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Whitehal, Febr. 28.

This day the Peace between His Majesty, and the States General of the *United Provinces*, was proclaimed with the usual Solemnity, which was everywhere receiv'd with a general Satisfaction, expressed by the Acclamations of the People, Ringing of Bells, Bonfires, and other Publick Demonstrations of Joy. The Proclamation take as followeth.

CHARLES R.

Whereas a Peace hath been Treated and Concluded at *Westminster*, betwixt His Majesty and the States General of the *United Netherlands*, and the Ratifications thereof exchanged, and Publication thereof made at the *Hague*, the ²⁴/₈ February, 1673. In Conformity thereunto, His Majesty hath thought fit hereby to command, That the same be Published throughout all His Majesties Dominions.

And His Majesty doth declare, That no Acts of Hostility or Force, are to be committed by any of His Majesties Subjects, upon any the Subjects of the said States General within the several Limits hereafter mentioned, from and after the several days and times hereby also specified, *viz.* After the ¹⁴/₇ day of *March* next ensuing, from the *Soundings*, to the *Naz* in *Norway*, *viz.* After the ¹⁷/₇ day of *April*, 1674. from the *Soundings* aforesaid, to the City of *Tangier*: After the ¹⁷/₇ day of *May* next following, in the *Ocean*, *Mediterranean*, or elsewhere, betwixt the said City of *Tangier*, and the *Equinoctial Line*: And lastly, After the ²⁴/₃ *October* next ensuing, in any part of the World. And that whatsoever Actions of Hostility and Force shall be committed by any of His Majesties Subjects, against any the Subjects, of the said States General, after the days aforesaid, upon colour of whatsoever former Commission, Letters of *Marque*, or the like, shall be deemed as Illegal, and the Actors obliged to make Reparation and Satisfaction, and be punished as Violators of the Publick Peace. And hereof His Majesty willeth and commandeth all His Subjects to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Naples, Febr. 16. Our Viceroy has given out eighteen Commissions more for the raising of so many Companies of Foot in this Kingdom; and we doubt not, but at the time appointed, the Levies will be all ready to be embarked as her Majesty shall order. From *Sicily* they write, that the Prince *de Ligne* was arrived at *Paerms*, ready to embark, expecting only the arrival of his Successor.

Venice, Febr. 17. The fifteenth instant parted hence several Marchantmen richly laden for *Constantinople*, and other parts. From the Port our last Letters told us, That the Wife and Children of the Prince of *Wallachia* which remained there as Hostages, upon the news of the defection of the Hospodar of that Country from the *Turks*, to the Crown of *Poland*, had been by order of the Grand Signior put to death; the said Letters confirm the great preparations that are making there for war. The Sieur *Richards* who was sent to *Vienna* to compliment their Imperial Majesties on their marriage, on the part of the Grand Duke of *Tuscany*, is returned hither on his way home.

Pertignan, Febr. 14. The Spaniards to revenge themselves for the several incursions of our Troops into *Catalonia*, had assembled six thousand Men, Horse and Foot, with design to enter into the Country of *Roussillon*, but having for several days been encamped in the Neighborhood of *Figueres*, about four leagues from the Frontiers, being hindered by the weather to execute their intentions, they retired again, breaking down the ways behind them, to render the incursions of our Troops into their Territories the more difficult. In the mean time, the Sieur *le Bret*, who commands his Majesties Troops in these parts, is endeavoring to put these parts into a good posture of defence.

Vienna, Febr. 18. On Thursday last arrived here the Turkish Ambassador, having in his Train seventy five persons, besides a Guard of 120 Horse, the occasion of his coming is, as we are assured, to confirm the Treaties at present in force between the two Empires; and farther to endeavor to obtain, That no succors be sent by the Emperor to the *Poles*, but in this he will hardly succeed. Our Letters from *Warsaw* give us an account of the great interest which the Crown General has at present among the Senators, and many of the Nobility, who highly esteem him for the late great victory obtained against the *Turks*, which his Partisans wholly attribute to his great conduct and personal valor; though after all, we doubt not, but that the Prince of *Lorraine* will carry it. The preparations against the next Campaign, go on apace.

Colgne, Febr. 27. The Colonel *Hortin* has been taken prisoner by the Colonel *Nagel*, and carried to *Coevels*, being accused of designing to betray, about the latter end of the last Moneth, the Towns of *Swoil* and *Devenier*, to the Dutch. Prince *Willem* of *Furstenbergh* continues still prisoner at *Bon*, though the French Ambassadors use great endeavors to restore him to his liberty; and in the mean time have discontinued all publick Conferences with the other Ministers. Our Letters from *Vienna* tell us, That about the latter end

of the last Month, was observed great quantities of Worms and Cobwebs in the Snow, which fell in great abundance at *Innsbruck*, in the County of *Tirol*, which was greatly taken notice of.

Hannover, Febr. 23. We expect here in a few days an Envoy from the States General of the *United Provinces* on his way to *Berlin*, to propose, as is said, to that Elector, the renewing the late Treaty between the States and him; and in the mean time, the Dutch seem very confident, That they shall succeed herein; for, that as they say, his Electoral Highness is highly dissatisfied with the French, who have not made good their last agreement with him. The Imperial Minister that was at *Chemnitz*, and concluded there an Alliance between the Emperor and his Majesty of *Denmark*, is gone on the like errand to the Duke of *Lunenburg*.

