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Chester, March 31.

WE are now certainly informed of the *Mary* Yacht being cast away, as she was coming from *Ireland*, by two persons that escaped from on board her, who relate these particulars; That the 25 instant about two a clock in the morning, the weather being very foggy, the Yacht touched upon a Rock, to the N.W. of the *Sherries*, a small Isle to the Eastward of *Holyhead Bay*, the Seamen and Passengers being most of them snug under Deck; the first touch roused the Seamen, who looking about, cried, All is well; but presently after the Yacht struck again on another Rock, and there stuck, so near the *Sherries*, that when the Sea made the Vessel royl, the Mast touched the Land, by which only means, those that were preserved, escaped: The Earl of *Meath*, and about 34 more perished in the Yacht, of which number were the Captain, whose name was *Burston*, the Boatswain, and two ordinary Seamen; the Master, 23 Mariners, and 15 Passengers, got upon the Isle, and so were saved; among these 15 Passengers were the Earl of *Argloss*, and the Lord *Ardee*, Son and Heir to the Earl of *Meath*: That about noon, on the said 25, the Mast gave way; that the Captain endeavouring to save the Earl of *Meath*, and the rest, lost himself. That those that were preserved, were on the Isle, which is about a League from shore, from Thursday morning, till Saturday afternoon. That with a Steel and a little Gunpowder, they struck fire, and made a fire of the wreckt boards of the Yacht, by which they roasted some Mutton, they found on the Isle, which is uninhabited, but had no Bread, nor any liquor, but salt Water, till Providence cast ashore a Runlet of *Ulquebaugh*, which they divided among them; that at last a small Vessel of *Bewmorris*, came and fetched them off, and landed them on Sunday morning at *Bewmorris*. This is the most particular account we have of this sad accident.

Lime, March 31. The 29 instant arrived here the Arms of this place, from *St. Malo's*, the Master tells us, that there is great Fleet already gone from that and other ports, for *Newfoundland*, and that more will follow, so that the French will employ in that Fishing this year, above 150 sail, many of them Ships of great burthen, and mounted with 16, 18, and 20 Guns.

Milan, March 20. We cannot quit the apprehensions we are in of the Duke of *Savoy's* intentions against this Country, nor the belief we have of his being entered into a strict engagement with most the Christian King against the Spaniards, though no publick signs appear thereof as yet: However to be provided against the worst, our Governour the Prince de *Ligne* has sent divers Ingeniers and other fit persons to visit our several Frontier places on that side, that upon their report of the present state of them, his Excellency may give such orders as are necessary. Levies are still making here for the Service of *Sicily*, from whence his excellency has lately received Letters, which press the dispatching from hence all the assistance possible, and without any delay.

Venice, March 23. Our Letters from *Constantinople* of the 17 February, tell us, of the great preparations that are making at *Adrianople* for the celebrating the Ceremony of the Circumcising the Sultans eldest Son, and the marrying his daughter to one of his Favorites. That there seemed a great disposition for the making a Peace with the Crown of *Poland*, which the general opinion is will be concluded before the season be fit for the Armies to take the Field. Yesterday in the evening parted from hence towards *Zante* the General Priuli. We are told that the Senate hath refused to grant passage through the Gulf to certain Spanish Troops designed to have been embarked at *Trieste*, and thence transported for *Sicily*, to be employed against *Messina*. Yesterday the Secretary of the Embassy of *France*, had Audience of the Senate, to acquaint them that the most Christian King had accepted of the Mediation of this State.

Marseilles, April 3. This day we received advice of the arrival of Monsieur *Ducane* at *Toulon* with five Men of War from *Messina*; and that he brings an account of the farther successes of the French in those parts, *viz.* That they had taken the *Scalcitta*, *Garana*, and *Melazzo*, being Ports of very great importance, but adds, that the *Messinenses* begun to be again in some want of Provisions; The Gallies and Men of War that are fitting here and at *Thoulon*, will therefore be hastened with all the diligence possible, the first are ready to sail, and expect only a fair wind.

