

*Resolved, Nemine contradicente,*

That any attempt to prohibit the printing or reprinting any of the proceedings of this house, is an infringement of the privileges of this house, and of the people they represent.

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That the humble remonstrance of this house of the 9th instant, tho' his excellency (contrary to the uninterrupted usage in such cases) refused to receive it, was notwithstanding a regular proceeding of this house.

*Resolved, Nemine contradicente,*

That his excellency's order to forbid the printing or reprinting the said remonstrance, is unwarrantable, arbitrary, and illegal; and not only an open and manifest violation of the privileges of this house, but also of the LIBERTY OF THE PRESS, and evidently tends to the utter subversion of all the rights and liberties of this house, and of the people they represent.

*Resolved, Nemine contradicente,*

That Mr. Speaker's ordering the said remonstrance to be printed with the Votes and Proceedings of this house, is regular, and intirely consistent with the duty of his office, as Speaker of this house.

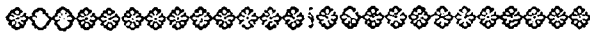
*Die Jovis, 12th of November, 1747.*

A motion was made by Col. Morris, in the words following; viz.

'The late order in Parker's paper, ordering him, as the Printer of this house, not to publish or print the Proceedings of this house, is an attempt to deprive the people of this colony of their liberties: I therefore move, that we order him to reprint our humble remonstrance to his excellency, and that he deliver ten copies to each member of this house; that our constituents may know, that it is our firm resolution to preserve the Liberty of the Press, and to communicate our Proceedings to them, that they may judge of our conduct.'

*Ordered,*

That Mr. James Parker, Printer to this house, do forthwith reprint the humble remonstrance of this house to his excellency, of the 9th of October last; and that he deliver ten copies thereof to each of the members of this house.



*M A D R I D, August 21.*

COUNT Frenclar, who landed in this kingdom some weeks ago from Mexico, where he was lately vice-roy, arrived here the 15th instant. On the 16th he waited on the king, and gave him an account of the state of affairs in that country. The court has a third time ordered all its ministers, in foreign courts to disown the reports of a separate peace between his majesty, and two other powers. The king is firmly resolved to remain as faithful to his engagements, as the other powers who solicit him to peace, are to the engagements they have enter'd on the other side.

We are assured, that M. de Caravajal will be in a short time declared prime-minister, and have under his direction the secretaries of state of the several departments: But 'tis doubted whether the marquisses de Villarias and Eucenada will submit to this. On the 18th at night, there was such a violent tempest at St. Ildefonso, that the lightning, piercing into the stable belonging to the bed guard of the queen dowager, kill'd 24 horses, standing at their mangers, while many others, that were in the same rank, received no harm.

There has been no courier this week from the infant: But that from Naples reports, that the troops of the combined army are in motion to enter the state of Genoa. However, as they have Savona to take, and general Leutrum to beat, before they can reach the capital, our politicians think the campaign will end with the siege of Savona only.

*Extract of a Letter from Geneva, August 12.*

'Marshal Belleisle's return into the county of Nice, engrosses all our attention here; and most people impute this sudden alteration of measures, to the apprehension of some new attempt on the southern frontiers of France, to which the country on the other side the Var, may not improperly be called a barrier of the greatest consequence. From this it is easy to conclude, that the marshal's design may very probably be to keep the allies at elbow's length from his master's dominions, and not to act offensively against his Sardinian majesty's territories, which the example of his brother, and fatal experience have shown not to be so easily penetrable.---But to return to matter of fact, 'tis more than certain, that all the Spanish troops in general, are heartily weary of their Fellow Labourers, and the Officers of the two nations seldom meet over a glass of wine, but the enter-

tainment ends with a quarrel to be decided with sword and pistol the next morning. The infant and the marshal are not upon better terms, and seem equally disgusted with each other, though from their circumstances obliged to act together: All this looks favourably for our ancient neighbour, whom every one of us hopes to be soon restored to his paternal Dutchy.

*Hague, September 12.* The Prince Stactholder affixes, as usual, at the deliberations of the government, and his highness has made several military promotions. The states of Guelderland in Nimiguen quarters have loaded seven ships with all sorts of provisions and refreshments, for the garrison of Bergen-op-zoom; and the inhabitants of Amsterdam continue to distinguish themselves in that respect, having just obtained a passport for a ship load of provisions, chiefly for the hospital.

There is not a man in Bergen-op-zoom, but is become active in the defence of the place; which gives hopes that the French will still be defeated. It is plain, they fear an attack behind, and our army at Oudenbosch has already advanced to posts beyond Noispen. The light troops perform their duty well, and very much interrupt the convoys for the besieging army. Baron Schwarzenburg will very soon be reinforced, perhaps within a day or two, the Hanoverians having passed the Rhine about Rhees and Calcar a week ago; the troops of Nassau being already near at hand, and a body of 900 Carladians having crossed the Maese at Ruremonde yesterday se'night.

*Extract of a Letter from Rotterdam, dated Sept. 3.*

'Bergen-op-zoom is at present just an opposite to all other besieged towns, as they generally want necessaries, and the besieging army has plenty; 'tis here quite the contrary, the besieger want every thing, and the besieged have at present the greatest plenty of any town on earth: From every city of the province have been sent quantities of all sorts of provisions, and are still sending, inasmuch that many ships that carry them are obliged to stay 10 or 12 days before it comes to their turn to be unladen: 'tis this is all done by voluntary subscriptions; and when the siege is raised, there will be large sums of money distributed to each corps, according to their behaviour, for encouragement. I long to have the pleasure of wishing you joy of the siege being raised. We are daily forming parties to pay a visit to the town, as soon as we get a confirmation thereof: Hundreds have gone from hence thither since the siege began; but the bombs and balls fly so thick, they are obliged to do as we do here, take things by hear say, without being eye-witnesses of what is doing; so that I defer my journey 'till the siege is raised, which I hope will be very soon.

*L O N D O N, August 30.*

We hear that the Rev. Mr. Hardy, of Hadleigh, in Suffolk, has invented a Cadacioptrical Telescope of only six inches length, that will magnify objects more than sixty times in diameter. As the Telescope is more than sufficient to render the eclipses, occultations, &c. of Jupiter's satellites visible; and as so short a telescope must be easily managed on ship-board, the invention will be a solution of that grand problem, to determine the longitude of a ship at sea, which has so long puzzled our mathematicians, and for the solution of which, the parliament of Great-Britain have offered a noble reward.

*Sept. 3.* They write from the Hague, that Mr. Chique, who is charged with the French affairs there, has made very loud complaints at the liberties taken with his master and ministers, in news papers, and pamphlets, lately printed in the dominions of the states General; and is even gone so far, as to threaten, that if a stop is not put to such practices, his most christian majesty will revoke all the promises made to their High Mightinesses, in the memorial by him delivered on the 13th of April last.

As the *Brest Squadron* will this time be watch'd with a Hawk's eye, a better account is expected of it, than has been given of some former armaments of the enemy.

*Sept. 8.* Last night an express arrived from Flushing, since which 'tis reported that the French have taken Bergen-op-Zoom by storm, and put all the garrison to the sword; but we may at present hope it may amount to no more than this; that the French have stormed and taken one or more of the principal-Bastions or Ravelins.

A greater number of wagers are thought to be depending on the fate of Bergen-op-zoom, than have been on any public event since the beginning of the war. But 'tis conjectured, that some bluffers, who talk much of the great importance of preserving this place, would in their hearts be glad to see it fall; that they might have a pretence for putting an end to a war, which they have shewn themselves unable to conduct.