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ON Tuesday the 1 instant, His Majesty being present in Council, was pleased to declare, That seeing all the Princes, and States His Neighbors were making great Preparations for War, both by Sea and Land; His Majesty, for the Safety of his Government and People, took upon himself to be obliged to make such Preparations, as might be proportionable for the Protection both of the one and the other; And so that end had already given Orders, for the fitting and preparing a very considerable Fleet, to be ready against the Spring. That by this inevitable necessity, His Majesty, considering the great Charges that must attend such Preparations, and after His serious debates and best considerations, not finding any possibility to defray such unusual Expences, by the usual ways and means of borrowing Moneys, by reason His Revenues were so anticipated and engaged; He was necessitated (contrary to His own inclinations) upon these emergencies, and for the Publick Safety, at the present, to cause a stop to be made of the payment of any Moneys, now being, or to be brought into His Exchequer, for the space of one whole Year, ending the last day of December next; and any person or persons whatsoever, by virtue of any Warrant & Securities, or Orders, whether Registered or not Registered, therein, and payable within that time; Excepting only such payments as shall grow due upon Orders on the Subsidies, according to the Act of Parliament, and Orders and Securities upon the Pet-Farm Rents, both which are to be proceeded upon as if such a Stop had never been made.

And that His Majesties Pleasure and Declaration, might be speedily and effectually put in Execution, His Majesty did Order Sir Henrage Finch Knight and Baronet, His Attorney General, forthwith to prepare a Bill for His Royal Signatures, and to lay the same before the Great Court, thereby requiring and commanding the Lords Commissioners of His Treasury, immediately to order and direct all and every the Officers of His Majesties Exchequer, to Poss-borne all Warrants and Orders, whether Registered or not Registered, and other Securities and Payments whatsoever, (except as before excepted) unthill the last day of December next.

And that in the mean time, the Lords Commissioners of His Treasury be Required and Authorized, to cause payment to be made of the Interest that is or shall grow due, at the rate of Six p. cent. upon any such person or persons, who shall have Money due to him or them upon such Warrants, Orders, or Securities, so Poss-borne and defend'd; and that the payment of such Interest may be justly made, the Lords Commissioners of His Treasury are to be Authorized and Required, to cause the Debt of every particular person, and the said Interest thereof, to be truly stated.

And the Lords of His Majesties Treasury, being farther to be Ordered, to lay ploy and dispose of all the said Moneys, so stopp'd and detained, for the preparing, setting forth, and payment of His Majesties Fleet, and other Publick Services, in order to the preservation and safety of His Majesties Government, and defence of His People, as His Majesty shall from time to time Order and Direct.

His Majesty, as far as in him lies, to take away all apprehensions of terror, that might possess any of His Subjects spirits; declaring, That no person whatsoever, shall be defrauded of any thing that is justly due to him, nor shall this restraint, which His Majesty had been compelled (not being able for the present, to find any other expedient) to lay upon spent Moneys, as aces, or shall be paid into his Exchequer, contrary to the aforesaid last day of December; and that then, no way Warrants, Orders, or Securities shall intervene, to break the course of such Payments.

And His Majesty was farther graciously pleased to declare, That working could have bred His Majesty to an Act of this Nature, but such a conjunction of Affairs when all the Neighbouring Princes and States were making such threatening preparations, that His Government could not be safe, without appearing in the same posture.

Warsaw, Decemb. 18. Yesterday the Turkish Chislaus, lately arrived here from the Port, had his first Audienc of the Crown Chanc'hour, to whom he delivered Letters from the Grand Viscr, to this

effect, that the Grand Signior could not but very much wonder, that after he had declared his having taken the Ukraine under his protection, that the Crown should not withstand, proceed in a hostile manner, to take several Towns, seize on the Inhabitants, and do several other things there, contrary to the good correspondence they ought to have maintained with the Port; and that unless they immediately withdraw their Forces out of those Countries, and restore what they have taken from Parosputh this Summer, the Grand Signior will be obliged to look upon it as a breach of Peace; and act accordingly; to which, the Crown Chancellour could not then, make no other answer, then that he would acquaint His Majesty and the Senate with his Message, and expect their resolutions in it. The Senate having been since assembled, they resolved to refer the consideration of this matter to the Dyets, to be held here about the middle of the next Month.