Vienna, March 24. On Monday last the Count of *Waldock* parted hence on his return for *Holland*, very well satisfied with the success he has had in the several Matters he came to negotiate in this Court. On Thursday last arrived here the Marquis of *Borgomero*, being dispatched by the Duke of *Villa Hermosa*, Governour of the Spanish *Netherlands*, to give, as we are told, his Imperial Majesty a particular account of the present posture of things in those Countreys, and to pray him to hasten his Army into the Field. The Count de *Montecuculi* has already received a very great sum of Money, and this week he is to receive 60000 Crowns more, The 4 of the next month, it is certainly said, his Excellency will set forward towards the Army, with which he will act apart, and separately: the Duke of *Lorraine* will likewise have a Body of an Army composed of his own, and some other Troops, which he will Command absolutely; and the Forces of the Elector of *Brandenburg*, will, it is said, joyn with the Imperialists in *Silesia*, which are already about 10000 strong, to oppose the Swedes.

Ratisbonne, March 28. Yesterday the States of the Empire being assembled, a Memorial was presented to them on the part of the Prince of *Baden Dourlach* General of the Troops of the 10 Circles, by which he makes instance, that the said Circles may be exhorted to cause the Troops, allotted for their several proportions, which are to be this Campagne double of what they were the last, to march with all diligence, to prevent the Ruines and Devastations which may be otherwise made by the Enemy, if there be no body to oppose them; and at the same time, was communicated to the Dyets the agreement made at *Witte*, between the Deputies of the

the States of *Suabia*, and the Commissaries of the Imperial Army, about the quartering of Soldiers; by which it is ordered, that the States shall distribute the quarters, and that the Generals shall take care their Troops live in good order and Discipline.

Strasbourg, March 31. The time of the Campagne advances a pace, and we must suddainly expect to see great Armies in our Neighborhood; The French march to and fro on the Frontiers of *Lorraine*, that we cannot possibly give any account as yet of their strength; the general report however is, that Monsieur de *Turenne* will have a greater Army this Campagne than he had the last. On the other side we do not hear that the Imperial or Confederate Troops begin to move; they continuing still in their several quarters, without any appearance as yet of their leaving them and it is generally said it will be the latter end of *June* before they will be ready to come into the Field; if so the French will have the first part of the Summer to act in without controule. Besides *Germshelm*, the Elector Palatine has possessed himself of two other small places belonging to the Elector of *Mayence*, who highly complains thereof; while the Elector Palatine declares, that the care of his own security has obliged him to it.

Cologne, April 2. Their Electoral Highnesses of *Brandenburg* are, as we are informed still at *C'ever*, where they have been visited by the Duke and Dukes of *Nemburg*. The Elector purposes together with the Electors to make a step to the *Hague*, to have another Conference with the Prince of *Orange* and the Ministers of the other Allies, though hitherto he is hindered by the Gout, which detains him in his Bed. It is said that our Elector is very much troubled for what has hapned at *Liege*, for that the Emperor, and the Princes of the Empire, engaged with him in this present War, will be apt to turn the blame of it upon his Electoral Highness; to prevent which, he hath sent to the Count of *Cap'ives*, who is at present here, to pray him to assure his Imperial Majesty that he had not any part in it, but on the contrary is very sorry for it, and that he would have done all in his power to have prevented it, had he had knowledge of the design time enough. His Electoral Highness has convoked the States of this Diocess to meet on Friday next, in order to their consulting about the means of raising the monies necessary for the satisfying the States General of the United Provinces, to the end the *Seur Farto* may with his Troops be called home, and be no longer a burthen to these Countries.

Liege, April 3. The Inhabitants of this City, upon the first knowledge they had of the French being let into the Cittadel by the Governor of it, the Baron de *Vierfel*, were extraordinarily moved, apprehending that the French had likewise a design upon this City; but having since had time to compose themselves, and been assured by the French, that they will be so far from distributing them, that they will defend and protect them, provided they receive no Forreign Troops into the Town, they have made an accord with the French, and resolved not to admit any Forreign Forces, so that the Count de *Chavigniac* who lyes entamped hard by with 5000 Men Horse and Foot, will its thought think fit to retire again, seeing he cannot do any good here.