Hague, March 4. The second instant, the States of *Holland* and *West-Friesland* assembled, and having read over and examined the Treaty of Peace concluded with His Majesty of *Great Britain*, they resolved on their part, that the same should be forthwith ratified, and accordingly the next day, they, by their Deputies in the Assembly of the States General, gave their consent to the said Ratification. We likewise expect this day, the arrival of the consents of the other Provinces. The Deputies of the several Admiralties are still in Town, about regulating the business of the Equipage. The *Rhinieg ave* is made General of the Infantry, and has taken possession of that command. Amidst the great and universal rejoicing for the peace with *England*, we are not in the least wanting to carry on the preparations for War against the French. All our Letters from *France* give us an account of the great Armies his most Christian Majesty will have on foot this Campaign, which, they say, his said Majesty resolves to begin with some very considerable enterprise, and *Flanders* seems the most threatened. The Prince of *Orange*, besides the Forces employed in the several Garrisons, will, as we are assured, have an Army in the Field of 28000 Foot, and 10000 Horse, brave experienced Soldiers, with which he will be ready to assist the Allies of this State, as there shall be occasion.

Diito, March 6. Yesterday the Prince of *Orange* went into the Assembly of the States General, where, in his Highness presence, the Peace with *England* was ratified. The Ratifications have been exchanged with *Sir Gabriel Silvius*; and this day the Peace was Proclaimed here in the usual manner; which, as it occasioned a great and universal joy, so the publick expressions of it were extraordinary. The States have resolved to make a noble present to the Marquess *del Fresno*, Ambassador of *Spain* in *England*, as likewise to the Spanish Minister here, *Don Bernardo de Sainas*, on occasion of the Peace. The Heer *Odyk*, and the Pentionary of *Zealand*, were ready to depart hence towards *Middleburgh*, when here arrived Deputies from the several Towns of that Province, who presented to his Highness in the names of their Principals, their resolution, by which, they constitute him Hereditary Stadtholder, Captain and Admiral General of that Province: So that the Heer *Odyk*, and the said Pentionary will now remain here some time longer. The Heer *Achtienhoven* is gone by order of the States to *Berlin*, to endeavor to draw the Elector of *Brandenburg* into our Interests. The Baron *Spär*, Ambassador of *Sweden*, seems still intended to pass into *England*, though some think he will first expect the return of the Courier which he sent into *Sweden*, to give that King an account of the conclusion of the Peace between His Majesty of *Great Britain*, and this State.

Sunderland, Febr. 22. About two days since Captain *Wetwang* sailed towards the North of *Scotland*, upon advice, That the Dutch *East India* ship, which was put ashore there Mistress of weather, was got off, but on his return an Anchor on the Coast, having lost her Funnel and Main Mast. The said *East India* Ship is said to be mounted with 46 Guns.

Bristol, Febr. 25. This day arrived here the *John* and *Reunion* of this place, from *Tangier*, from whence they came, about a Month since, in company of five or six Sail more. On Thursday last, they met about 20 leagues West of *Stilly*, a Dutchman of War of 50 Guns; the Marchantmen being Ships of little force, defended themselves as well as they could, however two of the smallest were taken, though the Man of War received some shot which brought him by the Lee; and whilst he was stopping his leak, the rest of the Marchantmen, who could not endure his lower fire, which were great Guns, made the best of their way, and are safely arrived in several Ports: One of the Marchantmen had fight, at a great distance, of nine great Ships more, which is supposed to be *Eversons* Squadron going home, and that this Man of War was one of that Company; the said *Everson* having past by *Tangier*, five days before the Marchantmen came thence.

Harmich, Febr. 26. This day arrived here, one of our Packet-Boats from *Holland*, and in it several Passengers, who tell us, That the Peace was on Monday last ratified by the States General, and that the next day it was proclaimed. They likewise inform us, That three Ambassadors are designed to His Majesty from the States, and that the Heer *Odyk* is one of them.

Witchals, Febr. 28. In our last we omitted acquainting you, That His Majesty was pleased, upon Tuesday last to prorogue the Parliament, till the tenth of *November* next.

Upon the death of Mr. *Andrews*, late Sheriff of the County of *Warwick*, His Majesty has been pleased to appoint *Nicholas Overbury* Esquire, to be Sheriff in his stead.

There having been false and scandalous reports spread abroad, to the prejudice of *Sir John Bennet*, in the disposal of the Moneys given by His Majesty to the Loyal Indige Cavalier-Officers, It hath been thought fit herein, to give notice, That the said *Sir John Bennets* Accompts relating to that Affair, are now in the Exchequer; and to clear himself to the World, he hath desired the Lord Chief Baron to forbear declaring the said Accompt, until the next Term; to the intent, That any man, grieved, may have liberty to make his complaint, or take exceptions to the said Accompt.

Advertisements.

Lost from *Rockingham* Castle, in the County of *Northampton*, about New years day last, one Silver Cup having a Griffins-head, couped within a Coronet engraven on it. Whoever can give notice of the said Cup to Mr. *John Johnson* Goldsmith, at the sign of the Three Flower de Snces in *Cheapside*, or to the Porter at *Rockingham* Castle, shall have a reward for his pains.

A Black Boy, of about the age of eleven years, went away from his Master (*Mr Thomas Lewis* living in *Crowches Friars*) near four Months since; he speaks English well, and goes by the name of *William Moorfield*. If any do secure him, and give notice thereof, either to his said Masters, or to Mr. *John Knight*, at the Kings Great Wardrobe in the *Savoy*, shall be well rewarded.

Stolen Febr. 21 at Night, from Mr. *John Bach*, of *Milbourn*, in the Parish of *St. Imberts*, in the County of *Wilt*, a Bay Nag, six years old, fourteen hands high and upwards, a Star in his Forehead, a white scar on his Breast, with several white spots under the Saddle, his Mane lately thorne, a short black Tail, grised with white. If any can bring intelligence of him to Mr. *John Barret* in *Bishops-court*, in *Little Old Bailey*, or to the said Mr. *John Bach* at *Milbourn*, they shall be rewarded.