ketch from *Zealand*, and several Sloops of the French betwixt this and *Newport*.

*Hope, April 26.* This Morning the *Amity* brought in a Dutch Ship of eight Guns, and twenty two Men, called, *The Hopes of Flushing*, bound for the *West-Indies*.

At the Gallions in the *Old Bailey*, *John Rutbone*, an old Army Colonel, *William Saunders*, *Henry Tucker*, *Thomas Flint*, *Thomas Evans*, *John Myles*, *William Westcott*, and *John Cole*, formerly Officers or Soldiers in the late Rebellion, were indicted for conspiring the Death of his Majesty, and the overthrow of the Government; having laid their Plot and Contrivance for the Surprisal of the *Tower*, the killing his Grace the Lord General *Sir John Robins*, Lieutenant of His Majesties *Tower of London*, and *Sir Richard Brown*, and then to have declared for an equal division of Lands, &c. The better to effect this Hellish Design, the City was to have been fired, and the *Portcullis* to have been let down, to keep out all Assistance; the Horse-Guard to have been surprized in the Inns where they were quartered; several Ostlers having been gained for that purpose: The *Tower* was accordingly viewed, and its Surprisal ordered by Boats over the Moat, and from thence to Scale the Wall. One *Alexander*, who is not yet taken, had likewise distributed sums of Money to these Conspirators; and for the carrying on of the Design more effectually, they were told of a Council of the great ones that sit frequently in *London*, from whom issued all Orders; which Council received their Directions from another in *Belgium*, who sat with the States; and that the third of *September* was pitched on for the Attempt, as being found by *Lilies Almanack*, and a Scheme erected for that purpose, to be a lucky day, a Planet then ruling which prognosticated the Downfall of Monarchy. The Evidence against these Persons was very full and clear, and they accordingly found guilty of High Treason.