Brussels, April 5. Our last Letters from *Liege* tell us, that the Count of *Cavigniac*, who commands the Imperial Troops quartered in that Diocess, having upon the first news of the French being possessed of the Cittadel of *Liege*, drawn what force he could together, and being joynd with the Spanish Troops out of *Luxemburg*, he came and encamped near the City of *Liege*, with 3000 Horse and 2000 Foot, in expectation that

the Inhabitants would have received them into the Town, in order to the removing the French out of the Cittadell, but that he found their dispositions wholly changed from what they had at first seemed, and that having had a conference with some of the principal Citizens, he understood that the City had made an accord with the French, and that the Magistrates would by no means be persuaded to admit any of his Troops into the Town; so that it is believed our next News will be, that the Count hath disposed his Troops again into their several quarters.

Datto, April 9. On Sunday morning at Three a Clock, a party of 1000 French Foot, and about 400 Horse, came to the suburbs of *Ghent* on the side of *Coutray*; the Foot entered near the River, having forced the Pallisadoes, plundered and burnt the Suburbs, and killed and took Prisoners all the Guards both of Horse and Foot that were there. We have further advice from *Ghent*, that 6000 French are marching towards the *Schelde*, having several pieces of Cannon with them; that it is thought their design is to enter into the Countrey of *Wass*, to set it under Contributions; to prevent which, the Poors keep strong Guards, assisted with several squadrons of Cavalry.

T. S. Just now comes advice, that the Imperialists have quitted the Countrey of *Liege*, leaving only small Garrisons in *Huy* and *Dinant*; and that those Imperial Troops that were quartered between the *Rhine* and the *Meuse*, are likewise marched in great haste, taking their way all towards *Strasbourg*. On Sunday night arrived here Mr. *Porter*, Envoy from His Majesty of Great Britain, to our Governor General the Duke de *Villa Hermosa*, to Compliment his Excellency upon his coming to this Government, and this day he had Audience of his Excellency, having been received with extraordinary respect and kindness.

Hague, April 9. His Highness the Prince of *Orange* continues, God be thanked, as well as can be wished, for one in his condition; this being the 7 day of the Small Pox being come out, without the least ill symptom; they are indeed very full, but are now almost ripe, and in some places begin to dry, so that we have not the least reason to doubt, but his Highness will do very well, and that all danger is past. The States of *Holland* are in the mean time still assembled, and will continue so for some days longer. The Marquis de *Grana* who came hither to consult with his Highness about the affair of *Liege*, finding him sick, is gone for *Brussels*, intending to be here again in some days; and in truth, his Highness illness, occasions in a manner, a stop in all publick affairs, which its feared, will be of great prejudice in this Conjunction, when the Enemy is upon the point of coming into the Field. Though there seems as yet but little appearance of a Congress, by reason of the many difficulties which hitherto lye in the way, without any great likelihood of their removal, yet we are informed, that several persons are already employed to hire Houses at *Nimegen*, for the Ambassadors that will repair thither, for the beginning the Treaty, when Matters shall be brought so far,

Advertisements.

IN the Garden belonging to an Alehouse in *Putley*, near *Gloucester*, is lately found, the bones of seven persons, supposed to be murdered, between 9 and 12 years last past, and thought to be persons selling Scotch Cloth, or others, living remote, coming there to lodge; If any person can make any further discovery thereof, they are desired to impart their Knowledge to the Mayor of *Gloucester*, or to Mr. *Thomas Blanch* living in *Putley* aforesaid, before the next Summer Assizes; the person suspected being now in the Goal, and then to receive his Trial.

MArch 24. past, stolen from *Zachary Hill* of *Elmurst*, in the County of *Stafford*, a black Brown Mare, 3 years old, about 14 hands high; having a Star in her forehead, a short Mane, Trotts and Gallops; by one *Joseph Whealy* who is a broad wellset Man, low of stature, with short black Hair, shewing his Teeth more then ordinary when he speaks, which is in a kind of steering manner, differing from most Men. If any can give notice either of the said Mare or Man, to *Richard Washburn*, at the *Tilt yard*, over against *Whinhal*, they shall have 40 s. for their pains.