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Whitehall, August 16.

**T**His day in Council His Majesty was pleased to Order His Proclamation to be Published to this Effect; That whereas several persons have of late years presumed to cause certain pieces of Brass, Copper, and other base Metal, to be Stamped with their private Stamps, and then imposed those pieces upon the poor people for Pence, Halfpence, or Farthings, having at the same time bought in and hoarded up the small Silver Moneys, that so there might be a scarcity thereof in common payments, to the great defrauding of His Majesties Subjects; His Majesty to prevent this mischief for the future, hath been pleased to Order certain Farthings and Halfpence of Copper to be Stamped at the Mint; and further to direct, that such Halfpence and Farthings so to be Coyned, shall contain as much Copper in weight, as shall be of the true intrinsique value of an Halfpenny or Farthing respectively, the charges of Coyning and Uttering only deducted; which Halfpence and Farthings so Coyned are to be Coyned, His Majesty Willis shall be current Money; And that the same, from and after the instant 16 day of August, shall pass and be received in all payments, which shall be made under the value of Sixpence, and no otherwise; And lastly, That if any persons shall after the first day of September next, presume to Make, Vend, or Utter any Pence, Halfpence, or Farthings, other then the Halfpence and Farthings by His Majesties Royal Proclamation Authorized and Allowed, or shall offer to counterfeit His Majesties Halfpence or Farthings, all such Offenders shall be held utterly inexcusable, and punished with exemplary severity, as by the said Proclamation will more fully appear.

*Hartwich, Aug. 15.* The *Mermuid* having brought in here a very rich Ship, laden with Piece-Goods, and valued at near 50000*l.* which is thought will prove prize, is failed with her said Prize for the River of *Thames*.

*Maeſſicht, Aug. 16.* The French approach daily nearer to us, and are at present about 25000 Horse & Foot quartered in the Villages round about us; however, the general opinion is, that they will not besiege us, but march towards the *Rhine*. Yesterday arrived several Squadrons of French Horse at *Visee*, with several Waggonns laden with Ammunition, where they passed the *Meuse*; at *Condro* and *Ardennaz* have likewise passed 16000 Foot, so that in all likelihood the whole French Army will come into these parts to attend the motion of the Troops that are said to be coming down out of *Germany*. Several skirmishes have lately passed between some parties of the Spanish Cavalry, and those of the Enemy, though without doing any thing considerable. The French have taken the Castle of *Huizen*.

*Amsterdam, Aug. 17.* From *Groningen* we have advice, that they had received several Companies into the Town, which had been landed by our Fleet at *Delfzile*, so that we hope the Enemy may be at last forced to quit that Siege, especially considering the *Brandenburgh* Forces may now very sud-

dainly begin to march. The report we had here of the death of the Bishop of *Munster*, and the Earl of *Bentham* proves a mistake. Our Fleet was according to our last advice, not far from the *Texel*.

*Rotterdam, Aug. 19.* This week failed two Capers out of the *Maes*, being mounted with 12 Guns apiece; we have already a great many abroad in all parts, which will make the seas very unsecure to pass for single Ships. We are told that at the Prince of *Oranges* late being at *Amsterdam*, the Inhabitants there had desired his Highness to appoint them a Governor, they being unwilling to trust the management of affairs, especially as to the military part of it, any longer in the hands of the *Burger-masters*; to which his Highness replied, That he would himself be their Governor, and take care, that all things should be ordered for their best security. Here have of late been several reports in Town of the Bishop of *Munster* having been wounded, or as others say, killed, with several other principal Commanders of his Army before *Gronningen*; but our last Letters from thence convince us of the mistake, telling us, that the said Bishop was in perfect health, and continued the Siege with much obstinacy, though at the same time they could not but hope, that considering the good condition the place seems to be as yet in, by means of the succors they have of late received from several parts, they should be sufficiently able to defend themselves. This morning, we hear, happened great disorders at *Delf*, the occasion of which is not yet certainly said, the Commonalty having in a tumultuous manner plundered the houses of several of the Magistrates, some of whom they so severely used, that they lay without hopes of being able to live many hours; several of the Inhabitants were likewise killed and wounded in this confusion, and we cannot yet hear that things are composed there.

