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Feb. 1¹/₂. Copy of a letter from "His Electoral Highness" [Maximilian Emmanuel of Bavaria?] to the King of Spain. His advices from France confirm the report that the enemy are making great preparations on the frontiers of Catalonia and Navarre; he offers four battalions of infantry and six squadrons of dragoons, making, with the officers, 3,800 men, being in fact, all the men he has there at disposal. They could easily be sent to the ports of Biscay, and employed as the King should direct. *Spanish, with French translation.* [S.P. Dom., King William's Chest 16, No. 135.]
- Feb. 12. Sir William Trumbull to the Lords of the Treasury, transmitting the petition of Mr. Thomas Row. The King is pleased to recompense the petitioner for his service, and directs that you confer upon him some employment that you may judge proper for him. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 99, p. 350.]
- Feb. 12. Proceedings upon the petition of James Doliffe, Humphrey Radberne and Thomas Brookeing, merchants. The petitioners were owners of a ship called the *Bully* frigate, John Shepard master, which they sent on a voyage to Newfoundland, where she was taken by the French, and sent to Rochelle. On her voyage she was forced upon the coast of Galicia, and during a violent storm the captors set the English prisoners at liberty, and delivered the ship up to them. They sailed her into Carinio with English colours. At her entry into port the Spaniards seized her, and abused the English mariners. They pray the King's letters to the King of Spain in their favour, for restoration of the ship and cargo. Referred to Sir Charles Hedges, judge of the High Court of Admiralty. [Ibid. 238, p. 104.]
- Feb. 12. Proceedings upon the petition of Edward Salisbury, praying a writ of error on a judgment in the Common Pleas obtained against him and one John Eastwood by Marmaduke Proctor. Allowed. [Ibid., p. 109.]
- Feb. 12. Passes for James Ployard, Henry Rouse, Richard Malcher, Thomas Wood, merchants, and Anthony Hollander, a servant, to go to Spain; for Francis Spowry [?], Albert Janse, his wife and a child, to go to Holland; for Paul Leithenser, a Dutchman, ditto; and for John Barnes, John Baily, his wife and three children, ditto. [Ibid. 387, p. 16.]
- Feb. 13. Commissions for Mr. Samuel Foster to be captain of the company whereof Captain Thomas Brent, deceased, was captain in Colonel Harry Mordaunt's regiment of foot [Ibid. 167, p. 280]; for John Christian de Blair to be lieutenant of Captain Hugh Dawes' company in the same regiment [Ibid. 167, p. 292]; and for Charles Harwicke, gent., to be ensign of that company whereof Major Edward Norton is captain in the same regiment. [Ibid. 168, p. 222.]

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Feb. 13. Pass for James Menantrau, Jane his wife, and Salomon their son, poor French protestants, to go to Harwich or Gravesend, for Holland. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 344, p. 592.]
- Feb. 14. Maximilian Emmanuel, Elector of Bavaria, to the King, acknowledging the King's letter of the 15th inst., discussing the coming of the envoys to the peace congress at the Hague, and the proposed intervention of Sweden. *Holograph. French.* [S.P. Dom., King William's Chest 16, No. 136.]
- Feb. 14. Sir W. Trumbull to the Lords of the Admiralty. The King of Sweden's minister here has represented that the several Swedish subjects impressed on board his Majesty's ships are not yet released, notwithstanding the directions lately given. If they have been pressed, as is alleged, orders are to be given immediately for their discharge, for it cannot in justice be refused, according to the treaties between the two crowns. [S.P. Dom., Entry Book 204, p. 138.]
- Feb. 14. Warrant for a grant to Edward Parsons, esquire, of the office of secretary of the islands of St. Christopher, Nevis, Montserrat and Antigua, and "our other Leeward Carribbee Islands in America," in place of John Palmer, esquire, the present secretary thereof, appointed, by letters patent of the 11th of January, 3 William and Mary. The said Parsons shall not depart out of those islands without first obtaining the King's leave under his sign manual. [Ibid. 347, p. 41.]
- Feb. 14. Warrant for the insertion of Henry Pauncefote in the next general pardon for the Oxford circuit; he was, by his own confession, guilty of clipping and counterfeiting the coin. [Ibid., p. 45.]
- Feb. 14. Pass for William Jennens and Robert Trelawney, esquires, to go to Germany and Italy with their servants and baggage, on the recommendation of Mr. Samuel Stanyer. [Ibid. 387, p. 30.]
- Feb. 15. Commission for Mr. Clement Forster to be ensign to Captain Joseph Stroud in Colonel Frederick Hamilton's regiment. [Ibid. 167, p. 280.]
- Feb. 15. Proceedings upon the petition of William Kendall of Bassingbourne Hall, co. Essex, esquire, and John Kendall, his son and heir apparent. In 1675 the petitioner William's late father made a settlement on the said William's marriage, conveying the manor of Blampsters, in Essex, to Robert Oxwick and Rowland Goodyeare, in trust for the said William and his wife Elizabeth. A clause in the settlement provided that he might exchange it for the manor of Bassingbourne; but, by reason of some ambiguity in the clause, the petitioners cannot convey to any purchaser a clear title in law to the manor of Blampsters without a recovery being suffered thereof. They pray that John Kendall may be allowed