In the mean time, our Letters from the Ukraine speak of much discontent amongst the Souldiours, who are it seems dissatisfied with their Winter quarters, where they complain, they are not well provided with Bread, and other necessary Provisions.

Kienae, Decemb. 20. The Count of Tessenbach, having the night before his Execution, written a Letter, to be delivered after his death, to the Emperors own hands; we are told, of several discoveries he hath made in it, of several matters relating to the late Rebellion in Hungary, which were not before come to light; and that he accuses several persons to have been engaged in that conspiracy, which have hitherto not been in the least suspected to have had any hand in it; upon which the Emperors Council hath been since frequently assembled, and several Expresses dispatched into Hungary, as is thought, for the apprehending of the said persons.

General Sauthor, being on his way hither from Waradin, hath been taken very ill at Scharwitz, and still continues so; from Hungary they write, that Monsieur Erckersbargh, Captain of a Troop of Horse in those parts, had as he was travelling with a Guard of six Horsemen from Cate to Dilvechim, been taken by a party of Turks, and by them carried away Prisoner, they declaring, that they would not release him, till they had satisfaction for the violences they pretend to have lately been committed on their Frontiers, by a party of the Hungars.

Legherne, Decemb. 25. The 24 instant departed thence the Mary Rose and Success Frigats, with the Simon and Francis under their Convoys heaveward bound. We have for some days had here a very warm report of Sir Edward Spragges having concluded a very advantageous Peace with the Corsairs of Argiers.

Marseilles January 2. Here is just now arrived the Susan and Mary, Captain Oliver Commander, from Lepanto; he tells us, that about 14 days past, he met with Captain Beach at Almariz, who acquainted him, that Sir Edward Spragge, had about the middle of the last Month, concluded an Honourable Peace with Argiers, of which, though he was

and the Particulars, he told him, that the main points were; That all the *English* Slaves, were to be restored without ransom; and that that Government was to give His Majesty a certain summe of Money, for the payment of which, they had three Months allowed them; but of this we must expect a farther confirmation;

Cologne, January 5. At length we may with certainty say, that the accommodation between our Elector and us, is wholly concluded; on Saturday the Treaty was signed by the Deputies of the respective Parties, in the presence of the Imperial Commissioners, and the Deputies of the Circle of *Westphalia*; after which, the said Deputies went to *Kendernicke*, where it was likewise Signed by the Bishop of *Munster*; Seven days are allowed for its Ratification, in order to which, our Magistrates have summoned a meeting of the Commonalty of this City, to be held the 7 instant, for the approving and confirming of this Treaty. The main points of which are, that all differences between the Town and Elector, shall be submitted to the Chamber of *Spiers*, to be determined in the space of 5 years at farthest, and that the affair of the two Brothers *Sulzen* and the Official, be referred to Arbiters, to be nominated by both parties; the Emperor, three of the Electors, together with the Circle of *Westphalia* and *Lower Saxony*, being Guaranties of this Treaty. On Sunday last arrived Monsieur de *Louvois* here, and yesterday went hence, together with the Prince of *Furstenbergh* for *Breuil*, with intentions to part thence to day on his return for *France*. The Bishop of *Munster* continues still in these parts.

Brussels, January 7. It is said, that his Excellency the Count de *Monterey*, hath given order for the casting about 150 pieces of Canon at *Mechelen* and *St. Omers*, nothing being in the mean time omitted by his Excellency, for the putting these Countries in a good posture of defence. There are at present recruits raising, for the Regiments now on foot, and some think, the new Leavies may be likewise gone about very suddenly.

Monsieur de *Louvois* who came lately from *Paris*, to visit the French places in these Countries, is since gone for *Nuis*, where it is said, he is to confer with the Elector of *Cologne*, concerning the putting some French Forces into that place. Yesterday in the evening arrived here Monsieur de *Pomponne*, who the next morning continued his journey for *Paris*. We expect here several Deputies from the *Hague*, who it is said, are to make some Proposals to his Excellency on the part of the States General.