*Gronningen, Aug. 16.* The Enemy continues still the Siege with much resolution, whilst in the mean time we are not wanting in any thing which may conduce to our defence; we have received into the Town several succors from *Amsterdam* and other places, and now lately are arrived several Companies from *Delfzile*, where they were put ashore from on board our Fleet, so that we seem in good heart here, and resolve to defend the place to the last; however, the enemy does us much mischief by the Firebals they continue throwing into the place in great numbers, which have in several houses taken fire, yet hitherto happily quenched without doing any great mischief; The Enemy hath made several attacks, but been still beaten off with the loss of a great many Men, and some on our side. We had some days since hoped that they would have given over the Siege, they having not fired one Gun for two days together up on us, but were satisfied of the contrary, when the third day, we saw them attack the place with greater fury then ever, though we had the good fortune to beat them off; The Bishop of *Munster* hath caused the Red Flag to be put up in the Army, to threaten us in case we prevent not the same by a timely surrender, with an absolute ruine if he be-

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come master of the place; as it seems he is not without hopes he shall. It was very much discoursed here two days since, that the Bishop of Münster was mortally wounded, which we hoped would have occasioned the breaking up of the Siege; the contrary of which we soon after understood by some persons who assure us they saw this Prince since that time in perfect health. We are in great expectation of the coming down of the German succors, who it is hoped will at last relieve us.

*Hague August 17.* It having been yesterday morning reported here, that the *Ruwaert van Putten* was escaped out of Prison, the Commonalty in much confusion presently flocked to the Port, where he is Prisoner, to know the certainty of it, and to examine the Keeper concerning it, who notwithstanding all his Protestations, that he was safe in his custody, could hardly secure himself from the fury of the people, till he obliged the said *Ruwaert* to shew himself through a Window, which he had no sooner done, but the people seemed quieted, and returned very well satisfied to their several homes; in the mean time the *Ruwaert* hath been frequently examined by the Deputies of the Court of Justice, and it is reported, that he will be put to the Torture to confess his accomplices. The 15 instant arrived here the Baron d'Issola from Brussels. From the Army they tell us, that several principal Officers have been lately calthered, and others condemned to dye, of whose execution we may hear in a day or two. From *Utrecht* they write, that the Duke of *Luxemburgh*, his most Christian Majesties Governor there, having demanded 3250 Guilders *per diem*, that the Magistrates of the place had had thereupon several debates concerning the matter, and have after all, desired some farther time of the said Duke, and likewise, that they may have leave to depute some of their Body to his most Christian Majesty, to pray an abatement herein.

*Ditto, Aug. 19.* Yesterday Don Emanuel de Lyra, the Spanish Minister, had Audience of his Highness the Prince of Orange. We are told of an Express that hath been sent hence to the Court at Vienna, to pray the hastning the march of the Imperial Troops. The Court of Justice is at present about framing a Procel against the *Ruwaert van Putten*, so that we may now very suddenly expect to see a conclusion of that affair. The Heer *Johannes de Wit*, having resigned his place of Pensionary of Holland, the States have nominated the Heer *Fagel*, the Heer *van Buning*, and the Heer *van Beverning*, either of which the Prince of Orange is to make choice of for that employment. Since the report we had here of the escape of the *Ruwaert van Putten*, the Watches have been every where doubled to prevent the same. Several Passengers arrived from *Essen* tell us, that they had seen there 180 Cornets of the *Brandenburgh* Troops, who were then ready to march, and onely expected the arrival of the Imperial Troops, who are to joyn with them; It is reported here, that the said Troops are to march from *Egra*, the 22 instant. Our Letters from all parts tell us, that the French begin to draw towards the *Rhyn*, and that they intend, leaving sufficient Garrisons in all their Conquests, to form an Army near *Wesel*.