Here is a report as if 300 Spaniards were lately arrived at *Ostend* from *Spain*, and that more were daily expected to follow. His Excellency hath appointed Quarters for the two Regiments, to come into the service of these Countries, under the command of the Prince de *Vaudemont*.

Hague, January 8. The 6 instant the Heer *Gioe*, Extraordinary Envoy from the Crown of *Danemark*, had his last Audience of the States General, he being recalled from this employment, and the Heer *Houth* appointed by the King of *Danemark* to succeed him here. The Velt Marshal *Wurtz* is gone from *Wrecht* towards *Aernhem*, and those other Frontier places, to meet his Highness the Prince of *Orange*; in his return from visiting our Garrison on the *Rhyn*.

There hath been lately an Express sent to *Overyssel*, with orders to the Heer *van der Nieuwburgh*, and his Colleague, who are at present in that Province, as Deputies of the States of *Holland*, to press the States of that Province, to a ready concurrence

with them in several matters, in which they have hitherto made some difficulty. There seems to be some expectation that Monsieur *Vaubrun*, Envoy from his most Christian Majesty, to the Court of *Sweden*, should in his return route, pass these Countries, to receive some farther overtures, for the reconciling matters between the Crown of *France* and this State in point of Commerce, though many persons are, at the same time of opinion, that since Monsieur *Pomponne* was in his return from that Court, ordered to take another way, and to pass by *Ulogne*, and that our Ambassador had in his late Audience of his most Christian Majesty, not met with that satisfaction some had hoped; that the report of Monsieur *Vaubrun*'s coming hither, is altogether without ground.

To morrow the Heer *Brasser* sets forwards towards *Lunenburgh*, in quality of Extraordinary Envoy from these States. The Heer d' *Amerongen* is arrived at *Berlin*, and will, as is said, so soon as he returns from thence, receive the Character of Ambassador to the King of *Danemark*. We are told, that his most Christian Majesty, to whose Arbitrage the King of *Danemark* had referred the matter of the Subsidies, remaining due to that King from the States; hath declared, that this State ought to pay the said Crown of *Danemark*, five Millions of Crowns Principal, and one Million Interest; though it be much doubted, whether our States will acquiesce in this determination, notwithstanding the obligation we heretofore gave to do it.

The Treaty at *Cologne* is now wholly concluded, and doubtless ere this Signed, if not Ratified and Interchanged, so that we expect Colonel *Bampfilds* Regiment from thence, so soon as the Circle of *Westphalia* shall have their Troops ready to put into Garrison there, in the room of that Regiment.

Hague, January 12. The Instructions for a Captain General, having been brought into the assembly of the States General, the respective Deputies have desired Copies of them, to be communicated to their several Principals; it is said, that the main points of these Instructions are, That the Captain General shall not be Governor of any of the Provinces, That he shall give all vacant Commands during the time the Army is in the Field, That the disposal of the Governments of all Conquered places, for the first time shall be in him, That he shall not intermeddle in the matters of Government, Justice, Administration of the Treasury, choice of Magistrates, &c. The Province of *Overyssel*, continues as we are told, somewhat backward, in giving their consent to the next years Equipage, which they say, is not altogether so necessary as the having a good Army in the Field; however, it is not to be doubted, but they will likewise agree, as the other Provinces shall do, in this particular. The Heer *Ruart van Patten*, and the Heer *van Vrybergen*, are going together with the *Rhyngauve* for *Brussels*, to confer with his Excellency the Count de *Monterey*, about the present conjuncture of affairs.

Paris, January 13. Their Majesties are at present with the Court at *Verfailles*, where it is thought, they may continue some time. Monsieur *Pomponne* is arrived here from *Sweden*; it is said, that before his departure from thence, he had presented the young King with his Majesties Picture, richly set with Diamonds, to the value of 160000 Crowns. The Duke of *Luxembourg* is going for *Bon*, where it is said, he is to Command some Forces of that Elector. Here is a great report as if *Nuis*, *Keysermaert* and *Bon*, were to be put into his Majesties hands by that Elector.