*Sentence of the Court of Holland and West Friesland, against Mr. Cornelis de Wit, antient Burgermaster of the Town of Dort, pronounced the 20 August, 1672.*

THE Court of Holland having seen and examined the several Points and Articles given in by the Procurator general of the said Court against

*Mr. Cornelis de Wit*, antient Burgermaster of the Town of *Dort*, and *Ruward* of the Lands of *Putten*, at present Prisoner in the *Voortpoort*, together with his Examination and Confession, and the Allegations of the several Witnesses, declare the said Prisoner to have forfeited all his Dignities and Employments which he now possides, and banish him out of the Provinces of *Holland* and *West-Friesland*, never to return into the same, on pain of Death, and that he accordingly quit the said Countries with the first, and farther condemn him in the charges of his Trial. Adum by the Heeren *Adriaen Pauw*, *Aelbrecht Nierop*, *Willem Gols*, *Frederick van Lier*, *Cornelis Baen*, and *Mathews Gool*, Councilors of *Holland & West Friesland*, the 20 Aug. 1672. A true Relation of what happened at the *Hague* on Saturday the 20 August, 1672. as it was written in a Letter from thence, and printed in Holland,

I Tremble when I take my Pen into my hand, to acquaint you with the sad spectacle we have seen here in the *Hague* on Saturday the 20 instant, in the persons of the Prisoners *de Wit*, and the late Pensionary *de Wit*, the former having that morning received his Sentence, by which he was declared incapable of holding any employments in the State, and banished for ever; at thereupon followed, That the Barber who had accused him being set at liberty, every where as he passed the streets, told the people that the said *Wit* was guilty, and deserved a severer sentence than that which was given against him; and it happening that the said Pensionary *de Wit*, going in his Coach to the Port, where the said *Ruwaert* was prisoner, to fetch away his Brother, they were both as they were coming away, stopped by the watch who would have discharged their Muskets upon them, had they not presently retired into the Port again; in the mean time the people being very much dissatisfied with the aforesaid sentence, and it being reported, that the Bored were coming with no good intention to the *Hague*, the Drums were beat for the bringing the Burgers in Arms, which was presently done, the being in all six companies, Posted them selves on the *Willems Buitin Hof*, and before the said Port, where they continued till almost five in the afternoon, about which time they broke open the Prison Doors, notwithstanding a long three Troops of Horse were drawn out to prevent any at entering, when the Burgers kett off with their Pikes, and afterwards with their Muskets, and fetched down the said *Ruwaert* and his Brother the late Pensionary, the former being in his Nightgown, having been pulled out of Bed, and the other in a black Velvet Coat, and a white Ruff, thrown under foot by the people, after having received several Wounds, as well by Musket-Shots as with cut, but this not sufficing, the dead Bodies were trampled upon and dragged up and down the Streets first their two heads, which they had held up at the Swearing to the Perpetrators, were cut off, and then their Ears, which were taken up by some Boys, and presented as a great Present to the best Quality they met, after which they hung the dead Bodies by the Heads on Gallows, their Cloths being torn all off, and the Flesh mangled in a most miserable manner, every one striving to get a piece, which they afterwards sold up and down the Town, one joyn of a Finger for 12 Stivers, a whole one for 15 Stivers, a piece of an Ear for 25 Stivers, and a Tail for 10 Stivers, and so proportionally; in this manner the Bodies remained hanging on the Gallows, new made naked, and in this manner mangled and exposed to the scorn and mockery of the people, till about Midnight, when several persons in disguise, came and privately removed the same; so that certainly a sadder Spectacle hath hardly been ever seen. It is said a certain Woman coming from *Seerling*, being informed of what had passed, fell upon her knees, and heartily thanked God for it; so strangely were the people enraged against these two Brothers, who thus miserably ended their Lives.

*Hague, Aug. 21.* This morning his Highness the Prince of Orange, upon advice of what had happened here yesterday, came to Town for the putting things in order again. It is said that the Heer *Fagel* is made Pensionary of Holland. At *Rossum* the Burgers have made a great reformation in the Magistracy, having of 24 of their former Magistrates, turned out 24, and left only 10 standing.

#### Advertisement.

ON Thursday night last was stolen and straved away from *Grass at E. W. 1672*, one of his Majesties Sumpters, a brown & white horse, the height of 15 hands, with a white Star in his forehead, and a white mark on his right Shoulder, about 8 years old, through-pieced, and one foot of his far Foot behind; If any can bring tidings of him to Mr. *Towney's* house in His Majesties *Meuse*, London, shall be well paid for their pains.